

BRITISH ADVANCE ON SOMME FRONT

London Says Line is Pushed Forward West and South of Guillemont.

GERMAN RUSH IS CHECKED

London, Aug. 17.—The British have made another advance on the Somme front. Official announcement was made today that the line has been pushed forward west and southwest of Guillemont.

The communication follows: "As a result of fighting undertaken yesterday evening in conjunction with a French advance on Maurepas, we have pushed forward our line both west and southwest of Guillemont. West of Highwood we captured some 300 yards of hostile trench about 300 yards in advance of our previous line. East of Monquet farm our machine gun fire nipped in the bud a German attack.

"West of Vimy we exploded a mine and occupied the crater with only slight opposition. Both we and the enemy blew up small mines south of Loos, causing no damage."

Violent Artillery Duel.

Paris, Aug. 17.—A violent artillery duel is in progress north of Maurepas, in the Somme region, says the war office statement today. There were no infantry attacks during the night.

The announcement says: "On the Somme front the enemy made no attempt at a counter attack during the night.

"Our troops are organizing the positions they won. Artillery fighting continues with great violence in the region north of Maurepas and in the sector of Belloy-en-Santerre.

Assaults Fail, Says Berlin.

Berlin, Aug. 17.—(Via London.)—French and British troops made heavy attacks on the Somme front, says the Germans, but were beaten back by the Germans, says the official announcement today.

The statement says: "The enemy's fire increased at times to great violence west of Wytchacht and on the La Bassée canal and to the south thereof.

"After strong British attacks from the Villers-Pozieres line and west of Fourcaux woods had been repulsed in the morning, the French, after the strongest artillery preparation advanced to the assault between Guillemont and the Somme, and at the same time very considerable British forces advanced between Pozieres and Fourcaux woods. The assault failed, as did five nocturnal attacks attempted by the French. After stubborn fighting portions of the enemy troops which penetrated our positions west of Fourcaux woods and south of Maurepas were driven back again. The enemy's losses were large.

"South of the Somme fighting took place in the neighborhood of Belloy. The French obtained a foothold here in our first line trenches over a width of about 500 meters. East thereof and near Estres the enemy has been repulsed."

BROTHERHOOD HAS PLAN OF WILSON TO SETTLE STRIKE

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cede the eight-hour day, but are willing to arbitrate that question and all others before any tribunal the president of the men may decide upon.

The men are willing to arbitrate some questions under certain conditions and are unwilling to arbitrate others.

This afternoon at 3 o'clock the president will present his plan to the full committee of 640 employees. It is the hope of getting them to approve it. The result will be presented to the railroad presidents later.

Early this morning Secretary Tumulty telephoned to Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore & Ohio, stating the invitation to the railroad presidents to come to the White House, and Mr. Willard said he would do everything possible to arrange a conference.

In case President Wilson finds that any of the railroad presidents cannot speak absolutely for their roads, he may invite to the White House the financiers who control them. Officials said today that the president wants to deal with the "ultimate authority" on both sides, in order that negotiations may be conducted here.

List of Presidents Invited.

President Wilson's invitation was sent to the following railroad presidents:

Daniel Willard, Baltimore & Ohio; Samuel Rea, Pennsylvania; Fairfax Harrison, Southern railway; Samuel M. Felton, Chicago & Great Western; George W. Stevens, Chesapeake & Ohio; William Sproule, Southern Pacific; E. E. Calvin, Union Pacific; L. F. Loree, Delaware & Hudson; W. J. Harahan, Seaboard Air Line; W. H. Truesdale, president of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western; L. F. Loree, president of the Delaware & Hudson; E. J. Pearson, vice president New York, New Haven & Hartford; George W. Stevens, president of the Chesapeake & Ohio; R. S. Lovett, chairman of the Union Pacific; Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman of the Southern Pacific, and F. D. Underwood, president of the Erie.

Chambers Sees Union Heads.

Judge Chambers of the federal board of mediation and conciliation held a brief conference with the brotherhood heads this morning. Further than to say he had one question on which he wanted a definite answer and that he got it, the conference would not discuss the nature of his visit. Mr. Chambers left the White House immediately upon leaving the brotherhood officials.

"I should not like to say that the situation still is hopeful," A. B. Garretson, spokesman for the employees, said after Mr. Chambers left. "Hopeful is hardly the word that I should use. I would say, though, that I deem a settlement still possible."

Want Smaller Lines Included.

Some of the leaders of the men were planning to meet the demand of the railroad managers for arbitration by insisting President Wilson that seventy-five more lines for which railroad managers contend they have no authority to speak shall be included in the negotiations.

