

# Strike Seems Inevitable if Railroads Continue to Insist Upon Arbitration



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## STRIKE THREAT RENEWED AS R. R. CHIEFS CONTINUE DELIBERATIONS

Situation Takes on Added Tensity as Railway Executives Work on Their Counter Proposal to President Wilson's Plan; Brotherhoods Await Next Move

## HAVE DIFFICULTY HOLDING MEN IN

Officials Decline to Concede Without Arbitration and Investigation of Its Application to Railroad, but Make Some Concession on Collateral Issues

## WILSON HURRIES TO CAPITOL ON STRIKE

Washington, D. C., Aug. 26.—With negotiations for averting the threatened railway strike practically at deadlock, President Wilson to-day suddenly went to the Capitol and conferred with administration leaders over the possibility of legislation.

The President conferred first with Democratic Leader Kern and Chairman Newlands, of the interstate commerce committee, who, it was understood, after a canvass of the congressional situation, had concluded it was feasible to get through Congress before adjournment as an amendment to the pending bill to increase the membership of the Interstate Commerce Commission some sort of an expression that the railroads should be authorized to make rate increases to meet higher wages and to provide some sort of machinery for arbitration for similar disputes in the future, possibly along the lines of the Canadian commission.

When he finished conferring with Senators Kern and Newlands, President Wilson came to the door of his room and said to inquirers: "I came here on certain matters of legislation. That is all I can say now."

Then after making the foregoing announcement President Wilson returned to the White House without conferring with anyone else and without making any further explanation of his visit. Senator Newlands stated positively that no joint session of Congress had been arranged.

Executives Adjourn  
Late this afternoon the railroad executives adjourned without having finished their statement to President Wilson and their attitude was announced as unchanged.

Just before the President went to the Capitol the brotherhood leaders, impatient at the delay of the railroad executives in replying to the President's last proposal, declared that only the unqualified concession of the eight-hour day or some action by Congress to cause the railroads to operate if the railroads could prevent the threatened strike.

On all hands the President's visit to the Capitol was taken as indicating that the situation had reached a crisis. Late this afternoon the railway executives still were working on their communication to President Wilson.

Among the railway executives it was said that any plan for legislation suggested by the President would have to be considered, but that the inclination of the railway heads was to stand solidly on their demand for arbitration of the present dispute.

By Associated Press  
Washington, D. C., Aug. 26.—The threatened railway strike situation took on added tensity to-day as the railway executives continued their deliberations over the form of their counter proposal to President Wilson's plan and the brotherhood leaders silently awaited the next move.

The executives have been told that the men's leaders expect difficulty in restraining them after to-night. The principals worked steadily all morning and the fore part of the afternoon carefully phrasing their statement to President Wilson, but shortly after noon had taken no final vote on it.

As had been outlined unofficially, it declines to concede the eight-hour day without arbitration and investigation of its application to railroading, but makes some concession as to collateral issues. The effect of the executives' counter proposal will be to pass the issue back

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## THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy to-night and Sunday; not much change in temperature. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Partly cloudy to-night and Sunday; not much change in temperature; light south winds.

River  
The Susquehanna river and all its branches will fall slowly or remain nearly level. A stage of about 3.2 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Sunday morning.

General Conditions  
A slight disturbance, now central off the east coast of Florida, has caused general rains along the Atlantic coast from Hatteras to Key West. Showers, mostly in the Missouri, Middle and Upper Mississippi and Upper Ohio valleys and over the greater part of the Lake Region; also in Nevada and Southern Colorado; elsewhere the weather has been fair.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 70.  
Sun: Rises, 5:27 a. m.; sets, 6:45 p. m.  
Moon: New moon, August 28, 12:25 p. m.  
River: Stage, 3.2 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather  
Highest temperature, 84.  
Lowest temperature, 67.  
Mean temperature, 72.  
Normal temperature, 70.

