



SLAVS MENACE HUNGARY AGAIN; RENEW ATTACK

Drive Through Jablonitz Pass Gains Fresh Momentum

CAPTURE VILLAGES; REPULSE ATTACKS

French Renew Operations on Front Northeast of Verdun Fortress

CLEAR FLEURY OF ENEMY

War Moves on All Fronts Outlined for Quick Reading

- 1. East front—The Russians, temporarily halted in their drive on Lemberg, have resumed offensive operations on the Carpathians, again threatening an early invasion of Hungary. Turkish troops have reinforced Bothmer's army.
2. West front—French clear Fleury, on Verdun front, of foe. British parry counter-blows of foe at six points in Picardy. Berlin records repulsing British at Pozieres.
3. Italian front—Only artillery actions on the Isonzo front were announced last night by the Italian War Office. Unofficially it is learned that General Cadorna strives to clear the heights north and east of Gorizia before resuming his drive on Trieste.
4. Balkan front—Teutonic troops have captured Florina, over the Greek border.

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 Koromez, Hungary, it was officially announced today. Capture of the villages of Lyselec and Stary, southwest of Stanislau and west of the Zlota Bialitzka River, and of a series of heights in the direction of Arseluz was also announced.

Koromez 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 Jablonitzka at the northern entrance to the pass and on the railway leading into Hungary from Stanislau was officially announced a few days ago.

The War Office, however, admitted that the Austro-Germans have temporarily wrested the initiative from the Slavs in the fighting southeast of Lemberg. The enemy resumed the offensive west of Podhajce, 50 miles northeast of Stanislau, but was repulsed, suffering heavy losses.

Dispatches from the front state that there is no slackening in the Russian pressure, and it is believed that the Austro-German war must finally crumble before the continuous and impetuous attacks of the Russian soldiers.

Gigantic artillery duels are in progress on many sectors between the Baltic and the Carpathians. Activity along the Dvina and north of Baranovitch indicates that General Ruzsky, the new commander-in-chief of the northern group of Russian armies, is losing no time in his preparations for an offensive. Masses of fresh troops, guns and ammunition are moving to that section of the Russian front.

It is believed that a new and gigantic enterprise will shortly be under way, with the two main army groups of General Ruzsky and General Brusiloff attacking simultaneously to prevent the Germans from shifting and massing troops.

Aerial activity is becoming greater, and many battles are being fought daily between German and Russian aviators. The Germans have concentrated many war planes and Zeppelins on the eastern front with the evident intention of carrying out systematic bombardments of railways and military establishments behind the Russian front, which has been one of the main factors in leading to the unusual sky activity.

BERLIN, Aug. 18.—Turkish troops, rushed into Galicia to reinforce the Austro-German armies, have been in action on General Bothmer's front for the first time, it was officially announced this afternoon. They repulsed Russian attacks.

In the Carpathians the Germans have made further progress near Starobozyna Hill.

POWERFUL FRENCH ATTACK CLEARS GERMANS FROM POST AT FLEURY ON VERDUN LINE

PARIS, Aug. 18.—By a powerful attack on the northeast front of Verdun last night the French completely cleared the German positions.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Generally fair and continued moderately warm tonight and Saturday, with increasing humidity; light, easterly winds.

Table with 2 columns: Time and Temperature. Includes sections for Length of Day, Delaware River Tide Changes, and Temperature at Each Hour.

VANGUARD OF P. O. S. OF A. ARRIVES



The seventh annual encampment of the First Regiment Pennsylvania Reserves, Patriotic Order Sons of America, opens tomorrow and lasts through next week, when the fiftieth annual convention and golden jubilee of the society will be celebrated. The photograph shows Major Oliver S. Lutz, regimental quartermaster, at the right, and Sergeant H. Mosely.

SERUM INJECTION IN BABY PLAGUE 'EXPERIMENTAL'

Noted Student of Disease Says Treatment Is Not Positive Prevention

DOCTOR DIXON AGREES

Infantile Paralysis In 24 Hours to 2 P. M.