In that way an old dispute between the managers and the brotherhood officials will be opened and probably result in an inquiry into the owner-

PIONEER WOMAN DIES FROM EFFECTS OF FALL



MRS. MARY A. STEPHENS.

Mrs. Mary A. Stephens, a resident of Omaha for thirty-five years, died Wednesday afternoon from internal injuries suffered by a fall Saturday afternoon in the yard of her home in Florence.

Mrs. Stephens was born in Germany, March 6, 1836. She came to this country at an early age and in April, 1881, with her husband, Adam Stephens, came to Omaha from New Haven, Conn. She has resided here ever since. Mr. and Mrs. Stephens observed their golden wedding anniversary seven years ago.

She is survived by her husband, two daughters, Mrs. Emma Richardson and Mrs. Louise Alberts of Omaha, and two sons, Edward of Omaha and George of St. Louis. She is also survived by eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held from the residence Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock with interment in Forest Lawn cemetery.

ship and control of the seventy-five roads in question.

Investigation will prove, the employees' representatives insist, that the larger railroads for which the managers are acting, control the majority of the smaller lines.

Presidents for Arbitration.

The feeling prevailed that the attitude of the railroad heads was now the same as the managers' committee. The railroad presidents are expected to make a strong plea for preservation of the principle of arbitration and will express their fear if the present difficulty cannot be settled without it, there is little hope of its being successful in the future.

Another indication of the delicacy of the situation was seen in the decision at the White House not to make public the president's remarks to the men, at this time at least. It was first intended to publish the president's statement and then his statement to the managers, thus laying the case before the high court of public opinion.

INVITATION IS ACCEPTED.

Large Delegation Leaves New York for Washington at 4 O'clock.

New York, Aug. 17.—The railroad presidents of the country have accepted President Wilson's invitation to visit and confer with him in Washington on the railroad strike situation. A number will leave this city for the national capital at 4 o'clock this afternoon and another delegation will leave for Chicago.

Those who will leave from New York are:

A. H. Smith, president of the New York Central; Frank Trumbull, chairman of the Chesapeake & Ohio; Benjamin F. Bush, receiver of the Missouri Pacific; Hale Holden, president Chicago, Burlington & Quincy; W. W. Atterbury, vice president of the Pennsylvania; W. J. Harahan, president Seaboard Air Line; W. H. Truesdale, president of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western; L. F. Loree, president of the Delaware & Hudson; E. J. Pearson, vice president New York, New Haven & Hartford; George W. Stevens, president of the Chesapeake & Ohio; R. S. Lovett, chairman of the Union Pacific; Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman of the Southern Pacific, and F. D. Underwood, president of the Erie.

Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore & Ohio, who has often been spokesman for the railroad presidents on other occasions which have taken them to Washington, is understood to be on his way.

CHICAGO OFFICIALS START.

Heads of Five Mid-West Systems are on Way to Washington.

Chicago, Aug. 17.—Presidents of five railroads with headquarters in Chicago left for Washington on their way to President Wilson's call. They are W. J. Jackson, Chicago & Eastern Illinois; C. H. Markham, Illinois Central; H. R. Curry, Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville; M. J. Carpenter, Chicago, Terre Haute & Southwestern, and R. H. Aishton, Chicago & Northwestern.

Site for Building Accepted.

Washington, Aug. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—The Treasury department has accepted the site donated by Heber Ford for a public building to be erected at Central city, located at the southeast corner of Sixteenth avenue and Sixteenth street.

Georgia Disposes of Woman Suffrage and Anti-Lynching Bills

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 17.—A bill providing that the sheriff of any Georgia county in which a lynching occurs shall be removed by the governor was tabled, 115 to 29, by the Georgia house today a few minutes before the close of the legislative session, after it had passed the senate. The outstanding accomplishment of the session was the passage of the compulsory education law. A woman suffrage amendment was disposed of by setting its consideration for tomorrow—one day after adjournment.

GERMAN SINGING SOCIETIES MEET

State Saengerbund Opens at Grand Island With Reception Concert by Local Musicians.

TWO CONCERTS AND PICNIC

Grand Island, Neb., Aug. 17.—(Special.)—The local committee for the biennial Saengerfest of the Nebraska German singing societies have everything in readiness for the event, which begins this evening with the reception-concert, as given by the local choruses. Of these there are the male chorus, the ladies' chorus, the mixed chorus and the local orchestra. This concert will be completely under the direction of Prof. Carl Schluer, director of the Liederkranz choruses, who has arranged orchestral accompaniment to nearly all of the songs.

The musical numbers will be interspersed by addresses of welcome by Richard Goehring, president of the Nebraska Saengerbund, and Mayor Charles G. Evans. Among the more pretentious numbers on the program are "Der Heini von Steier," by Heinrich Zoelner, for a large mixed chorus, with solo parts for soprano, bass and violin obligato and orchestral accompaniment, as also "Fair Ellen," by Busch, the well known cantata, with soprano and baritone solos, mixed chorus and orchestra.

