

**SEEKING A PLAN  
TO PREVENT THE  
PROPOSED STRIKE**

**Government Officials Suggest  
Intervention if Railroad  
Managers and Men  
Cannot Agree.**

**SHOT UP TO PRESIDENT**

**Wilson and Chambers Meet and  
Go Over Proposition, Dis-  
cussing the Phases.**

**WOULD AVERT WALKOUT**

Washington, Aug. 3.—While the strike vote of 400,000 railroad employes was being counted in New York, every agency of the federal government affected by the situation was preparing today to do all possible to avert a final break between the railroads and men.

William L. Chambers, commissioner of the board of mediation and conciliation, was in communication with President Wilson during the day, though board officials pointed out that nothing of a formal character could be done until the railroad managers and representatives of the employes resume negotiations next week.

**Meeting for Today.**

A call was issued for a meeting tomorrow morning of the senate commerce committee, to decide whether hearings would be held on Chairman Newlands' resolution proposing an investigation by the interstate Commerce commission of hours and labor on railroads, and urging the employes and employees to postpone a settlement of their differences until a report can be made. Hours of labor constitutes one of the chief causes of the threatened strike.

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States, which yesterday appealed to President Wilson for federal intervention to prevent a strike, is urging action on the resolution. The chamber is considering calling a conference of representatives of commercial organizations to impress on the congress the necessity of taking some immediate step.

**Hanger on Board.**

The president today designated G. W. Hanger, assistant commissioner of the board of mediation and conciliation, as a member of the board. The law stipulates that there shall be three members, but Judge Martin A. Knapp, chairman, and William L. Chambers, commissioner, have served alone because an official of the department of labor, designated as the third member when the board was formed, was not qualified for the place.

Judge Knapp and Mr. Chambers asked the president to increase the membership, because the work of the board already has become great and the threatened railroad strike has added to the necessity of having another member.

Administration officials said everything possible would be done to avert a strike. If all other steps fail, it is probable President Wilson will make a personal appeal to the railroad managers and the employes, urging them to effect a settlement in the interest of the public. The question may be discussed at tomorrow's cabinet meeting.

**Denmark Likely  
To Accept Offer  
Made by Uncle Sam**

Copenhagen, Aug. 3.—It is regarded as probable that the Rigsdag will accept the offer of the United States to purchase the Danish West Indies, in spite of opposition from several quarters, including the socialist who demand that the negroes of the island be given the vote immediately. The offer for the islands is \$25,000,000 and the cessation of all American rights in Greenland to Denmark.

**The Weather**

For Nebraska—Partly cloudy, with local thundershowers; somewhat cooler Friday.—Unsettled; partly cloudy; continued warm.

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

5 a. m.	58
6 a. m.	58
7 a. m.	59
8 a. m.	59
9 a. m.	59
10 a. m.	59
11 a. m.	59
12 m.	59
1 p. m.	59
2 p. m.	59
3 p. m.	59
4 p. m.	59
5 p. m.	59
6 p. m.	59
7 p. m.	59
8 p. m.	59
9 p. m.	59
10 p. m.	59
11 p. m.	59
12 m.	59

Comparative Local Record.

1817 to 1914	1914	1915	1916
Highest temperature	86	84	101
Lowest temperature	78	52	66
Mean temperature	67	62	73
Excess for period, 1915	82	T	80
Precipitation	2.78	2.09	0.00

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Cheyenne, rain	80	84
Denver, cloudy	78	83
St. Louis, clear	86	87
Judge City, clear	98	102
Landover, cloudy	80	80
North Platte, clear	86	85
Omaha, clear	92	95
Pueblo, cloudy	56	64
Rapid City, rain	76	74
Sioux Falls, cloudy	86	88
St. Joseph, clear	88	91
Santa Fe, cloudy	78	82
Sheridan, cloudy	86	86
Sioux City, clear	82	86
Valentine, clear	92	94

Temperatures and precipitation departures from the normal:  
Normal temperature..... 74  
Excess for the day..... 16  
Total excess since March 1..... 206  
Normal precipitation..... 11.33  
Deficiency for the day..... .91  
Total rainfall since March 1..... 10.67  
Deficiency since March 1..... 1.77  
Excess for year period, 1915..... 1.97  
Deficiency for year period, 1914..... 2.73  
Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.  
Temper. High-Low-Rain-  
fall, etc., fall.  
L. A. WELSH, Meteorologist.

