



NAVAL "ROOKIES" LEAVE LEAGUE ISLAND ON TRAINING CRUISE



QUICK NEWS

RAILROAD EMPLOYES AGAIN SEE WILSON

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—President Wilson and the representatives of the railway brotherhoods went into conference in the White House at 2:35 this afternoon to discuss propositions suggested to the President by the committee of railway managers at the morning conference.

BERLIN SAYS U-BOAT BREMEN IS SAFE

LONDON, Aug. 15.—The following dispatch from Berlin dated August 14 was received today by the International News Service: "The submarine merchant ship Bremen is perfectly safe, but at this moment she is a considerable distance from New York."

REPORT BURIAN HAS QUIT AUSTRIAN CABINET

LONDON, Aug. 15.—A Central News dispatch from Vienna reports that Baron Burian has resigned as Austrian Foreign Minister and that he will be succeeded by Count Andrássy.

SARATOGA RACING RESULTS

First race, 2-year-olds, selling, \$500 added, 5 1-2 furlongs—Gloomy Gus, 109, Lyke, 4 to 1, 7 to 5, 1 to 2, won; Passing Fancy, 117, Murphy, 6 to 1, 2 to 1, even, second; Yellow Stone, 110, Byrne, 7 to 5, 1 to 2, 1 to 5, third. Time, 1.14.

ROADS WILLING TO PARLEY ON 8-HOUR BASIS

Managers Accept Principle, but Would Argue Over Its Application

WILSON SENDS FOR MEN



ELISHA LEE Chairman of the railroad managers' committee in the present wage controversy which the President is trying to settle.

By ROBERT J. BENDER WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—The burden of concessions to avert the threatened railroad strike appeared to have swung from the railroads to the employes today.

At the conclusion of the conference with the managers, which began at 8:55 today, President Wilson authorized publication of the following statement:

The President spent an hour and a half this morning with the representatives of the railway managers. After the conference he said that it was impossible as yet to report on the results; all that he could say was that a very candid and honest discussion was in progress about the practicable basis of settlement.

After the railroad managers had been in the White House for more than an hour and a half it was learned they had agreed to accept the basic principle of the eight-hour day. But they demand that the question of overtime pay be subjected to a bigger and more far-reaching investigation.

According to one of the railroad men who attended the conference, the following, briefly, is their position:

We accept the principle of the eight-hour day. However, the eight-hour day question is so obviously and naturally a part of the overtime question that the two will have to be handled as one problem.

The conference of the managers ended at 10:40. They would make no comment upon leaving. It was announced that the President would see the employes at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The investigation of the application of the shorter day principle to railway operations, as presented to the President, will be made by a board appointed by the President, it is understood.

WANT THOROUGH INQUIRY. In accepting the basic principle of the eight-hour day the railroads go on the belief that neither the President nor the employes would expect the eight-hour day to be put into effect until the whole subject has been inquired into and a working program finally constructed.

In some respects it might be regarded as a step forward in the negotiations. The employes are not favorable to an out-and-out eight-hour day, their work to end at the conclusion of that period. The question of whether they would yield on the point of delaying actual application of the new program until it has been subjected to thorough investigation remains to be seen.

MANAGERS' ATTITUDE. The railroads countered with the suggestion outlined after working most of the night. At times, it is said, there was strong feeling among some of the managers that the President had attempted to place the burden of concession upon them. He had, it is understood, told them in conference yesterday that the eight-hour principle was the one upon which they should try to work, and suggested they attempt to formulate the groundwork of a settlement on that basis.

Those close to the managers said investigation might reveal the fact that railroad systems might be operated on a nine-hour basis, or perhaps ten, and that, at any rate, the subject was one for thorough investigation and not arbitration.

MEN MAY NOT YIELD. Doubt was expressed by those watching the progress of the conferences that the brotherhoods would consent to any prolonged delay in disposing of the time-and-a-half question. They have insisted that only by the time-and-a-half clause can they enforce the eight-hour day—that in railroadings any eight-hour day would be inoperative without such a penalty.

However, if the managers are to waive their own contingent propositions, it is not certain the employes will object to the plan proposed, since it centers on one of the two questions which they have maintained must be disposed of without compromising issues.

At the same time, though it borders the idea of an outside investigation, against which they have so often protested, A. B. Garretson, spokesman for the employes, smiled a bit when told of the managers' proposal, but refused to discuss whether or not it was satisfactory.

