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No Other Town in the World the Size of Grants Pass Has a Paper With Full Leased Wire Telegraph Service.

## DEADLOCK ON SOMME IS REPORTED

### Teutons, British and French Participate in Furious Fighting for Positions on West Front—Lines Unchanged

Paris, Aug. 23.—German troops made a powerful attack last night on trenches south of the Somme, south of Estrees and west of Soyecourt, which had been captured by the French in Tuesday's fighting and succeeding in penetrating the French line at several points, it was officially admitted by the Paris war office today. The attack was preceded by a heavy bombardment lasting several hours, in which the whole French front south of the Somme was under steady fire.

North of the Somme, the Germans maintained a fierce bombardment of French first line and communicating trenches, both north and south of Maupas, but there were no infantry attacks. In the Vosges, French grenade parties repulsed an attempted surprise attack on Hartmannswillerkopf.

The French flyer Dorm downed his fifth German aeroplane yesterday. Northeast of Peronne French flyers with machine guns attacked four German planes, which landed behind their own lines, probably damaged.

London, Aug. 23.—The Germans made two determined attempts last night to wrest from the British newly-captured positions south of Thiepval, which menace the German stronghold.

General Haig reported this afternoon that both attacks were halted, though in one attack Germans gained a temporary footing in the British trenches. The German losses were described as heavy.

The Germans continued to shell British positions in the region of Fouraux wood and Bazentine-le-Petit. Opposite Lens, the British made a successful raid.

Berlin, Aug. 23.—German troops recaptured a trench taken by the French near Estrees in fighting last night south of the Somme, it was officially announced this afternoon. Between Thiepval and Pozieres, the English made repeated attacks but were repulsed.

## CONGRESS HEARS MONOPOLY CHARGE

Washington, Aug. 23.—Congressman Rainey of Illinois announced today he will lay before the federal trade commission data which will show Chicago's meat packing interests are behind the agitation for higher bread prices.

Rainey declared the packers, having fixed meat prices, recently got control of one of the largest bakeries in the world and will replace the five-cent loaf with a six-cent loaf.

## BEVERIDGE TO SPEAK FOR CANDIDATE HUGHES

Chicago, Aug. 23.—Western Campaign Manager Hort sent down the Illinois state central committee here today with the announcement that former Senator Beveridge of Indiana, progressive, would speak here October 5 in behalf of Hughes' candidacy. Members of the state committee had told friends of Beveridge that they would only play host to old line G. O. P. speakers.

## COMMISSION ON BORDER TROUBLE TO MEET SOON

Washington, Aug. 23.—The joint Mexican-American commission will begin its meetings the first week in September, it was announced today, after a half hour's conference between Secretary Lansing and Mexican Ambassador Arredondo. The exact place and date will be settled after conference between the commissioners.

Washington, Aug. 23.—Meetings of the joint United States-Mexican commission to adjust border and other differences, will begin as soon as the Mexican members can reach the United States, it was indicated at the state department today. Interior Secretary Lane, Judge George Gray and John R. Mott of New York, named for the commission last night, will be ready to take up their duties immediately, it was said.

Secretary Lansing was to confer with Mexican Ambassador Arredondo today to fix the time and place of meeting. A Jersey coast summer resort probably will be selected.

The question of withdrawal of the American expedition from Mexico will be quickly disposed of, it is believed, in view of General Funston's declaration that withdrawal will not endanger the safety of the American border.

## ARMY BILL PASSES IN ITS OLD FORM

Washington, Aug. 23.—The \$267,596,530.10 army appropriation bill, which pays for Uncle Sam's increased land force, passed the senate today.

The bill included the senate's original revision of the article of war, which had not been changed for 100 years, in place of Congressman Hay's revision, which exempted retired army officers from courtmartial and which President Wilson vetoed last week.

Senator Underwood's amendment providing that no one under twenty-one years should be allowed to enlist without consent of his parents, was beaten, 25 to 23.

## DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN SAYS HUGHES CAN'T UNITE PARTY

Chicago, Aug. 23.—"The re-united republican party is a myth. Mr. Hughes can not reconcile the elements. They don't fit in which his creators," said Vance McCormick, chairman of the national democratic convention, on his arrival here today from the east for a conference with western democratic leaders.

McCormick made the statement when asked if he believed "the progressives are going back to the old party?"

He said running President Wilson's campaign for re-election was a snap in comparison to the job of running one for Hughes.