**CASEMENT HANGED  
FOR HIGH TREASON**

**Mocking, Jeering Crowd Gathers  
About Prison at Hour  
Set for Execution.**

**HE MEETS DEATH CALMLY**

London, Aug. 3.—Roger Casement, former British knight and consul, was hanged at 9 o'clock this morning in Pentonville jail for high treason. He was convicted of conspiring to cause an armed revolt in Ireland and with having sought German aid to that end.

Two hours before the execution a crowd of men, women and children gathered before the prison gates. Twenty minutes before Casement mounted the scaffold the great prison bell commenced to toll. The sound was greeted with cheers from the crowd, mingled with some groans. At 9 o'clock the crowd had swollen to such proportions that it extended for two blocks from the prison front. At one minute after 9 a single stroke of the big bell announced that the trap had been sprung. It was the signal for a mocking, jeering yell from the crowd, which suddenly died away into dead silence.

**Meets Death Calmly.**

Casement met his death with calm courage, according to eye witnesses. Earlier in the morning two priests of the Roman Catholic church administered the rites in the cell of the condemned man, and shortly afterward a little procession, preceded by the chaplain, with Casement following, a warden on either side, proceeded toward the execution shed, only five yards away. The priests recited the litany of the dying, Casement responding in low tones: "Lord, have mercy on my soul."

As the party reached the shed where the gallows was erected the special executioner, a hair dresser named Ellis, approached Casement and quickly pinioned him. The two chaplains, the under sheriff of London and the under sheriff of Middlesex, then took up their positions in front of the scaffold. Casement mounted the gallows steps firmly and commended his spirit to God as he stepped on the trap. A moment later the lever was pulled.

Immediately the trap was sprung the prison engineer and physician descended into the pit where, after the application of the usual tests Casement was pronounced dead at nine minutes after nine. According to the custom in the case of prisoners hanged for crimes similar to that of Casement, his body will be buried in (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

**Moosers Discuss  
Means to Continue  
Party Organization**

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 3.—When representatives of the progressive party, who disapprove the action of the national committee in endorsing Charles E. Hughes for president, met here at noon today to consider the advisability of calling another convention to nominate a candidate for president, sentiment of leaders was divided in regard to what action should be taken.

A majority of those present favored putting a third ticket in the field, but several influential leaders doubted the wisdom of the action. Every representative agreed, however, that it would be desirable to take some action which would perpetuate the progressive party as a national political organization.

The conference was called to order by Edwin M. Lee of Indianapolis, progressive state chairman for Indiana. Matthew Hale of Massachusetts, acting chairman of the progressive national committee, was chosen to preside at the conference, and J. A. Hopkins of New Jersey was elected secretary.

Chairman Hale was applauded when he said: "We have come here with two ideas. We wish to show that we do not approve of the action of the reactionary wing of the national committee in Chicago, June 26, in endorsing Hughes for president, and to take some action to perpetuate the progressive party."

**German Gunboat  
Sunk in Duel With  
Belgian Gunboat**

Have, Aug. 3.—(12:16 a. m.)—The sinking of the German gunboat Graf von Gotten in a duel with the Belgian gunboat Netta, on Lake Tanganyika, is announced in an official statement issued by the Belgian war office. The text follows:

"Lieutenant Colonel Moulart telegraphs that while cruising off the German shores of Lake Tanganyika, the Belgian gunboat Netta, commanded by Lieutenant Lenaerts, surprised, on July 28, the German gunboat Graf von Gotten landing troops. The Netta engaged it and it sank in fifteen minutes, after vainly trying to escape. The Netta then scattered, by its fire, enemy troops and porters, who had just been landed. It is not known whether the crew of the Graf von Gotten were saved. The Belgians had no losses."