RUSSIANS' THRUST GAINS; FOE'S LINES AGAIN SMASHED

Brussiloff's Armies Force Crossing of Zlota Lipa and Bistritza

ADVANCE TWELVE MILES

Austro-German Resistance Stiffens, but Fails to Halt Invaders' Drive

The Russian drive has pierced the new Austro-German line on the Zlota Lipa River at a new point, the Petrograd War Office announced this afternoon.

Three Slav armies are closing in on General von Bothmer in the eastern theater of war. He is in retreat, as to offer fight would only multiply his difficulties. Apparently the purpose of the Russian strategists is to cut in behind General Bothmer in order to prevent his escape.

Fighting on the long front from Pinsk to the Rumanian border is growing fiercer than ever, as in some sectors the German and Austrian resistance has tightened.

All along the front, but especially in the northern sectors, has gone the word of Field Marshal von Hindenburg, the word of the French at Verdun, "They shall not pass."

Paris reports brilliant grenade attacks on the northeastern front of Verdun last night resulted in the capture of German trenches on a 300-yard front to a depth of 100 yards. German counter-attacks in this region were immediately checked.

French artillery was very active on the Somme front last night, but no important infantry engagements occurred. German counter-attacks have succeeded Allied thrusts in Picardy.

The Germans have resumed the bombardment of Rheims. The activity of patrols in this sector and the bombardment suggest that the Germans may have determined to attack in the Rheims sector.

The Italians have captured strongly held Austrian intrenchments east of Gorizia, where heavy fighting is still in progress.

NEW TEUTON LINE ON ZLOTA LIPA PIERCED BY FRESH SLAV THRUST AGAINST VON BOTHMER

PETROGRAD, Aug. 15.—The Russians have pierced the new Austro-German line on the Zlota Lipa River at a new point, having crossed to the west bank of the river in a 12-mile advance from the Upper Stripa, it was officially announced today.

Other Russian forces have crossed to the western bank of the Zlota Bistritza, south-west of Stanislau.

As the Austro-German lines in Galicia are shortened by retirements, the Russians have begun to meet with more formidable resistance, but dispatches from the front continue to report progress at numerous points.

The Russian forces that captured Zhorow, on the Stripa River, is now moving on the Zlota Lipa, the railway which joins the main Lemberg line. Along the Zlota Lipa the Russians are successfully attacking the Austro-Hungarian positions on the hills.

There has been no confirmation of the report of the capture of Hales on the Dniester, but many military critics believe that the city is already in Russian hands. The Austro-Hungarian armies of General Pflanzer, General von Bothmer and General

Continued on Page Two, Column Two

THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Partly cloudy and slightly warmer tonight, followed by showers Wednesday; light, variable winds.

Table with columns for Length of Day, Dew Point, and Temperature at each hour.

HIBERNIAN SPLIT FOLLOWS CHARGE MADE BY PRIEST

State Convention at Pottsville Astir Over McDermott Exposure

QUICK ACTION FORECAST

Salient Points of A. O. H. Controversy on McDermott

CONVENTION of A. O. H. in Pottsville divided in two factions because of Father McDermott's charges.

One faction favors ignoring the priest; the other favors adoption of resolutions asking that he be unfrocked.

"The worst is yet to come," says Father McDermott, "and I am ready for anything that comes."

Line of march of Hibernian parade is three blocks from jail in which Mollie Maguires were punished.

"In my objections," says Father McDermott, "I did not specify any distance; they march only a few steps from the jail."

Official solemn high mass, which raised the differences between Father McDermott and the Archbishop, to be celebrated tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

By a Staff Correspondent

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Aug. 15.—The bitter attack made upon the Ancient Order of Hibernians by the Rev. Daniel L. McDermott, pastor of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Philadelphia, has split the State convention of the order into two factions.

When the convention opened in the Hippodrome, at 11 o'clock this morning, the delegates had divided into two camps. Conservative leaders in the organization, including a score of State and county officials of the order, rallied a considerable following to the belief that Father McDermott's attacks should be ignored by the convention.

The other faction, which appears to be in the majority, has drafted a resolution which it is planned to have presented at the business session of the convention tomorrow. The resolution calls upon Archbishop Prendergast to unfrock Father McDermott.

The sentiment of the Philadelphia delegation

ITALIAN WARSHIP BLOWN UP; 300 OF HER CREW PERISH

Dreadnought Leonardo da Vinci Wrecked in Taranto Harbor

FLOODING TRIED VAINLY

PARIS, Aug. 15.—The Italian dreadnought Leonardo da Vinci has been blown up in Taranto harbor, Italy, with the loss of 300 of her crew, according to an unofficial dispatch received here today.