Table showing statistics of infantile paralysis cases in Philadelphia and New Jersey.

The purely experimental nature of treatment of infantile paralysis by injection of human blood serum was shown today by State Health Commissioner Dixon, who issued a statement by Dr. Robert W. Levett, of Boston, professor of orthopedic surgery at Harvard, one of the most noted students of infantile paralysis.

This statement, Doctor Dixon said, represents his views on injection of blood serum. Closing of the Sunday schools, in compliance with the request of Health Director Krusen, may be only a forerunner of similar action in the case of the public schools.

The health authorities have already decided that it is unwise to bring children together in great groups, and have discouraged or forbidden it wherever they could.

A conference will be held early in September between officials of the public schools and the local Department of Health and Charities at which a decision will be made as to whether the schools shall open on September 5, the usual date, or whether the summer vacation season shall be extended.

Three more deaths and three new cases of infantile paralysis reported today increased the record to 47 deaths and 253 cases in Philadelphia. Across the river, in Camden, the plague gained a new foothold, surpassing the sweep of the epidemic in this city. Five deaths and nine new cases occurred in the New Jersey town, which is adopting rigid measures to ward off the disease.

- Deaths today: MARY COPESTICK, 9 years old, 6929 Magnolia street. DANIEL FERNBERG, 19 months old, 1847 South Second street. PHILIP GORELLI, 23 months old, 1521 South Tenth street.
New cases today: HENRY SCHWAB, 6 years old, 510 Westmoreland street. MARY MASI, 14 months old, 827 Chestnut street. MARGARET ADAMS, 4 months old, 3546 North Watta street.

MAYOR RETURNS; CALLS 4 POLICE HEADS TO FRONT

City Hall Agog With Rumor Conference Preludes Tenderloin Clean-up

'FIRE IN HIS EYE' IS TIP

Mayor Smith returned this afternoon from a four day's sojourn at Atlantic City, and immediately upon his arrival summoned four police heads for a conference in his private office. Rumors were rife in City Hall that the Mayor had been goaded into activity by political expediency and had called in the police officials as a preliminary step toward making good his pledge to "clean up" vice in Philadelphia.

The officials called were Harry C. Davis, Acting Director of Public Safety; Superintendent James Robinson, Captain Nicholas Kenny and Charles Lee, head of the vice squad. After the men had been closeted with the Mayor about 10 minutes, Lee came into the corridor and waited, again in hand, as if he expected to be called back into the Mayor's private office.

The tip was passed around City Hall that the Mayor was back, and had come back with "fire in his eye," and a determination to apply vigorously the "police mop and cleaning powder" to the vice situation. It was rumored in the corridors that the Mayor had a long list of questions to ask Davis, Robinson, Kenny and Lee, concerning the reports that disorderly houses have reopened and dens of vice in Tenderloin have returned to their old haunts. In police circles it was reported that there would be "something doing" in a few hours regarding the vice situation.

"It will be as lean sweep all right this time," said one official. Twenty-three indictments were presented today by the August Grand Jury to Judge McMichael of Quarter Sessions Court.

In the number was included one against E. H. Beaumont, who is alleged to have represented himself as a deputy constable for Magistrate 'Joe' Call. The indictment of Beaumont was made on the recommendation of the July Grand Jury. Testimony was given before the July Grand Jury that Beaumont had extorted \$125 from Elizabeth Zoldi, 1123 Germantown avenue, who was accused of conducting a speakeasy and selling liquor on Sunday.

BEAUMONT'S VERSION. Harry Brenner, 815 Pine street, attorney for Beaumont, said today that his client would deny all charges. He said that Beaumont was in the city and would appear when wanted. "My client," he said, "was delegated by a constable in Magistrate Call's office to arrest this woman. Beaumont made the arrest in the capacity of a deputy constable from Magistrate Call's office. When Mrs. Zoldi was held in \$500 bail for a further hearing by Magistrate Call she asked Beaumont to get her a bondman and a lawyer.