**Davis Elected Vice  
Chancellor by the  
Pythian Knights**

Portland, Ore., Aug. 3.—Charles S. Davis of Denver, was elected supreme vice chancellor of the Knights of Pythias today after the supreme lodge had spent more than three hours in hearing speeches nominating four candidates for the office, which leads automatically to the highest office within the gift of the order.

**One Zeppelin  
Raider Disabled**

London, Aug. 3.—Six German airships took part in the raid on the eastern counties of England this morning, according to an official announcement issued this afternoon, which says that eighty bombs were reported to have been dropped. Nine horses were killed and three horses were injured, the statement adds.

**Prices of Gasoline  
Will be Lower**

Pittsburgh, Pa., Aug. 3.—All grades of Pennsylvania crude oil with the exception of Ragland, were reduced 10 cents a barrel at the opening of the market today and Ragland was reduced 5 cents. The new prices are Pennsylvania crude, \$2.40; Mercer Cabell, \$1.92; Somerset, \$1.75; and Ragland, 75 cents. Refiners said that the next move in the market would be reduced quotations for gasoline.

**DEUTSCHLAND FAR  
OUT ON THE WIDE  
ATLANTIC OCEAN**

German Merchantman  
Evan...fulness of Its  
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**SASSES OUT AT NIGHT**

Submerges a Mile From the  
Coast and, Hid From View,  
Pulls for Home.

**DASH WITHOUT INCIDENT**

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 3.—Somewhere out in the Atlantic today the German merchant submarine Deutschland and allied warships were believed to be playing hide-and-seek as the andersca boat sped homeward after passing out the Virginia capes last night.

The Deutschland submerged a mile off the coast shortly before 9 o'clock and so far as known here was unobserved by the allied warship patrol guarding the capes against its escape. One of the last acts of Captain Koenig and his crew, according to Captain Hinch of the tug Timmins, which acted as its convoy from Baltimore to the capes, was to stand on the deck of the submarine and give three rousing cheers for America and the American people.

The final dash was virtually without incident. Eighteen of the miles up the Chesapeake bay, at the crossing of the Old Point and Cape Henry channels, the submarine began to gain speed and soon was hurtling toward the Atlantic. With only a slight delay after reaching the capes, it dashed into the sea and submerged. Only one warship, a United States torpedo destroyer, was sighted by the submarine in its entire trip from Baltimore.

At Cape Henry today one two-funnel warship was visible lying out beyond the three-mile limit.

**Borland Insists  
That Meat Trust  
Is Still Active**

Washington, Aug. 3.—Representative Borland of Missouri renewed his charges of a beef trust in the house today and demanded action on his resolution proposing an investigation of meat prices by the Federal Trade commission. He asserted that packers were dividing enormous dividends while they charged consumers war prices and had tried to stifle the proposal for an inquiry because they feared publicity.

**Mrs. Chamberlain  
And Mr. Carnegie  
Married at London**

London, Aug. 3.—Mrs. Joseph Chamberlain, widow of the late British statesman, and the Rev. William Hartley Carnegie, rector of St. Margaret's and canon of Westminster, were married at Westminster Abbey at 8 o'clock this evening. The ceremony was very simple and quiet.

Mrs. Chamberlain, before her marriage, was Miss Mary Endicott of Massachusetts, daughter of the late William C. Endicott, secretary of war in President Cleveland's cabinet. She married Joseph Chamberlain when he was colonial secretary under the late marquis of Salisbury.

**Railroads Will Not  
Take Explosives  
Into Jersey City**

Jersey City, N. J., Aug. 3.—The railroads entering Jersey City have agreed not to bring in high explosives into their terminals here and will not resist the edict of the city commission requiring an inspection of every freight train entering the city, it was announced today by Frank Hague, director of the public safety. The railroads asked the director today to meet representatives in a conference to discuss the situation.