## COPELIN DEFENDS SELF AND SHARPLY RAPS HIS CRITICS

"Tired of Insinuations That He Stole From City," He Declares

## SHOWS FLAWS IN AUDIT

Gorgas Corroborates Ex-treasurer; "Will Demand Explanation" When He Returns

In a letter to Commissioner of Finance and Accounts William L. Gorgas, made public to-day, Captain Owen M. Copelin, former City Treasurer, who is in Texas with the Eighth Infantry, makes his first public utterances on the auditing of his accounts by the Pittsburgh Audit Company. Ex-treasurer Copelin sharply rebukes those who insinuated that he was "stealing from the city" and declares when he returns to Harrisburg he will insist upon explanations. He tells Commissioner Gorgas that he offers "no excuses for the conduct" of his office.

Copelin explains that he wrote the letter as the result of newspaper stories printed on the day of the Council meeting when City Commissioner Harry F. Bowman, sponsor of the audit ordinance, obtained the Council's order authorizing the audit company to make a supplemental report dealing with special details of the general audit report. When Commissioner Gorgas made public Copelin's letter to-day he said he must confirm and attest to Copelin's explanations of the so-called ambiguities in the auditors' report. Copelin explains that the city during his regime received interest money

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## Start Move to Save an Hour of Sunshine All Over the United States

By Associated Press

Pittsburgh, Aug. 26.—A movement to conserve one hour of sunshine every day in the year for every man, woman and child in the United States was announced to-day by the executive committee of the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce with the plea that it be submitted to a referendum of the 25,000 business men who compose that body.

The plan is to have clocks throughout the country advanced one hour, thus allowing everybody to begin the working day an hour earlier and quit an hour earlier. As all sections would be affected the system, the Chamber argues, would not interfere with time regulations as provided by the four zones of standard time.

## Secret Mail Service to Germany Is Uncovered

New York, Aug. 26.—Charged with smuggling jewels valued at \$25,000, Fred Uffelmann, landing baggage agent of the Norwegian-American Steamship line, and Hans Edward Thompson, another employee, were arraigned here yesterday. Department of Justice agents are investigating an additional charge that the men have been principals in an underground system of mail communication between the United States and Germany.

According to testimony at the hearing before Special Deputy Surveyor of Mails from Germany was received in the same way. Hugo Schmidt, a representative of the Deutsche Bank, admitted that Uffelmann had acted as special mail messenger and that he had paid him \$100. The alleged conspirators are said to number a dozen. The arrest of six others, one a woman, is expected.

## Detective Beats Holdup Man to Draw; Kills Him

Special to the Telegraph

Scranton, Aug. 26.—A man, who the police believe was Frank Wood of Bethlehem, was shot and killed 12:45 o'clock this morning by City Detective John Cartucello, whom the man and a companion had sought to hold up at the point of a pistol.

Cartucello shot the man by a quick draw of his gun as he was ordered to hold up his hands. He shot twice at the man's companion, but missed both times, the second highwayman escaping. The attempted holdup and shooting occurred in a lonely spot along the Lackawanna Railroad tracks near the station of that company in the central part of the city.

## PRESIDENT DEFIES SENATE

Washington, Aug. 26.—President Wilson has decided to keep George Rublee on the Federal Trade Commission by making another recess appointment as from Congress adjourns, and to renew the fight before the Senate in December for Mr. Rublee's confirmation. Since March, 1915, Mr. Rublee has been serving as a member of the commission without compensation, the Senate rejecting the nomination because the nominee was "personally obnoxious" to Senator Gallinger.