WILSON VEToes ARMY BILL; SEES UNJUST CLAUSE

Opposes Exemption of Retired Officers From Service Liability

RE-ENTERED IN HOUSE

Measure Expected to Be Passed According to President's Wishes

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.

Chairman James Hay, of the Army Affairs Committee, reintroduced the bill in the House with the entire articles of war provision eliminated within half an hour after the President's veto had been received. In its new form the bill was sent back to the committee. It was expected that it would be reported out and passed by the House without a record vote within the next two days.

OPENS WAY TO ATTACK.

It has been known for several days that the President was opposed to this feature of the revised articles of war. The articles as sent to him would exempt retired officers from court-martial. It has been generally reported that this provision was made to allow former Adjutant General Ainsworth, who had a bitter row with the then Chief of Staff, General Leonard Wood, to publish a book attacking the War Department.

It is expected that the provision which the President complains about will be eliminated and that the bill then will be re-passed by both the Senate and the House and signed.

SHOULD APPLY TO ALL.

In his veto message the President declares that the army bill is an essential part of the national defense plan and that he experienced "genuine reluctance in delaying its going into effect by asking that the objectionable provision be eliminated." He admits the necessity of bringing the articles of war up to date, as they are in the bill, and then declares they should apply to all officers, both active and retired.

In conclusion the President says: "The purpose of the articles of war in times of peace is to bring about a uniformity in the application of military discipline which will make the entire organization coherent and effective, and to engender a spirit of co-operation and proper subordination to authority which will be of the utmost importance to make the entire army a unit in its purpose of self-sacrifice and devotion to duty in the national defense.

SEES VITAL OBJECTION.

These purposes cannot be accomplished if the retired officers, still a part of the military establishment, still relied upon to perform important duties, are excluded, upon retirement, from the wholesome and unifying effect of this subjection to a common discipline. I am persuaded that officers upon the retired list would themselves regard this exemption as an invidious and unpalatable discrimination which in effect excludes them from full membership in the profession to which they have devoted their lives, and of which by the laws of their country they are still members.

So long as Congress sees fit to make the retired personnel a part of the army of the United States, the constitutionality of the proposed exemption of such personnel from all liability under the articles of war is a matter of serious doubt, leaving the President, as it does, without any means sanctioned by statute of exercising over the personnel thus exempted the power of command vested in him by the Constitution.

The veto message, immediately upon receipt in the House, was referred to the Military Affairs Committee without comment.

VACATIONS OF P. R. R. MEN DEFERRED BY STRIKE THREAT

Road Holds Men in Case Walk-out Materializes

Vacations of many Pennsylvania Railroad employees are being canceled so that if President Wilson fails to prevent a strike the company will not be found napping. The order for canceling vacations does not issue from the executive office, it was said here today, but is being left to the judgment of the various division superintendents. In this district comparatively few men have been notified to postpone their vacations. In Altoona, however, 12,000 men have been notified, all clerks and shopmen there being affected.

A petition is being circulated in the Altoona shops asking that in future all big labor disputes be settled by a Congressional Commission. It is being signed by many.

The Order vs. The Pickup

THE advantage rests with the order, first because he who orders his Evening Ledger has it brought to his home, instead of picking it up at his newsstand or casually purchasing from a newsboy second because the "ordered" paper is sure, the "pickup" is decidedly uncertain. Since the September 1 newsclerks' carriages and newspapers will order only enough papers to cover the certain demand, owing to the abolition of the "return" system on unused papers, the difficulty of getting newspaper paper has made this change necessary for all Philadelphia newsclerks. Stand not on the order of your ordering — but order NOW.