**Man Accidentally  
Killed at Gering**

Gering, Neb., Aug. 3.—(Special.)—A. O. Epley, a machine erector employed by the Great Western Sugar company here, died at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon as the result of an internal hemorrhage which he sustained earlier in the afternoon while unloading a car of twelve-inch cast iron pipe. One of the pipes rolled off on the ground and then bounced and rolled over Mr. Epley. The pipe was for use in the addition to the sugar plant which is being built here.

**Farm Loan Board  
Will Meet Aug. 7**

Washington, Aug. 3.—Secretary McAdoo, chairman ex-officio of the new farm loan board, today notified the four appointive members of their confirmation by the senate and called a meeting here August 7, when the work of organizing the new system will be inaugurated.

**Literacy Test Law  
Probably Rejected**

Oklahoma City, Okla., Aug. 3.—Estimates of the majority polled against the proposed literacy test amendment voted on Monday last in thirty-seven of the seventy-seven counties of the state today ranged from 4,000 to 8,000. No county so far has reported its official vote.

**GERMAN PRISONERS CARRYING THEIR WOUNDED—This is a picture of German soldiers carrying one of their wounded after being taken prisoners in the Somme battle.**



LAGING GERMAN WOUNDED AWAY FROM SOMME BATTLE LINE  
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**STATE MERCHANTS  
BUYING HEAVILY**

This Gives Railroads Full Car  
to Bring Grain to the  
Metropolis.

**GRAIN IS MOVING EARLIER**

Thrashing is going on rapidly and all the railroads are running as heavy traffic as their equipment will allow. One feature which will help the movement of the crops, in the opinion of E. P. Hennessey of the Rock Island, is that western merchants are buying heavily for the fall and winter seasons and this brings many loaded freight cars into the west which can be filled with eastbound grain. The Union Pacific says that it still has cars empty for the grain movement.

The Missouri Pacific has sent out cards to its agents and regular customers urging that cars should be loaded as soon after receipt as possible and requesting consignors not to order cars for delivery before they need them.

W. W. Johnston, freight agent of the Burlington, says that the railroads are going to be rushed, but he anticipates no such problem as all the railroads were called on to handle last year, when the weather during the harvest season was so wet that very little wheat was shipped until September and October and began to conflict with the movement of the new corn.

**Winnipeg Officials  
Deny Extensive  
Damage by Rust**

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 3.—Assertions by private grain experts that black rust and blights have caused serious damage to the wheat crops of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, are denied in official statements issued by the respective provincial governments.

While the unofficial reports declared the wheat crop virtually was wiped out in some districts, the Manitoba department of agriculture, in a statement says today that 16 per cent of the spring wheat area is affected. The Saskatchewan government has denied all reports of black rust, but says there is some red rust in a few southern districts, where inconsequential damage has been done.

The Manitoba government says the affected fields are mostly in the Red river valley and its affluents, between Winnipeg and the international boundary, an area sixty miles deep and extending west as far as Morden. Everywhere else in the province excellent conditions are said to exist.

**Fresh Bush Fires  
Threaten Towns in  
Northern Ontario**

Toronto, Ont., Aug. 3.—Refugees who arrived here today stated that a bush fire of alarming proportions was threatening Timko, twenty-six miles from Englehart.

**Ambitious Men  
and Women**

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A little ad inserted in this column stating what your qualifications are and the position you think you could fill would find more good openings than days of endless foot travel.

The charge for advertising in this column is very low—call at The Bee and you will get assistance in writing your ad without any extra charge.

**AUSTRIANS TAKE  
ITALIAN SUBSEA**

Giacinto Pullino and Crew Cap-  
tured in Upper Adriatic and  
Brought to Pola.