The Saengerbund, comprised of the individual singing societies from Omaha, Lincoln, Madison, Council Bluffs, Mame, Ia., Grand Island, Hastings and Columbus, will be under the direction of Prof. Theodore B. Reese of Omaha. The Omahans are coming with two distinct organizations, including a large ladies' chorus. The first of these concerts will be held on Friday evening, and the second on Saturday evening.

Sunday afternoon there will be a general picnic in the grove and grounds of the Plattdeutsche Heim, a club property of an organization of 600 local Germans. The concerts and other entertainments will be held in the Liederkranz auditorium and garden. In the two concerts by the Saengerbund there will be solos by Miss Margaretha Damm, dramatic soprano; Miss Margaretha Kinder, lyric soprano, and Mr. Fritz Rieth, baritone.

The Saengerbund will have a business meeting on Saturday or Sunday.

HUGHES SPEEDING SOUTH ALONG THE PACIFIC COAST

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the national powers which will give us national prosperity."

Mr. Hughes was accompanied on the trip from Portland by Chester H. Rowell, former progressive national committeeman from California and at present a member of the republican national campaign committee. Mr. Rowell discussed with the nominee the situation in California. After his speeches in San Francisco tomorrow Mr. Hughes will remain in the city until Saturday and will discuss with republican and progressive leaders campaign affairs, in which the nominee feels there should be close cooperation between republicans and progressives in California.

The nominee spent most of today resting. He said he felt "bully" and that his voice was improving.

Three Minutes at Oakland.

At Oakland, Ore., a three-minute stop had been made while Mr. Hughes shook hands with as many as could reach him. At Sutherlin, the candidate's wife was presented with a large bouquet of roses. The first rear-platform speech of the day was delivered by Mr. Hughes at Roseburg, where the train stopped for fifteen minutes. He dwelt upon the subject of Americanism and the tariff. He also spoke briefly at Beysers.

Mr. Hughes was up early today to view the mountain scenery and to greet the people along the way.

Braving the rain, Riddle's population turned out in large numbers to greet Charles E. Hughes, republican candidate for president, as his train stopped there a few minutes today.

Williams Is Out Of Tennis Playing

Newport, R. I., Aug. 17.—A new name on the Casina bowl for the annual invitation tennis singles tournament was assured today when R. Norris Williams, II, Philadelphia, who won last year's competition here, was eliminated by Clarence J. Griffin, San Francisco.

To some extent the downfall of Williams was accounted for by a weak ankle, which compelled him to play a back course game. In this style of play alone, he was unable to place the ball where Williams, unable to move rapidly, could not reach it.

Harold A. Throckmorton, Elizabeth, N. J., who, in the earlier days of the tournament, eliminated W. J. Clothier and H. Mikami, added to his laurels, defeating N. W. Niles, Boston. Johnston's defeat of Watson of M. Washburn of New York was accomplished without great effort, Washburn taking only seven games in three sets.

Unidentified Woman Killed by Motor Car

An unidentified woman, who was struck by an automobile as she was alighting from a westbound Farnam street trolley car at Twenty-sixth and Farnam streets at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, died at the Leonardo Da Vinci hospital, where she was taken, a few hours later.

Both legs were broken and she was injured internally. The machine that struck the woman was driven by C. H. Stockdale, 2200 Farnam street. The woman wore a straw hat, white waist and dark skirt. She carried a handbag.

War Summary

AFTER SCORING IMPORTANT GAINS along a front of nearly three miles in the Somme region the French are heavily consolidating the newly won ground. The Paris bulletin today reports intense artillery activity north of Maurepas. The new allied advance north of the Somme has for an objective the important railway center of Peronne.

TODAY'S OFFICIAL STATEMENT from London reports the pushing forward of the British line west and southwest of Guillemont, the report apparently covering the operation announced by Paris last night.

FURTHER INDICATIONS of the stiffening of the Teutonic resistance to the Russian advance in Galicia is contained in today's statement from Petrograd, which announces renewed counter attacks by the Austro-German forces.

INDICATIONS OF IMPORTANT activity in the Balkans are increasing.

TO DECLARE WAR ON INFANTILE PARALYSIS

Health Authorities of Thirty-Eight States to Plan Campaign.

NOTED MEN TO ATTEND

Washington, Aug. 17.—What officials regard as one of the most important medical conferences in the country's history will meet here tomorrow to discuss means of combating infantile paralysis.