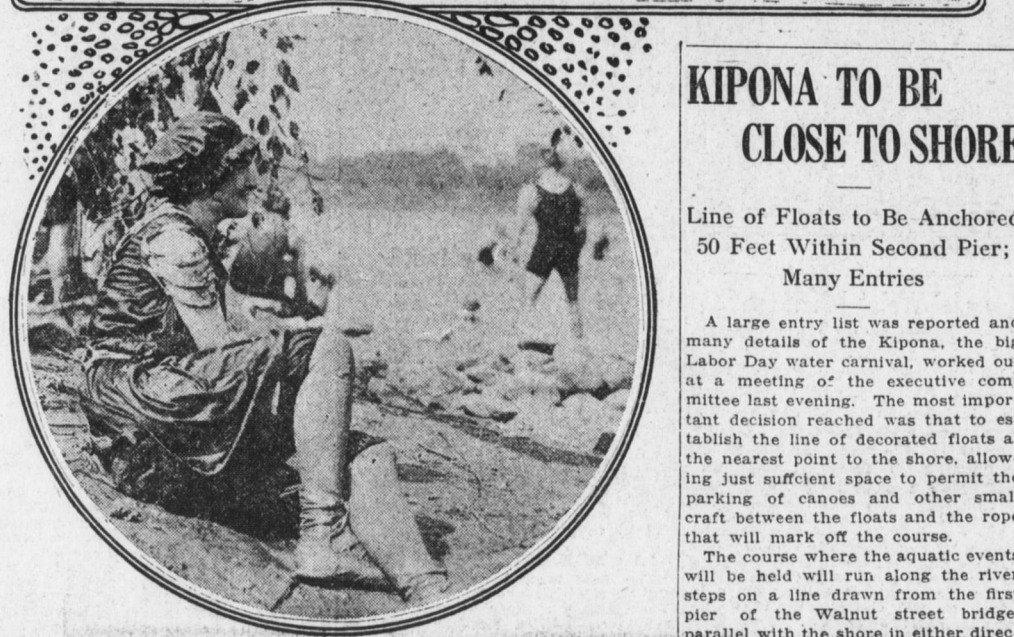
## RECENT REALTY SALES

Isaac Hoffa, administrator, estate of Mary Franz, 1420 Walnut street to Justus V. Hershey, consideration \$1, J. E. Hemperly & company, 1817 George street, to Harry D. and Armita Burd Hilton, consideration \$1.

## FIRST GAME

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Elmira,	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	
Harrisburg,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		

## WHILE THE BOSS CAVORTED AT INGLENOOK, HUNDREDS OF STORE FOLK ENJOYED LAST SATURDAY AFTERNOON OFF IN THE RIVER



The annual Chamber of Commerce outing took several hundreds of the city's business men to Ingleook to-day, the last Saturday afternoon and evening closing of the summer. While "the boss" forgot dull care and "acted up" on his party, the hundreds of sales people took advantage of their last half-holiday of the season and spent the afternoon in the river basin.

## TWO MULES HAVE \$20 BREAKFAST AT EXPENSE OF LOCAL FLORIST

Farmer Drives Team Up to Auto Load of Expensive Wedding Decorations and the Ceremony Will Now Lack Some Decorative Features

Mules don't eat thistles and hay, always, no indeed! If you don't believe it, ask Charles Uttley, florist, 321 Walnut street. He will tell you more about the appetite of two mules. This morning Mr. Uttley received a large shipment of gladiolas, asters and marigolds, and many of the flowers were to be used for floral designs for a wedding. While the auto laden with flowers stood in front of the floral shop, a

farmer drove a two-mule team close to the rear of the machine. And the way those mules ate marigolds, asters and gladiolas made Mr. Uttley's blood run cold. When he discovered what had happened \$20 worth of damage had been done, but the farmer and mules were gone. "I hope they enjoyed their meal, as they mutilated the flowers so that I can not use them," said Mr. Uttley, after making a few nice (?) remarks about mules and farmers in general.

## BUSINESSMEN FROLIC TODAY

More Than 300 Attend Annual Chamber of Commerce Outing at Ingleook

When noon hour came to-day, Harrisburg's big stores closed down for the last half holiday of the season. There was a big rush on the part of merchants to wind up business to-day. Clerks, too, hustled a bit more than usual.

The merchants wanted to be on time for the big outing of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce.

## Find Matches in New Plant of Aetna Powder Company

Huntingdon, Pa., Aug. 26.—The discovery was made to-day of a quantity of matches in the finished powder plant of the Aetna Explosives Company, ten miles east of this place.

Whether the matches were placed there by design or through a mistake is not known, though a strong suspicion of the former means being used caused a systematic search by the guards of all the employees when it was found that four workmen of foreign extraction carried matches on their person. Three of these were Italians and one German. The four delinquents were taken before a justice of the peace in Mifflin county and held to answer at the general term of court next week.