**DROP SHELLS ON DURAZZO**

Vienna, Aug. 2.—(Via London, Aug. 3.)—The Italian submarine Giacinto Pullino has been captured by the Austrians in the north Adriatic and brought to Pola, according to an official announcement. The submarine was almost undamaged and its entire crew of twenty-one were taken prisoner. The details of the capture have not been made public.

**Seventeen Known  
Deaths from High  
Water in Tennessee**

Middlesboro, Ky., Aug. 3.—Members of a rescue party who returned from Tazewell, Tenn., this afternoon reported that seventeen persons are known to have lost their lives in the vicinity of Tazewell as a result of a cloudburst last night. Some persons still have not been accounted for and it is believed that the death list will reach thirty.

**Waiting for the  
Word from Mexico**

Washington, Aug. 3.—The final word from General Carranza necessary to initiate organization of the joint commission for settlement of border disputes is expected to reach Washington in a day or so and officials say the commission's deliberations may begin within a week or ten days.

**Several Villista  
Leaders Captured**

Chihuahua City, Mex., Aug. 3.—Several important Villista leaders have been captured or have surrendered to government troops within the last few days, General Jacinto Treviño announced today. Among the prisoners taken at Cerro Gordo and brought here today were Gabriel Valldivieso, a former Villa general; Gregorio Caso, formerly a Villa lieutenant colonel, and two so-called lieutenants.

**Hughes Cannot Address  
Women's Convention**

Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 3.—That Charles E. Hughes, nominee of the republican party for president, will be unable to deliver an address before the national conference of the woman's party, to be held in this city next week, was the announcement made in a message received today from Miss Alice Paul, suffrage leader in New York City. Mr. Hughes, in declining the invitation of the National Woman's party, it was said, expressed sincere regret at his inability to address the conference and stated that his numerous engagements would make it impossible.

**Colpetzer Estate is  
Appraised at \$192,560**

The report to county court of Anan Raymond, appraiser of the estate of the late Frank Colpetzer, president of the Chicago Lumber company, values the estate at \$192,560.

**WAITING FOR THE  
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Washington Ready to Iron Out  
Mexican Matters When Car-  
ranza Names Commission.

**POWER OF THE BODY**

While no formal comment was made at the department there was nothing to indicate that the three commissioners named, Messrs. Carreras, Bonillas and Pani, would not be entirely acceptable to department officials. President Wilson has a score of men under consideration for appointment as the American representatives, but it is understood he has not attempted so far to make a choice.

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South of the Somme a German counter attack at Estrees failed.

Several violent German counter attacks on the trenches taken by the French yesterday on the right bank of the Meuse, the statement adds, were everywhere stopped by the screen of infantry fire. In this region, which is north of the fortress of Verdun, the French made substantial progress to the south of Fleury. Since the first of August the French have captured 1,100 Germans on this bank.

On the left bank of the Meuse an intense artillery duel continues, but there has been no infantry action. In the Somme sector, Sergeant Chaintat of the French aviation corps, brought down two German machines, which makes a total of eight brought down by this aviator.

Germans Admit Reverse.

Berlin, Aug. 3.—(Via London.)—French troops have penetrated the German lines on Monacu farm in the region of the River Somme, and have taken a trench section to the north of that position, says the official statement given out today by the German army headquarters.

In the region north of the fortress of Verdun, the announcement says the French have recaptured a trench section which they had lost in the Laufen wood.

**RUSSIAN EVADE GAS ATTACKS**

Petrograd, Aug. 3.—(Via London.)—"On the night of August 2, in the region of Smorgon," says the official Russian statement issued today, "the enemy launched gas attacks on both sides of the railway. The attack opened at 1 o'clock in the morning and the gas was released six times with intervals between the waves. The gas attacks finished at 6 o'clock in the morning."

"The use of gas was discovered in good time, with the result that the Germans, who were following the gas attacks, were, on attempting to advance, met with rifle and machine gun fire and suffered severe losses. The enemy did not even succeed in getting outside of his own wire entanglements and rapidly returned to his trenches."

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