Health authorities from thirty-eight states, officials of the Federal Public Health service and many leading scientists will exchange views on the methods of treatment and prevention and will work out a more definite scheme of co-ordinating their campaign against the disease. Representatives of various railroads will be present for consultation on the question for checking a further territorial spread.

Health Service Aroused.

While officials here have insisted that there is no occasion for panic and no likelihood of a country-wide epidemic, there is every indication that the health service has become thoroughly aroused by the persistence of the disease in spite of the best efforts of local and federal officials. The outbreak has presented many developments baffling to scientists and there are questions relating to the origin, transmission and control of the disease on which authorities differ widely.

All of the subjects will be gone over in detail at the conference which probably will last at least two days. This statement regarding its purposes was issued tonight at the Treasury department which has the health service under its jurisdiction.

Reason for Conference.

"The conference is made necessary by the seriousness of the infantile paralysis situation and is considered one of the most important conferences of this sort ever held.

"Consideration will be given to the prevention of the interstate spread of the disease, research problems, symptomatology, epidemiology, general principles of control and the relation of the aftercare of infantile paralysis patients.

"One of the most important points that will come up for discussion undoubtedly will be the prevention of the interstate spread of the disease."

In his call for the conference, issued August 9, Surgeon General Blue asked each state to send one representative. Four secretaries of state health boards are among those who have been designated to attend, while twenty-four other states have designated chief health officers, health commissioners or other officials to represent them.

Scientist to Attend.

In the absence of the surgeon general, who is ill at Hot Springs, Va., Acting Surgeon General Glenn will open the conference. Secretary McAdoo will make an address and then reports on the prevalence of the disease in the various states will be heard before discussion of research problems, symptoms and methods of cure are taken up.

Among those who had arrived tonight for the meeting are eminent scientists, bacteriologists, physicians, surgeons and leaders in past campaigns against various diseases. Experts with long experience in combating infantile paralysis are included.

Bryans Will Not Move To North Carolina to Live

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Aug. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—W. J. Bryan will not move his residence to North Carolina, in order to run for the United States senate, as reported in dispatches yesterday.

C. W. Bryan, mayor of Lincoln, pronounced the message a fake. According to the Lincoln mayor, the Bryans will continue to make Fairview their official residence.

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BRYAN HAS PLAN FOR RAIL ISSUE

Would Apply Principle Set Down in Treaties Between Nations.

MESSAGE TO EMPLOYES

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 17.—W. J. Bryan sent the following telegram Tuesday, suggesting the peace-treaty plan for settlement of the differences between the railroads and their employees in the present crisis:

"Messrs. Garretson, Stone, Carter and Lee, Railroad Brotherhoods, New York—If it is found impossible to agree upon arbitration, I venture to suggest for your consideration the plan embodied in the new peace treaties between this nation and thirty other nations, representing three-fourths of the population of the world. These treaties provide for investigation of all disputes before resorting to war, but reserve the right of independent action at the conclusion of the investigation. The fact that the commission's report is not binding on the parties insures fairness. The commission on investigation provided for in the treaties is composed of five members, one appointed by each nation from among its own citizens, one appointed by each nation from a friendly nation, and the fifth is agreed upon by the contracting parties.

"In applying this plan to the present labor dispute, each side could appoint one member from among its own ranks and one member from the outside. The fifth member could be agreed upon by the parties or be selected by the president.

"Pleading, as justification for this suggestion, my deep interest in the industrial situation and my earnest desire for an amicable settlement which will be just to all concerned, I am, Very truly yours,

"W. J. BRYAN."

Guards at Cement Plant Who Killed Man Arrested

La Salle, Ill., Aug. 17.—Two guards at the German-American cement plant, Joseph Burkhardt and W. A. Davy, were removed to jail at Ottawa today as a result of the killing last night of a young Polish worker, who was discovered, the guards say, prowling around the plant. The victim was shot to death. A strike of cement workers has been in progress here a month.

Guards in large numbers are said to have been imported to protect the mills. Conditions in the strike zone, the authorities say, are becoming more alarming.

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Randolph Wanted On Murder Charge By Montana Officer

York, Neb., Aug. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—County Attorney Gilmour today received a message that the county authorities at Fergus, Mont., held a warrant charging J. P. Randolph, former York county man with murder. Sheriff Miller of York is at present on the way back from Boulder, Colo., with Randolph, who also

stole an automobile here. Randolph was located in Montana by ex-Sheriff J. H. Affelbach of York and while the latter was bringing Randolph back, Affelbach disappeared. His body was found a long time afterward, it is said, and the Montana authorities desire to press a charge of murder against Randolph.

Davis a Suicide, Says Jury. Chicago, Aug. 17.—Miss Davis, a mining man of Victoria, B. C., committed suicide in a hotel here last week, while despondent over financial affairs, a coroner's jury decided today.

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