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MEDIATION IS ACCEPTED BY R.R. MEN

Representatives of Employes Announce That Offer of U. S. Board Is Approved if Immediate Action Is Taken

New York, Aug. 9.—Representatives of the railroad employes announced this afternoon that they would accept the offer of the United States board of mediation and conciliation to submit their demands to mediation, provided action is immediately taken.

Acceptance of mediation by the employes came as a big surprise. It has been officially stated by big brotherhood officers that they would discuss with the railroad managers, but that a third party was unnecessary.

It is believed the personal plea of the members of the United States board brought about acceptance by the trainmen. That means at least postponement of the strike that would have called out 400,000 men and tied up 250,000 miles of railway on 225 railroads of the country.

It was believed by representatives of both sides that mediation negotiations will start immediately, as demanded by the brotherhoods.

Immediately following the reading of the decision of the employers, an executive meeting of representatives of the 400,000 train employes was called to consider the employers' standing.

Representatives of the employes headed by Elisha Lee, chairman of the national conference of the railroads, started at once to find members of the federal board of mediation and conciliation and to present their request for help to them personally.

80,000 CARRANZA TROOPS ON BORDER

Mexico City, Aug. 9.—Eighty thousand Carranza troops are now patrolling the northern border states, rounding up and exterminating bandits as rapidly as possible. War Minister Obregon said today. He described conditions along the border as "satisfactory."

Both in official and financial circles it was denied today that the Mexican government plans at this time to attempt a loan in the United States. Because Commissioner Cabrera is particularly fitted to discuss financial and economical questions, it was rumored that the conference between the Mexican and American commissions would discuss the economic situation and survey the field for a loan. For the present, officials said, the commissioners will discuss only questions relating to a solution of the difficulties between the two countries.

TEN SECONDS ENOUGH FOR JAPANESE WONDER

New York, Aug. 9.—Heralded as the Japanese wonder, Jalean Cartuaka of Tokio, entered the ring with Teddy Hayes, negro middleweight here last night. He lasted ten seconds.

WHEAT HAS TAKEN ANOTHER JUMP UPWARD

Chicago, Aug. 9.—Wheat jumped five and three-eighths cents for September and 6 cents for December at the opening of the grain market, amid a wild rush to buy as a result of the government's crop report, predicting a wheat shortage. September opened at 139 and December at 143.

BRANDEIS HEADS MEXICAN BORDER COMMISSION

Washington, Aug. 9.—President Wilson has selected Associate Justice Louis D. Brandeis to head the American commission, which will confer with that appointed by General Carranza to settle Mexican border questions. It was authoritatively stated today. Secretary of the Interior Lane has been asked to serve and has accepted. The name of the third man has not yet been announced.

The first subject to be considered by the commission, it was made clear by the state department today, will be the time for withdrawal of United States troops from Mexico. Ambassador Arrendondo and Acting Secretary of State Polk conferred today regarding Carranza's last note. Arrendondo explained he was authorized to say the conference meant an acceptance of the American note of July 28.

THIAUMONT AGAIN IN GERMAN HANDS

Paris, Aug. 9.—German troops again recaptured Thiaumont work, northeast of Verdun, in heavy fighting last night, the war office announced today. The French repulsed all other attacks on the Verdun front, and made some progress in the village of Fleury.

North of the Somme the Germans constantly counter-attacked throughout the night against new French positions, finally gaining a foothold in a single trench from which they were partly ejected. The battle is continuing in this region.

The recapture of Thiaumont work was accomplished after the Germans had suffered heavy losses in several unsuccessful attacks. The French are still clinging to the outskirts of the redoubt, which is being bombarded unceasingly by French artillery.

In the Vaux-Chapitre wood, in the same region, a German attack was repulsed.

The battle south of the Somme is extending to the region of Chaules, where a violent bombardment is reported. On this sector the Germans occupied an advanced French trench but were thrown out by a bayonet attack.

ACCIDENT THROWS PASSENGERS IN PANIC

New York, Aug. 9.—Blowing out of a transmission box on an electric New York, New Haven & Hartford train in the village of VanNess threw scores of passengers into a panic and resulted in the injury of one woman, reports to officials here stated this afternoon. Many passengers were suffering from the shock. Ambulances from three hospitals were hurried to the scene, but traffic was resumed on the line within 15 minutes and the accident was declared not to be serious. The transmission box blew out with a loud report as the train was entering the Westchester yards and smoke pouring from the car gave rise to reports of a serious accident.

