

# PROSPECT OF AVERTING RY. STRIKE GROWS LESS

## RAILROAD COMPANIES PESSIMISTIC AND PREPARE FOR STRIKE ON MONDAY

Notices of Embargoes Sent Out by all the Big Roads.

CONGRESS LEADERS ARE HARD AT WORK.

Only Satisfactory Settlement Can Avert Strike, Brotherhood Officials Inform Pres. Wilson.

Chicago, Aug. 30.—Throughout the entire country today the railroads, great and small, gathered their forces to oppose the strike set for next Monday.

The undercurrent of feeling reported at Washington that the catastrophe would not be avoided, was not reflected here among railroad men. A summary of the situation made by E. P. Ripley, president of the American, Topeka and Santa Fe, who was a member of the committee which conferred with President Wilson, as spokesman for railroad presidents who returned this afternoon from the conferences at the national capital, intensified the pessimism felt here.

Mr. Ripley asserted that the railroads can now see no hope of a settlement before Labor Day, and are making every preparation for eventualities.

Practically every important railroad in the country gave notice of embargoes, or was preparing to give them. They affect perishable freight and live stock, which at present constitute about one-third the freight traffic on most western roads, and passenger agents everywhere were instructed to warn passengers of probable delays, and not to accept any perishable freight which could not normally be delivered before Sept. 4th.

In some cases the date was set for Saturday, the 2nd or Sunday.

On the important subject of what the roads propose to do Mr. Ripley said that attempts would be made to keep at least one passenger train on each run, and that preference would next be given to perishable freight.

Associated Press dispatches from all parts of the country today reflected the shock felt by every line of industry at the prospect of the strike.

Washington Still Hopeful.

Washington, Aug. 30.—All the influence of the administration was brought to bear today in an effort to persuade the railroad brotherhood leaders to cancel or postpone the order calling a nationwide strike Monday, while leaders in Congress came ready for legislation designed to prevent or stop the threatened industrial catastrophe. Little tangible progress was made in either direction, but nevertheless, in official quarters tonight, there still prevailed confidence that in one way or another the walkout would be averted.

To the spokesmen of President Wilson who approached them, all of the brotherhood officials gave the same reply: That they had no power to recall the strike order, and that only one thing—a "satisfactory settlement"—could keep their men at work after 7 a. m. Labor Day. Further pressure will be brought to bear and, as a last resort, the president is considering a public appeal to the men themselves to have the order rescinded.

Apparently the legislation which is being counted on to stay the brotherhoods is that part of the president's programme which would fix an eight-hour day for railroad employees engaged in operating trains in interstate commerce, and provide for an investigation of its effects by a commission or board.

This embodies the principal features of the President's original plan, accepted by the trustees, and W. G. Lee, head of the trustees, said tonight that its enactment, with a guarantee of the present rate of daily pay would be regarded by the brotherhood leaders as a "satisfactory settlement" immediately upon its becoming a law. He said, the brotherhood leaders would send out the code message notifying general chairmen that the strike order should not go into effect.

Even some of the congressional leaders who oppose other features of the programme say such a law could be passed.

All Day Debate in Senate.

The Senate had an all day debate on the crisis, while the interstate commerce committee without discussion, began beginning at nine o'clock tomorrow morning, when representatives of both sides will be heard. Three hours will be given to each side, and then the commission will begin drafting legislation into shape for presentation to the Senate Saturday.

One dominant thought in the minds of members of Congress generally resulted in the introduction, late in the day, of a resolution by Senator Blair, of Maryland, calling upon officials of the railroad brotherhoods to postpone execution of the strike order for a week, to give Congress sufficient time for intelligent consideration of legislation suggested by President Wilson's message. The resolution was referred to the Interstate Com-

## Hindenburg "Fires" 30 German Generals

Wholesale Dismissals Follow Appointment as Chief of Staff—Von Bernhardt, Military Writer, Given a Commission.

New York, Aug. 30.—The Journal has the following from The Hague: Despatches from Berlin received here today state that thirty German generals have been dismissed as a result of the appointment of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg as chief of the general staff.

The appointment of General Von Hindenburg and the dismissal of General Von Falkenhayn from the headship of the German general staff has caused almost a panic in Germany.