The explosion followed the outbreak of fire on board. Flames were discovered in the ship's galley and spread with great rapidity.

The crew undertook to flood the magazine and beach the dreadnought, but the explosion occurred before shallow water could be reached.

A big hole was torn in the warship's hull and she rolled over on her beam end, throwing many of the sailors into the water, where large numbers were drowned before they could be rescued.

It is believed the ship can be refloated after repairs are made.

The Leonardo da Vinci displaced 22,840 tons and her armament consisted of thirteen 12-inch guns, nine in three turrets on the center line and four in pairs in turrets straggled over the end of triple turrets; eighteen 4.7-inch guns in batteries; eighteen 3-inch guns and three 18-inch torpedo tubes.

The warship was launched in 1911 and placed in commission in 1912. The two sister ships of the Leonardo da Vinci's class are the Conte di Cavour and Giulio Cesare.



The volunteers who boarded the battleship Rhode Island this afternoon presented themselves to the public earlier in the day in a march down Broad street from Callowhill. The detail shows a typical farewell scene on the dock at the Navy Yard.

MAYOR PLEDGES ACTS, NOT WORDS, ON VICE PROBLEM

Through Talking and Will Buckle Down to the Job, He Says

SILENT ON ROBINSON

Mayor Smith today held fast to his emphatically announced declaration that henceforth he would acquaint the public only with results obtained in the vice situation, not with plans to make those results.

The Mayor reiterated that position in an interview today, but would say nothing else.

His intentions with regard to Superintendent of Police Robinson—whether he shall go or stay—are still known, apparently, to the Mayor alone. So with all other things he plans. He merely promised today that the public would be satisfied with what he did, and let it go at that.

He was asked today if he intended to follow his order taking the police out of political clubs with a similar one to other city employes.

NO USE OF TALKING.

"I am considering those things and I mean to act from time to time, but just now I have nothing to say on departmental matters," he answered. "Talking will do no good. I mean to act, and when action is taken you newspaper boys will be told of my actions, not my plans. I did not take the step with regard to the police without careful thought, and my future plans must develop before I will talk for publication on the question of city employes in politics or on the vice question. Because I have nothing to say today does not mean that I am not at work."

Regarding the published statement that he had not resigned from the Thomas B. Smith Republican Club of the Twenty-eighth Ward, he said:

"FOOLISH," HE CALLS SKEPTICS. "That story is foolish. I am not accustomed to make assertions that are not correct. There is no reason why such a yarn should get an answer, and it certainly will not from me. I am done talking about departmental matters with relation to political conditions. When ready I mean to act, and then you will see that I am working and not talking. Not a thing to any newspaper" on departmental matters until I decide the time is right to make my views public. Now is not the time to talk. This goes for all newspapers."

Part of the public is inclined to believe that after a great deal of ado the vice situation will be allowed to settle rather than be solved, and in the end the investigation will come to nothing.

Mayor Smith will say nothing about this. He insists the public isn't interested any more in his conversation as to plans; only

Continued on Page Three, Column Three

WILL USE SERUM IN PLAN TO HALT BABY PARALYSIS

Many Offer Blood in New Move to Check Disease Spread

QUARANTINES TIGHTENED

Infantile Paralysis Record of Day Here and Elsewhere

Table with columns for New cases in Philadelphia, Total cases in Philadelphia, Deaths in Philadelphia, Total deaths in Philadelphia, New cases in New York, Total cases in New York, Deaths in New York, Total deaths in New York, New cases in New Jersey, and New cases in Pennsylvania.

Weather forecast for Philadelphia and eastern Pennsylvania—Slightly warmer tonight. For New Jersey—Partly cloudy tonight; showers Wednesday.

Blood serum obtained from adults is to be used in Philadelphia to help check infantile paralysis.

Dr. A. A. Cairns, chief of the medical inspectors, today announced that a special building had been set aside on the grounds of the Philadelphia Hospital for Contagious Diseases, Second and Luzerne streets, and that already a number of persons had given their blood to be used for serum purposes.

Dr. C. Y. White, chief of the Philadelphia Bacteriological Department, has been placed in charge of the serum station and surgeons have brought forward persons who were willing to give some of their blood that the children might be saved.

Only persons who have had infantile paralysis will be allowed to make the sacrifice. The blood will be allowed to stand for 24 hours until the serum separates and then the latter will be administered in the hip or shoulder blade in amounts of three ounces or more.

SEES DANGER IN SCHEME

Doctor Cairns believes the treatment will be effective and declares that it has so proved in New York, but Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, State Commissioner of Health, is not so enthusiastic.