CANADIAN WHEAT CROP IS REPORTED SHORT

Winnipeg, Aug. 9.—Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan will yield 270,000,000 bushels of wheat this year, compared with 376,000,000 bushels last year, the provincial bureau of crop estimates declared today.

This year's yield will be: Alberta, 35,000,000 bushels; Saskatchewan, 175,000,000 bushels and Manitoba, 60,000,000. About one-fourth of western Canadian wheat is shipped to the United States.

Mrs. S. M. Marsh went to Weed this morning and will visit there for several weeks.

AUSTRIAN STRONGHOLD OF GORITZ IS CAPTURED

Italians Achieve Greatest Victory of the Present Offensive Against the Central Powers, and Open the Way to Advance Upon the City of Trieste, Capturing 10,000 Prisoners When the Citadel Is Surrendered

London, Aug. 9.—The great Austrian stronghold of Goritz which, for 14 months has blocked an Italian invasion of Austria from the west has fallen before the victorious Italian armies.

The information first given the United Press from a London source, was confirmed a few minutes later by the receipt of official despatches from Rome.

The Italians are believed to have stormed the citadel last night or early today, only a few hours after they had battered their way to victory at the Goritz bridgehead and captured Monté San Michele, overlooking Goritz from the south.

Ten thousand Austrian prisoners were taken, according to reports reaching London. News of the Italian stroke, the greatest single victory for the allies since the offensive against the central empires began, was received here an hour after official word came from Petrograd of another Russian victory.

Advancing swiftly toward the railroad city of Stanislau, the Slavs captured the town of Tysmenica—an advance of six miles in 24 hours—and a series of minor villages and fortified river heights in the immediate vicinity. The capture of 7,400 Austro-German prisoners in this region alone was announced by the Petrograd war office.

On the Somme front only minor operations were reported by the British and French war offices today, including a slight British advance north of Pozieres.

The French officially admitted the recapture of the Thiaumont work by Germans, northeast of Verdun.

News of the fall of Goritz came as no surprise to London after word of the capture of the bridgehead and surrounding positions had been received. A United Press despatch from Rome this forenoon said that the fall of Goritz itself was a matter of but a few hours. "If it is not already in Italian hands."

The taking of Goritz, the greatest achievement for Italian arms since Italy declared war on Austria in May

TWELVE KILLED IN MINE EXPLOSION

Michel, B. C., Aug. 9.—Twelve men are known to be dead and all mines are closed down, following an explosion in Mine No. 3 here today. Lightning struck signal wires and carrying the current down to the mines, ignited dust or gas, starting the explosion. Boulders and debris were thrown a quarter of a mile by the explosion. Fire starting in one part of the mine was extinguished this afternoon.

FORMER SENATOR THURSTON PASSES AWAY AT OMAHA

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 9.—Former United States Senator John M. Thurston, 69, died here today. He has been in the hospital since July 18, after being prostrated by heat.

Thurston was in the senate from 1895 to 1901 and was one of the foremost orators in that body. His famous speech in 1898 was largely influential in bringing about the Spanish-American war.

He arose from plowboy and driver of a delivery wagon to a prominent position among the leading lawyers of the country.

ENGLISH COAST AGAIN OBJECT OF GERMAN AIR RAID

London, Aug. 9.—Zeppelins raided the east coast of England early this morning, and another Zeppelin raided southeast Scotland without penetrating far from the coast, the war office announced today. Four persons were killed and 14 injured. The Zeppelins dropped a number of bombs on certain localities. They were engaged by coast guards and driven away from their objective without doing any damage of military importance, the statement claimed.

TEN CENT BREAD IS "SACRED DUTY"

Salt Lake City, Aug. 9.—The master bakers' association, in resolutions adopted here today, declared "it was their sacred duty to the public" to fix the uniform and minimum price of a loaf of bread at ten cents.

"Recognizing that the American public would not be a party to any lowering of the present high standards of food values," the resolutions declared that the bakers, "confronted with unprecedented advances in price of all materials, labor and overhead charges," would encourage everywhere the 10 cent loaf "to conserve the quantity and quality rights of the public."

The advertising columns of the daily press of the country are to be used by the national association, to take the public into full confidence regarding the reasons and necessities for the increased price of bread.

"The baking business is a public trust," the resolutions said, "and the bakers must secure a living return upon their investment."