## COUNCIL HONORS DR. J. A. FRITCHEY

Pays Glowing Tribute to Former Mayor; Will Attend Funeral

City Council in special session at noon to-day passed resolutions of tribute to the memory of Dr. John A. Fritchey, three times Mayor of Harrisburg, who died yesterday morning. The Commissioners decided to attend the physician's funeral in a body.

Commissioner William H. Lynch introduced a resolution, which was unanimously adopted, as follows: "Recognizing the omnipotent power of Him who ruleth the universe, and bowing in humble submission to His inscrutable will, we make this formal expression of the private and public loss to the citizens of this community by reason of the death of John A. Fritchey."

## Has but \$5 Left of \$14,000,000 Fortune He Possessed Five Years Ago

New York, Aug. 26.—Patrick Calhoun, grandson of the famous statesman and prominently identified with the San Francisco street car system until a few years ago, testified in a receivership proceeding here that five dollars was the only tangible asset remaining of a fortune of \$4,000,000 possessed by him five years ago. The proceedings became known to-day. Financial reverses following the earthquake and fire in San Francisco were responsible for his losses he asserted. Receivership proceedings were brought against Calhoun in a suit for office rent.

## Said Zeppelins Will Try to Burn Down London

New York, Aug. 26.—A staff correspondent of The World, who was in Germany last January, was told this by an officer, a wearer of the Iron Cross, with whom he became friendly. "Along about September you'll see quite a few raids by Zeppelins. They may do considerable damage, but they'll only be forerunners for what is to come."

"If England persists in trying to starve Germany's noncombatant population, we're going to send over a fleet of eighty or a hundred Zeppelins with incendiary bombs and burn London to the ground."

## MEXICANS FLEEING ACROSS Border From Smallpox and Typhus Infected Areas

San Antonio, Texas, Aug. 26.—Reports reaching General Funston that Mexicans are crossing the border from the smallpox and typhus infected districts of Mexico and asking that a quarantine be put on have been referred to the State department. These reports refer to the danger to troops in camp along the border being exposed to these refugees from the State of Zacatecas, and other sections in southern-central Mexico where typhus and smallpox are reported to be epidemic. Refugees are coming north to the border by the hundreds to escape, mainly, it is said, from starvation.

## KIPONA TO BE CLOSE TO SHORE

Line of Floats to Be Anchored 50 Feet Within Second Pier; Many Entries

A large entry list was reported and many details of the Kipona, the big Labor Day water carnival, worked out at a meeting of the executive committee last evening. The most important decision reached was that to establish the line of decorated floats at the nearest point to the shore, allowing just sufficient space to permit the parking of canoes and other small craft between the floats and the rope that will mark off the course.

The course where the aquatic events will be held will run along the river steps on a line drawn from the first pier of the Walnut street bridge, parallel with the shore in either direction. This will prevent the mix-up caused last year by boats which constantly interfered with the view of spectators from the bank, who will have front row seats this year. And the arrangements of floats will be such that they can be seen even to

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## Headquarters For G. A. R. National Camp Opened

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 26.—First moves of a formal nature in connection with the 50th annual encampment of the G. A. R. which opens here next week, were made to-day with the opening of the national headquarters and several information booths.

Headquarters of the many auxiliaries of the G. A. R. also have been opened and by Monday morning the units of the blue-clad army will all have been marshaled and ready at the command of the commander in chief, Elias R. Monfort. Wednesday, the day of the veterans' parade, has been declared a holiday in both Kansas City, Mo., and Kansas City, Kan. Mayor Green, of the latter city, to-day issuing a proclamation to that effect. Both cities are decorated with flags and bunting.

## PLAGUE HITS COLLEGE GIRLS

New York, Aug. 26.—Infantile paralysis caused the death of Miss Ella Boyd Edie, 21 years old, of Yonkers, last night. Her father Richard Edie is an officer in the Westchester Trust Company and treasurer of the Alexander Smith Carpet Company. Miss Edie has been ill since Tuesday. She was home on a vacation from Mount Holyoke College, where she was a junior.