Von Bernhardt Given a Commission. Zurich, Switzerland, Aug. 30, via London.—Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, according to a despatch received here today, recently removed the Austrian major General Puhalla, from command of the army corps defending the Kovel section of the front in Volynia, and gave the command of the troops there to General Friedrich Von Bernhardt.

General Von Bernhardt is one of the best known military writers of Germany. In 1912 he wrote a book entitled "Germany in the Next War," in which he forecasted many of the features of the present campaign.

## WAR VETERANS OPPOSE IDEA OF SUPPLANTING SECRETARY ROBINSON

His Work on Returned Soldiers' Aid Commission Roundly Endorsed in Resolution to Go to Premier.

At the regular meeting of the European War Veterans' Association, held on Monday evening, the following resolution was passed, and a copy ordered to be sent to the Premier, Honorable George E. Clarke.

Resolved, That the following resolution be adopted and sent to Premier Clarke, in regard to the Secretaryship of the Returned Soldiers' Aid Commission:

"That we as members of the Returned European War Veterans' Association, having been led to believe that the Honorable Premier is in receipt of a resolution, adopted at the New Brunswick Recruiting Committee regarding the appointment of a secretary of the Returned Soldiers' Aid Commission, and that a wounded soldier or officer be given the job, place ourselves on record as being strongly opposed to such a change, as recommended by the Recruiting Committee; and that further

"Resolved, That we do request that the Honorable Premier and his government, not to make any change in the secretaryship to the Returned Soldiers' Aid Commission, as since the appointment of Mr. Charles Robinson to that position the treatment of the returned soldiers could not be better."

Respectfully yours on behalf of the European War Veterans' Association, S. C. TIPPETT, President. GEO. WILSON, Secretary. St. John, N. B., Aug. 28, 1916.

Big Labor Day Celebration.

All arrangements have been about completed for the big celebration to be held on the Barrack Square Labor Day. Numerous attractions are to be provided for both young and old.

Sports, minstrel shows, tug-of-war, fortune telling, pike, tea room, candy booth, lucky star booth, prizes for guessing contests, etc. Two bands will be in attendance. Admission 10 cents.

merce Commission without discussion.

Opinion in the Senate, after the general debate, concentrated on the urgent necessity for emergency action first, proposals for permanent legislation to be considered thoroughly after danger of an immediate tie-up had been passed.

This statement was forcibly expressed on the floor, and echoed in conferences of house leaders.

The interstate commerce committee disclosed the proposed legislation late in the day, but postponed action until after tomorrow's hearings. In the meantime word came from the house side that Representative Adams, chairman of the commerce committee, and Majority Leader Kitchin had concluded that the eight-hour day law could be passed through the house.



GEN. VON HINDENBURG.

## PIPE BAND HEADS MILITARY FUNERAL

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Aug. 30.—The funeral of Private Isaac S. Burns, of the R. C. R., took place this afternoon from the home of his brother-in-law David Gorman, Odell avenue.

For the first time in the history of Fredericton a military pipe band headed a funeral procession, the pipe band of the 236th Battalion, the New Brunswick Klitties being here for the funeral. The firing party was supplied by No. 8 Field Ambulance Corps, and the band was led by the band leader, Mr. S. G. A. Grace, of Halifax, represented the R. C. R. Six returned war veterans of Fredericton acted as pall-bearers, and officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the 236th Battalion attended.

Rev. Thomas Marshall conducted services and interment was made at Pickard burials ground, Douglas, the last post being sounded by Battalion Q. M. Sgt. Diamond, of the Klitties, who some years ago was bugler in the R. C. R.

## THE LUCKY WINNER OF THE CHEVROLET CAR RAFFLED BY THE 178th BATTALION.

Mr. H. J. Dunlop, employee of the Canada Paper Co., Windsor Mills, Ont., is the holder of the lucky number, 3559, winning the Chevrolet car which has been raffled for the benefit of the regimental fund of the 178th F. C. Overseas Batt., commanded by Lt. Col. de la Bruere Girouard.

This automobile was given to the 178th by the 54th of Sherbrooke, and the winner, while contributing to a good cause, has won a \$700 car with 50c ticket.

The civil committee of the 178th takes the opportunity of thanking every person who has helped in the sale of these tickets, as well as those who bought them.