## BERLIN WAITS FOR DEUTSCHLAND NEWS

Berlin, Aug. 23.—Berlin is still without news of the German commerce submarine Deutschland, which sailed from Baltimore August 2. Alfred Lohman, director of the company owning the Deutschland, told the Bremen correspondent of the Tageblatt today that he hoped the Deutschland would arrive soon.

The Deutschland made the trip from Germany to Baltimore in 16 days and is therefore now five days behind her schedule.

## COMMISSION MAY TAKE UP STRIKE

### Interstate Commerce Commission Will Probably Be Enlarged and Given Settlement of Details of Strike

Washington, Aug. 23.—The three-cornered effort under way here to avert a nation-wide railroad strike appeared this afternoon to have run into a jam.

Leaders among the railroad presidents said they could not see how any conclusions could be reached in less than 48 hours. At the same time, in another part of the city, leaders of the railroad brotherhood representatives were planning ways of holding in check an uprising on the part of the brotherhood representatives. An unanimous strike demand might come then, they said.

President Wilson, in a conference with Chairman Newlands and Adamson of the senate and house interstate commerce committees, urged the taking of a step that obviously contemplated final agreement by the railway presidents with his plan. This was the passage by the senate of the bill already passed by the house to increase the interstate commerce commission from seven to nine members.

The increase will be necessary to provide rapid hearings on the railways' certain demand for rate increases following any agreement to the eight-hour day demanded by the railway brotherhoods—and the president.

The railroad presidents, for their part, are waiting for the president's decision.

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## STRIKE TALK RUNS IN MEETINGS

### Outbreak Occurs in Brotherhood Conference Held This Morning—Delay of R. R. Chiefs Causes Impatience

Washington, Aug. 23.—Strike talk broke out again among the railroad brotherhood men here today. Thomas Donovan, the Boston and Albany chairman, proposed at the morning session that the brotherhood chairmen return to their homes, leaving the four heads here to arrange a strike. His effort, however, was for the present crushed.

For a time it appeared as though the sentiment for quick action might not be checked. There were many speeches. Brotherhood heads, seeing the trend of the session, came to the fore and spoke against such a drastic course. Finally, through parliamentary maneuvering Donovan's plan was killed without being made into a formal motion or coming to any vote.

The strike threat was so strong that it was plainly indicated afterward that the leaders might not be able to check the men more than 48 hours longer. One brotherhood leader said they could be kept in line that long, but that the lid might blow off thereafter.

Leaders counseled patience, believing matters would come to a head in the next 24 to 48 hours.

A. Hyle, of Rogue River, was a Grants Pass visitor today.

## HUGHES FIRES FIRST REPUBLICAN BROADSIDE ON DEMOCRATIC SOIL

Reno, Nev., Aug. 23.—Charles E. Hughes campaigned today in the first democratic state he has encountered since he left Bridgehampton, N. Y., three weeks ago to begin his long "swing around the circle." He started his invasion with an assault upon the democratic tariff and foreign policies here today, adding also a defense of his own labor record.

Big crowds of Nevadans greeted the nominee everywhere.

Today, however, Hughes started an active rebellion. Never again will he permit local or state committees to put him through such a course of strenuous campaigning as that which he underwent yesterday. The republican candidate admitted that he is very nearly tired out. Those with whom he talked before his train reached here said he told them that the spirit was willing, but that no human being could stand many more days of the sort he has been undergoing during the past week. The gladdest man in the United States will be Charles E. Hughes when August 27 rolls around and he and Mrs. Hughes can settle down for three days' rest at Estes Park, Colo. There the governor expects to sleep and eat and get out in the air all he can.

Hughes' weariness was plainly discernible today in a husky voice that did queer tricks of inflection when he sought to press it to renewed efforts. But, nevertheless, he had indomitable enthusiasm that revived him when he faced an audience.

Two or three times during the past few days Hughes has not been able, because of pressure of demands made upon him by local and state arrangement committees, to get his dinner

## RAILROAD JUBILEE OPENS TODAY IN COOS BAY TOWNS

Portland, Aug. 23.—Horse and automobile races featured today's railroad jubilee program at Marshfield and North Bend. Hundreds of visitors from Portland, Salem, Eugene, San Francisco and other cities were on hand to help celebrate the completion of the Southern Pacific railroad to Coos bay. North Bend expects to entertain 3,000 guests tomorrow. Many surprises have been planned.

The biggest event in prospect is the allegorical wedding of Eugene and Coos bay, which are joined by the railroad. Miss Gladys Roddy of Marshfield will take the part of Coos bay, while Gerry Watkins of Eugene represents his city in the nuptials.