"That has been done for some time," said the latter, "but it is possible that such transfusion will result in worse diseases than infantile paralysis, for human blood is not an ideal fluid to the prevention of diseases."

"That of the lower animals, not subjected so extensively to the various and complicated diseases of the human, should be used, if any, and at the State laboratory,

Continued on Page Three, Column Two

PHILADELPHIA CONGRESSMEN ALL ON JOB TODAY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—For the first time in many weeks the seven Philadelphia Congressmen are in Washington today. They came here to vote on the conference report on the naval bill. Representatives John R. K. Scott and Peter E. Costello arriving shortly after noon.

AGENCY CUTS OIL PRICE 5 CENTS A BARREL

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 15.—The Joseph Seep Purchasing Agency today announced a reduction of 5 cents a barrel in all grades of Pennsylvania crude oil except Ragland.

MOVEMENT OF MILITIA TO BORDER SUSPENDED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—Because of the threatened railroad strike the War Department today suspended indefinitely the proposed movement to the border of between 25,000 and 35,000 mobilized militia in State camps and last week ordered to the Mexican line.

CHINESE WHO ATTACK JAPANESE BEATEN OFF

TOKIO, Aug. 15.—Japanese troops sent to the rescue of a small force besieged by Chinese soldiers at Cheuchintun were attacked by the Chinese in a defile Sunday, according to reports to the War Office, but beat off their assailants and continued their advance. More than fifty Chinese soldiers are reported killed, but the Japanese loss was very small. Prisoners taken by the Japanese said orders for the attack upon the Japanese came from Peking.

GIRL, SHOT ON FOURTH OF JULY, DIES

The second death resulting from the celebration of the Fourth of July was reported today. The latest victim is Mabel Henry, 5 years, a negro, of 285 Maple avenue, Ambler, Pa., who died in St. Luke's Hospital today from a bullet wound in the head. The child was sitting in front of her home when she was injured by a stray shot. She was removed to the hospital, but her critical condition prevented physicians performing an operation to remove the bullet, which had entered the brain.

STEAMSHIP SAILS TODAY WITH 1200 ARMY HORSES

The British steamship Georgic will sail from Pier 55 late this afternoon carrying 1200 horses for the British army. This is the largest shipment of horses that has been made from Philadelphia since the war began. All of them are said to be fine animals, each valued at about \$300. They are to be delivered at the French port of Brest. Accompanying this shipment of horses are 60 hostlers and a veterinary surgeon. The Georgic is in command of Captain Symons.

BULGARS AND TURKS MAY SEEK SEPARATE PEACE

ROME, Aug. 15.—Bulgarian and Turkish diplomats have arrived in Berne and are in touch with diplomatic agents of the Allies with a view to the negotiation of separate peace, says a Berne dispatch to the Idea Nazionale today. Austrian agents are said to be watching the Turks and Bulgarians very closely.

ATHENS, Aug. 15.—A report is current here that a Turkish personage sojourning at Geneva is authorized to negotiate a separate peace, provided Turkey is to retain Constantinople and the Dardanelles and possession is safeguarded by the Entente Powers. The Allies, it is reported, declined to entertain the Turkish proposals.

ALLEGED CONFIDENCE MAN, WANTED HERE, BREAKS JAIL

"Curley" Carter, alleged confidence man, arrested last Wednesday in Salt Lake City, Utah, and held for Philadelphia and Pittsburgh officers, made his escape from the Salt Lake City jail, aided by a woman accomplice known to the police as Mrs. Barry. Carter was to have appeared in court today on habeas corpus proceedings instituted by his lawyer to talk return East.

U. S. SEEKS ROCKAWAY LAND FOR \$5,000,000 FORTS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—The War Department has taken steps to acquire land at Rockaway Beach for fortifications to cost about \$5,000,000. An appropriation authorizes these forts. Secretary Baker has referred to Judge Advocate General Crowder the question of whether the Government holds title to any land at Rockaway available for fortifications.

RECRUITING OFFICE OPENED OUTSIDE OF UNION LEAGUE

Enlistments for the First Brigade of the Pennsylvania Troops are now being taken in front of the Union League. Major Charles H. Hendler is receiving the applicants. Some 100 odd have been accepted already and are en route to Mt. Gretna, where they will be made fit before being sent to the Mexican border. The recruiting station was made possible through the courtesy of several Union League members, particularly Colonel John Gribbel, president. The Union League members provided the tent, rug and other furnishings.