Although the raffle was a success, the battalion is still in need of funds. Hon. Lt. Col. O. S. Perrault would be very thankful and pleased to receive subscriptions, large or small, in further aid of the cause.

All donations should be addressed to him, 900 St. Antoine street, Montreal.

In remitting, kindly make cheques payable to the order of the civil committee of the 178th F. C. Battalion.

You've heard of the Cabaret; It's the talk of the day; So be sure and remember The thirteenth of September, In St. Andrew's Rink, under the auspices of Royal Standard Chapter, I. O. D. E.

## NO TROUBLE TO GET POSITIONS FOR SOLDIERS

T. B. Kidner Tells of Vocational Work of Military Hospitals Commission—Will Address Meeting Here Today.

T. B. Kidner, vocational secretary of the Military Hospitals' Commission of Canada, arrived last night from Fredericton where he had been in conference with the members of the local government and the local committee in regard to the work of the commission.

On Tuesday he spent most of the day conferring with the members of the provincial and local committees in reference to organizing their work. On Wednesday on request of Dr. T. Carlton Allen, he addressed a joint meeting of patriotic workers in the council chamber, City Hall, on the work of the Hospital Commission all over Canada.

Mr. Kidner said the vocational branch of the Hospital Commission was now in good working order, and men under treatment in convalescent hospitals all over Canada were afforded an opportunity to participate in some kind of vocational training while in hospital.

Owing to the difficulty of obtaining suitable instructors, some of the hospitals had not yet commenced work. Instruction was provided in a variety of branches, the chief aim being to provide occupation for the men's minds and bodies with a view to restoring them to health and civil life as speedily and effectively as possible.

Mr. Kidner was asked what subjects were taken up and in reply he said: classes in general subjects, such as English, arithmetic, penmanship, etc., in which men could brush up their general education if necessary were provided in many of the hospitals. Good classes in commercial branches were also in operation where men might learn typewriting, shorthand, book-keeping, etc.

For men of a mechanical frame of mind, work in arts and crafts, such as were given in the Parks Convalescent Home in St. John had been provided.

Where possible, a feature was made of out-door occupations, such as gardening, poultry raising, bee keeping, etc. Mr. Kidner said that in the four western provinces great attention had been paid to this work and with the assistance of the poultry expert of federal and local governments, poultry houses had been built and stocked with various breeds of fowl. Incubators and brooders had been provided and the men were taking a great interest in the work.

Mr. Kidner said the commission was now operating twenty-four hospitals for general convalescent treatment from Sydney to Victoria, in addition to a large special institution recently opened at Coburg, Ont., for the treatment of shock cases. At the present time there was no difficulty in finding employment for all returned men, indeed, in some districts, there were more jobs than men to fill them.

Mr. Kidner will visit the Parks Convalescent Home this morning and at 1 o'clock will be the guest of the Canadian Clubs at a luncheon in Bond's. The luncheon will not be confined to the members of the Canadian Clubs, but an invitation is extended to all citizens who desire to hear Mr. Kidner on this interesting subject to attend. Tickets may be obtained from Bond's during the morning.

In the evening a meeting of the returned soldiers will be held in their club rooms, 100 F. Hall, Charlotte St., and every returned soldier in the city is asked to be present.

On Friday morning Mr. Kidner will leave for Moncton where he will speak in the afternoon on behalf of the provincial returned soldiers' commission and in the evening he will speak at Sackville on the same subject. He will be accompanied to Moncton and Sackville by Charles Robinson, secretary of the provincial commission.

Auto and Bike Collide.

Yesterday afternoon automobile number 5691 and a bicycle ridden by Charles Mangier collided on Sydney street. The "bike" was considerably damaged and the rider's coat was torn.

DIED.

VANWART.—On the 29th inst., at the summer residence of her daughter, Mrs. E. J. Fleetwood, Mrs. Christina Vanwart, widow of B. Vanwart. Funeral Friday, 2:30 p. m. from 111 Carmarthen street.

MURRAY.—At St. Agathe, Quebec, on Tuesday, 29th August, after an illness of four months, Robert Gray Murray, only son of the late J. H. Murray, aged forty-seven years.

CUNNINGHAM.—In this city on the 29th inst., George Wellington Cunningham, leaving his wife, four daughters, two sons, three brothers and one sister to mourn.