EXTRA

WILSON GIVES RAILWAY HEADS UNTIL TOMORROW FOR REPLY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—The fifth day of President Wilson's negotiations with the employes and executive heads of the great railroad systems of the country in an effort to avert the threatened general strike came to an end at 2:40 o'clock this afternoon with no conclusion reached. After a 40-minute conference with 31 railroad presidents it was announced the President tomorrow would see the presidents and the managers in what he promises to be a final session. President Hale Holden, of the Burlington, spokesman for the executives, said they would at once confer with the managers.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—The railway brotherhood committee accepted President Wilson's plan to prevent a strike.

MAYOR WILL ANNOUNCE ACTION IN VICE CLEAN-UP

Mayor Smith, following a secret conference with police heads today, intimated he would act in the vice situation when he said: "When I am ready to act the public will be fully informed. That is all I will say at this time."

HOUSE ADOPTS REPORT ON CHILD LABOR BILL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—The House this afternoon adopted the conference report on the child labor bill without a record vote. There was no debate on the amendments by the Senate which changed the language of some parts of the bill without altering the original provisions of the measure.

DEUTSCHLAND REPORTED IN HOME PORT

GENEVA, Aug. 18.—A private dispatch from Berlin to the Neue Zurichter Zeitung says that the German submarine Deutschland arrived at Bremen yesterday from the United States.

SARATOGA RACING RESULTS

First race, 2-year-olds, handicap, \$500 added, 5 1-2 furlongs—Burlesque, 117, Troxler, 6 to 1, 2 to 1, 4 to 5, won; Berlin, 126, Murphy, 13 to 5, even, 1 to 2, second; Kildee, 112, J. McTaggart, 8 to 1, 3 to 1, 3 to 5, third. Time, 1:07 1-5.

PLANES STILL BOMBARD VENICE; ART IS REMOVED

ROME, Aug. 18.—Austrian aeroplanes continue their indiscriminate bombardment of Venice, it was announced today. Corrado Ricci, Government art director, said the city's art treasures, now stored in private and public galleries, museums, palaces and libraries, are being removed to safer places.

100,000 ITALIANS FLEE EARTHQUAKES

ROME, Aug. 18.—Earthquakes are causing heavy losses in all towns for 60 miles south of Rimini on the Adriatic coast. Official reports say more than 100,000 men, women and children have fled to the fields.

PORTUGAL SOON TO PLACE TROOPS IN FIELD

LISBON, Aug. 18.—Minister of War De Mattos announced today that Portugal would soon put troops in the field in Europe to fight on the side of the Allies.

MAY WHEAT SOARS TO \$1.50 3/4

CHICAGO, Aug. 18.—May wheat made another spectacular advance today, following reports from the Northwest that crop damage was even more serious than had been reported. The May option advanced to \$1.50 3/4, after an opening at \$1.47 to \$1.48. September wheat was \$1.43 1/2, an advance of 2 1/2 cents above the opening, which was above last night's close by 5/8.

RUSH FROM GALVESTON TO ESCAPE HURRICANE PERIL

HOUSTON, Tex., 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 of the tide at the Galveston wall attributable to the Gulf hurricane.

\$162 IN GIFTS DONATED FOR SOLDIERS' RELIEF BOARD

The Citizens Soldiers' Aid Committee has received \$162 in contributions. J. P. Warner forwarded a \$5 check and a baby carriage to a woman who appealed for a carriage for her month-old child. A letter was received by John McFadden, Jr., treasurer of the Emergency Aid, now in France, telling of the excellent work done at Verdun and along the northern line by one of the ambulances sent out by the Red Cross.

GASOLINE EXPECTED TO DROP TO 20 CENTS IN 2 WEEKS

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—Gasoline will drop to 20 cents in virtually 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. Price has been falling steadily throughout the West and Middle West within the last 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.

HOUSE TO AID IN PROBE OF BREAD AND FLOUR PRICES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—The Ways and Means Committee of the House and the Federal Trade Commission will co-operate in an investigation of the bread and flour situation in the United States to determine whether there is an economic justification for the proposed sharp increase in the prices of these staple commodities.