## Wellesley Girl a Victim

Gloverville, N. Y., Aug. 26.—Miss Helen Burr, a Wellesley College student, 17 years old, died at Fultonville yesterday after a few hours' illness from infantile paralysis.

## \$1,190,000 LOAN WILL NOT BOOST SCHOOL TAX RATE

Voters Will Be Asked to Approve Plan For Bettering Conditions in November

## ADOPT JUNIOR SYSTEM

To Build Big Building For Girls Only and Enlarge Tech For Boys

The proposed expenditure of \$1,190,000 to provide adequate high school facilities in the city as recommended yesterday afternoon in the report of Dr. F. E. Downes and President A. Carson Stamm, of the city school board, to the high school committee, will not mean an increase in the present school tax rate, in the opinion of city school officials.

The report was based on the survey of the school situation made by Dr. James H. Van Sickle, of Springfield, Mass. The Van Sickle report on the high school situation, recommending the erection of a new junior high school on Allison Hill, remodeling the Central high school, and the Camp Curtin grade school for junior high school use, and the building of a new high school for girls only, was adopted by the high school committee of

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## 23 Drowned When British Naval Auxiliary Is Sunk by German Submarine

London, Aug. 26.—The torpedoing in the North Sea of a British naval auxiliary with the loss of 23 men, was announced officially to-day. Eighty-seven men were saved. The torpedoed vessel was the armed boarding steamer Duke of Albany. The announcement says:

The British armed boarding steamer Duke of Albany was torpedoed and sunk in the North Sea on Thursday by an enemy submarine. The commander and twenty-two men were lost. Eleven officers and seventy-six ratings were saved.

## WASHBURN DEFEATS CLOTHIER

Southampton, Aug. 26.—Watson M. Washburn, of New York, won the Meadow Club singles tennis championship here to-day by defeating Wm. J. Clothier, of Philadelphia, former national champion, in the final match of the tournament. The score was 4-3, 6-4, 6-2.

## TWO HURT IN MOTORCYCLE CRASH

Harrisburg.—H. J. Gladhill, of the P. R. R. Y. M. C. A., and R. B. Sheely, 1231 Fulton street, were injured this afternoon when their motorcycle skidded over the tracks at Twenty-first and Derry streets, hurling them in front of an approaching auto truck. Gladhill sustained a fractured leg, and Sheely was injured about the face.

## RINGS HIDDEN IN WASTE BASKET

Harrisburg.—Miss Adeline Landis, 609 Kelker street, while in the dressing room of a downtown theater removed three rings valued at almost \$200, and walked out forgetting them. City detectives were called and found that the rings had been hidden in the bottom of a wastepaper basket. They are investigating.

## REPULSE EIGHTEEN SERB ATTACKS

Sofia, Aug. 26.—After severe fighting on the Bulgarian right wing on the Macedonian front, the Serbians have been defeated with heavy losses and compelled to retire, the was office announced to-day. Eighteen consecutive attacks were made by the Serbians.

## PRESIDENT MUST FIND MORE REVENUES

Washington, Aug. 26.—It was learned at the capitol that the President told the Senators the railroad executives had "put it up to him" to get some guarantee from Congress that they would be permitted to get more revenue to meet the increase in wages. It was said no means of accomplishing that end was agreed upon.

## RUSSIANS ADVANCE IN MOUNTAINS

Petrograd, Aug. 26.—In the foothills of the Carpathians in Galicia, the Russians have pressed back the Austrians and made considerable advances, occupying a village.

## PRUSSIAN GUARDS REPULSED BY BRITISH

London, Aug. 26.—A heavy attack made by the Prussian guard against British positions at Thiepval was repulsed by the Worcestershire and Wiltshire regiments.

## GREEK GARRISON WIPED OUT

Paris, Aug. 26.—The Bulgarians have captured the Greek fort of Startila, after killing its commander and the entire garrison which offered a spirited resistance, says a Saloniki dispatch.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Jerome B. Behrens, Beaver Station, and Jennie M. Seibert, Hummelstown; Joseph G. Jackson, Shippenburg, and Ethel May Draper, Steelton; William C. Crawford, South Fork, and Ida B. Gotshall, Center, Pa.