Funeral will take place on Thursday, at 2:30 p. m. from his late residence, 178 King Street East.

## BRITAIN SUPERIOR IN GUNS, AMMUNITION AND IN MANHOOD

Toronto, Aug. 30.—Full of confidence regarding the ultimate result of the war was the address delivered today by Sir Geo. Foster, minister of trade and commerce, at a luncheon of the Toronto exhibition directors. "We will not rest until complete victory over the enemy is obtained" was his summarizing of the attitude of Great Britain. Her military unpreparedness was sufficient proof that she did not want war. But for her navy Germany might have now been master. By wonderful organization Britain was now superior in the matter of guns, ammunition, and, as always, in manhood. In France there was not a whisper of anything but a conclusive victory.

Sir George paid high tribute to the medical service, and said that no one in Canada need be concerned about the treatment of wounded soldiers. The French official communication issued this evening says: "On the Somme front there has been moderate artillery activity. The weather continues."

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"An enemy attack on the River Bystritsa was repelled by our troops."

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MITCHELL IN NEW YORK.

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Blood was like Water Anaemia. You cut your finger and the blood is slow to heal. The blood is watery and fails to form a clot. The lips and gums are pale. Yes, we are anaemic. This condition is best overcome by taking Dr. Chase's Nerve Food. In this food cure there are combined in concentrated form the elements that go to form new, rich, red blood. It improves, color and strength returns. Dr. Chase's Nerve Food is a safe, reliable, and most satisfying remedy. It is a best, 6 for 25c, all dealers. Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, 24c, Toronto.

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## ROMANIANS WITEN 3 MILES OF KRONSTADT

(Continued from page 1)

British Extend Their Line.

London, Aug. 30.—The official communication from general headquarters issued at midnight reads: "South of Martingupich we extended our line across a small salient, capturing some prisoners, the number of whom has not been ascertained. Thirty-eight other prisoners were taken in minor operations."

"Between the Ancre and the Somme, despite the adverse weather, there has been a deal of artillery activity on both sides."

"On the remainder of the front nothing of importance occurred."

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## CASUALTY LIST

Ottawa, Aug. 30.

Infantry. Died of wounds—Henry Deane, Picton, N. S.

Wounded—James W. Blair, East Leicesters, N. S. Neil McKinnon, Springfield Mines, N. S. Chester Nesles, Amherst, N. S.

## GERMANS ADMIT BRITISH FORCES BROKE THROUGH

Berlin, Aug. 30, via London.—The German official statement issued today follows:

"Western theatre: In the Somme district enemy operations during the day were unable to develop on account of our effective curtain of fire. During these operations we made considerable and continuous use of artillery."

"During the evening and night strong attacks followed from the line of Oivillers-Poissieres and between Guillemont and Maurepas, while adjoining this sector to the Somme and beyond the river into the neighborhood of Chilly, the enemy who had prepared to make storm attacks was held down to his trenches during the night."

"Our positions were maintained without exception."

"North of Oivillers-Poissieres our troops again repulsed, in heavy hand-to-hand fighting, the English detachments which had penetrated our positions at a few points."

"On the right bank of the Meuse renewed French attacks near Fleury and against our positions between the village and Chapelle Wood, prepared for by violent artillery fire, again broke down."

"Southeast of Fleury the enemy was driven back by a counter-attack."

"North of Ancre Brook and to the west of Muchelton an enemy aeroplane was put out of action at each place in an aerial battle."

"Two aeroplanes were brought down by our anti-aircraft guns north of the Somme. Another was forced to land within our lines near Soyecourt."

Eastern theatre: "North of the Carpathians there was no event of importance. German troops stormed Mount Kukul, to the northeast of Sabin."

"Balkans: The situation generally is unchanged."

Arrested For Indecency.

Last evening Detectives Barrett and Briggs arrested a man giving his name as Charles Bonnie of Halifax for acting indecently in the Queen Square. When the prisoner was searched at police headquarters it took two property bags to hold the articles taken from his pockets. These articles included: twenty-four handkerchiefs, rings, earrings, pins, watch fobs, keys, chains, etc., along with twenty-five dollars in cash. The prisoner is a man about fifty years old and the detectives have been been watching him for some time.

While we meet him for twenty rounds or more, anywhere a referee's decision is permitted.

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