"Permanent, general recession in prices never is to be expected," the resolutions declared, after citing the consistent advance in retail prices of all foodstuffs in recent years.

GENERAL AGUILAR REPORTED KILLED

El Paso, Aug. 9.—General Aguilar, commanding the escort of Carranza troops and a number of soldiers and passengers, are reported today to have been killed in an attack by Villistas against a passenger train at Noria station on the Durango-Torreon line yesterday. About half of the 20 Villistas in the band were killed by the troops in the fight, the Chihuahua City advices stated.

An unconfirmed report reaching American military men here was that Torreon had been captured by Villistas.

PORTLAND FIRM TO BUILD NEW VESSEL

Portland, Aug. 9.—Contracts for the construction of an auxiliary power four-masted motor ship for the Alaskan trade were today awarded by Libby, McNeill & Libby, Chicago, to the Standifer-Clarkson company. The vessel will be built in North Portland harbor. It will cost \$250,000. The York shipyards starts the work immediately. The firm expects to employ 100 men at first and rapidly enlarge.

Mrs. B. H. Perry left this morning for Gold Bay.

from the wallet of George McTarnahan, while the latter was prostrate in the chair, his face swathed in tepid towels. McTarnahan said he previously lost \$40 under suspicious circumstances, so he marked the \$10 bill, got shaved, then called the police. Detective Snow alleges he found the bank note in Moyer's possession.

HIT TEUTONS ON THREE FRONTS

Armies of Central Powers Forced to Yield Ground to Allied Offensive in Both the East and the West

London, Aug. 9.—A mighty triple offensive, with several million men and thousands of guns engaged, is slowly squeezing in the armies of the central empires on every front.

Fighting stubbornly and in many instances with rare bravery, the Austro-Germans-Turkish forces are giving ground in every theatre of war, save the Balkans, where recent skirmishes were herald the beginning of another great allied push.

In the east, the czar's troops, extending the advantage reported in an early bulletin yesterday, have thrown back the Austro-Germans on a front of thirty miles, extending from Nadworna and Mislogof. Nadworna, a railway city of 10,000 has been captured. The Slav center is now within a few hours march of the important city Stanislau, whose capture will materially increase the danger in which General von Bothmer's army now finds itself.

The most striking victory won by the Italians since the war began, has partly opened the way to Trieste, the great objective of the Italian Isonzo campaign. The Austrians may offer desperate resistance at Goritz, but the apparent ease with which the Italians took the fortified Goritz bridgehead convinces military men here that the Austrians have been forced to strip their lines to the danger point to meet the Russian menace in eastern Galicia.

On the western front, the allies have won another slice of the German second line, advancing on a front of nearly four miles north of the Somme. German counter-attacks caused the French to yield ground only slightly in this region last night.

Only on the Verdun front, where the Germans again re-occupied the Thiaumont work in heavy fighting last night, are the Teutonic armies still on the offensive. The position has changed hands eight times since the Verdun campaign began.

Even in the far away Caucasus, allied troops are again marching victoriously. Both the Russian and Turkish war offices report the beginning of a new Russian offensive in which the Turks admit they have been forced to yield some ground.

Following successful artillerying, the Italians also completed the occupation of heights west of Goritz, said the official dispatch from Rome. Large quantities of arms, ammunition and other material fell into Italian hands.

The advancing Italian troops found trenches and dugouts filled with Austrian dead. On Monte San Michele, enemy counter-attacks were repulsed. More enemy trenches were captured in the region of San Martino.

FLOUR COSTS MORE IN PORTLAND MARKET

Portland, Aug. 9.—Flour jumped 20 cents a barrel on the Portland market today, selling for \$5.50. A further increase to \$6 a barrel is expected. Market experts said the present price of wheat justified the \$6 rate, but it will not be fixed until big mills agree on it.

New London, Conn., Aug. 9.—Quantities of nickle and rubber said to have been received here and the watery peregrinations of a mysterious launch off shore, added fuel to the flames of reports here that the German submarine Bremen soon will dock at this point.

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FIX ENLISTMENT AGE AT 18 YEARS

Washington, Aug. 9.—The house today accepted the conferees' report on the army bill, appropriating \$267,000,000 for national defense on land and lowering the age of enlistment in regular army and national guard from 21 to 18.

PORTLAND BARBER PICKS POCKETS OF PATRONS

Portland, Aug. 9.—George Moyer, a barber, was in jail today, charged with extracting a marked \$10 bill