R. R. MAGNATES OPPOSE WILSON PEACE SCHEME

Road Officials Back Managers in Stand Against Compromise

TRAINMEN MAY ACCEPT

Developments of the Day in Railroad Strike Crisis

RAILWAY presidents meet President and state objection to compromise plan. Brotherhood officials debate acceptance of President's plan with strong opposition developed against it from leaders who demanded insistence on overtime pay. President canceled Cabinet meeting to devote entire time to getting both sides into agreement. Brotherhood leaders declare President's proposition will be accepted eventually by their full committee.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—The railway strike situation was at its most serious point today. The President this afternoon explained to the railway presidents summoned here by him that they must make concessions to their men or take responsibility before the country for any labor trouble.

The 31 railroad presidents entered the White House just at 2 o'clock. President Wilson was in the green rooms when the executives arrived. President Holden, of the Burlington, spokesman, presented each of his colleagues to the President as they entered the room. After shaking hands with all of them President Wilson indicated he was ready for the conference to begin.

Holden opened the session by stating the railroad executives approved in full everything done by the railroad managers, in whom they had vested the power of attorney. He said the railroads felt in the present situation that they were fighting for the principle of arbitration which he said was the only remaining protection, not only for railroads, but for all the other industries of the country, against the willful aggressions of labor.

The railroad executives were reinforced by hundreds of letters and telegrams from big manufacturers and employers, urging them not to yield the "right and justice of arbitration." Holden said, however, that the executives were here with open minds to listen to what the President had to suggest.

NO COUNTER-PROPOSAL.

From an unquestioned source it was learned the executives went into conference with no counter-proposal. They intended to stand fast by arbitration—even as to the eight-hour-day principle as applied to railroad operation. It was made plain that unless the President uncovered some powerful instrument by which he could change their attitude, they were determined to stand or fall on their contention. It was announced positively that the plan was to stand firm against acceptance of the President's proposition outlined to the employes yesterday.

It was added, however, that following the session the presidents would meet with the managers and consider with them what their final course of action would be. At the conclusion of the White House meeting the executives planned to issue a complete statement of their contentions.

The Big Four Brotherhood delegates, behind closed and carefully guarded doors in the Bijou Theater, debated at length their acceptance of the presidential plan, which gives the eight-hour day, but denies overtime at increased rates. The plan and expressed complete confidence that eventually it would be approved.

During the morning the railway presidents conferred with their committee of managers. They unqualifiedly approved all that had been done, and in order to prepare powerful arguments to back up their claim that to accept the President's solution would spell bankruptcy for the roads and sound the death knell of arbitration to settle labor disputes, gained postponement of their planned conference with the President from 11:30 until 2 p. m.

The general situation was admittedly charged with dynamite, but White House officials expressed the utmost confidence that the sides were clearing and that eventually both sides would agree to the plan of the President.

COMPULSORY ARBITRATION.

Pending the conference, talk of compulsory arbitration as a last means of heading off a strike was heard in Congress today. In the event the President fails to bring about a settlement some Senators—Administration men included—believe Congress should enact at once a compulsory arbitration measure that could be made effective before the brotherhoods had time to strike. The latter usually give a week or 10 days' notice and in that time compulsory arbitration could be provided by law, if the President ratified the plan.

During the day the President prepared a statement for the people of the country, outlining in details the course he had pursued in attempting to bring about a settlement of the threatened strike. He planned to make this public after he had conferred with the railroad presidents this afternoon.

When he has received the answer from both sides to his proposition he will make public the result of his effort with a discussion of it. That the Brotherhood representatives had accepted President Wilson's counter-proposition to prevent a railway strike was the information conveyed by the leaders this afternoon when the delegates reconvened at the Bijou Theater. At that hour the railway executives were in conference with President Wilson.