Rumors that a "booze ship" would anchor off Marshfield, just outside the three-mile limit, proved unfounded. A throng of thirsty ones swept the horizon with their glasses—in vain. The vessel failed to materialize.

## ATTACKING FLEET NOT YET LOCATED

Washington, Aug. 23.—Scouts of the defending fleet have not yet located the hostile battleship squadron bearing down upon the Atlantic coast in the navy's biggest war game. Seventeen destroyers and seven cruisers, under command of Admiral Gleaves, are scouring the Atlantic, seeking sight of the on-coming offensive fleet.

Admiral Helm, commanding the battleship squadron of the defenders, is waiting for the radio flash from one of the scoutships to tell him where the enemy is.

The only evidence the naval strategic board has of the existence of the "enemy" fleet is a number of code messages picked up by the scouts. The board has not yet been able to decipher any of these.

Admiral Helm is thought to be holding Admiral Grant, in charge of 15 submarines, for a dash along the coast as soon as a line is obtained on the point likely to be attacked by the invaders.

## STEEL APPROACHES PAR VALUE TODAY

New York, Aug. 23.—While United States Steel common had fifty cents to go to reach par at 1:30 this afternoon, Wall street brokers who made bets a year ago that the market leader would sell at 1.00 a share, prepared to collect their bets before closing time.

In a continuation of the two-day bull market first one group of stocks after another was bid up today. Steel moving from 97 1/4, yesterday's closing figure, to 99 1/2. Brokers on the floor sweated in a 100-degree temperature as stock sold upward, backed and filled, and then gathered itself in again.

The strength in coppers followed in mid-afternoon.

Steel common started the week with an advance of 2 1/4 to 95 on Monday. Yesterday the gain was 2 1/4 to 97 1/4, a second new record high. At 95 1/4 the gain for the week was 7 1/4, representing an increase in total market valuation of the common stock of more than \$39,000,000.

Portland, Aug. 23.—September bluestem wheat prices smashed all records today when a Portland dealer sold five thousand bushels to a Los Angeles miller at \$1.30 a bushel. The highest previous price was \$1.26.

## GREAT BATTLE FORMING IN BALKANS

### All Nations at War Will Have Troops on 150 Mile Front in New Field of Action—Roumania Holds Aloof

London, Aug. 23.—A great battle of nations, with the troops of nearly every European belligerent involved, is gradually developing in the Balkans as the fighting along the 150-mile front increases in fury.

Turkey is sending reinforcements into Bulgaria, according to an Athens dispatch today. At least one division of Turkish soldiers is en route to join the Bulgarians in the attack upon the allied lines, while another division will be so placed as to threaten Roumania should that country decide to enter the war on the side of the allies.

Austria will be asked to send a few detachments to the Greek border to join the Bulgarians, Germans and Turks in resisting the combined attacks of French, English, Russians, Italians, Serbians and Montenegrins.

In no engagement of modern history have the armies of so many nations been in clash along one battle front.

Forced to yield advanced positions under the first Bulgarian attacks, the allies have reinforced their lines and are strongly on the offensive in the Vardar valley, northwest of Saloniki. On the wings the Bulgarians have made further slight advances by reason of their numerical superiority, but Anglo-French artillery and the stubborn resistance of the Serbs have considerably checked the momentum of the advancing enemy forces.

All press dispatches from Roumania bear evidence of close censorship, but from a direct source it was reported that fighting in the Balkans has caused a profound impression in Bucharest.

But despite warlike reports brought to London in a roundabout way, many persons well informed on the Balkan situation do not believe that Roumania will enter the war at least until the allies have advanced up the Vardar valley and have scored decisive gains against the Bulgarians. It has been known here for several weeks that the Third Roumanian army was mobilized and in readiness for instant service, but there has been no other positive evidence of military movements to warrant the belief that Roumania is about to declare war on either side.

## GRAINS RALLY ON CHICAGO MARKET

Chicago, Aug. 23.—Wheat prices rallied today after an easy opening. Lower cables and local selling caused a decline at the start, but the market gained a good buying and soon recovered its loss. September wheat was up 1/4 at 1.94 1/4; December up 1/4 at 1.53 1/4 and May unchanged at 1.56 1/4.

Reports from abroad indicating a demand for corn prompted fractional gains in this grain today. Slow trading at the opening was responsible for declines. September was up above the opening 1/4 at 85 1/4; December up 1/4 at 78 1/4 and May up 1/4 at 77 1/4.

Oats opened down on a dull market, but recovered on the strength in other grains. September was up 1/4 at 45.

Provisions were steady.