

## ONLY THE PRESIDENT CAN AVERT A STRIKE OF THE RAILROAD MEN

Controversy is Laid Before Him, and the Scene Now Shifts to the National Capital.

ARBITRATION IS REFUSED

Representatives of the Railroads and the Brotherhoods Leave for Washington.

MEDIATORS MAKE REPORT

Statement as to Cause of Final Break Are Conflicting.

New York, August 13. — A general strike on very near all the railroads of the country, paralyzing commerce and throwing approximately two million men out of employment, can be averted only through the good offices of President Wilson, as a result of today's developments in the dispute over the men's demands for an eight-hour day and time and a half for overtime. The controversy was laid before the President, at his invitation, after the workers had flatly rejected any form of arbitration. They refused mediation yesterday.

Confere With President Today.

Soon after accepting the President's summons, extended through the Federal Board of Mediation and Conciliation, the men announced that the leaders of the four railroad brotherhoods would leave for Washington tomorrow night, accompanied by 30 of their 600 delegates established here. An hour later the railroad managers, 19 in number, said that they would leave for the capital at the same time. Mr. Wilson's representatives, arriving here at 9 o'clock tonight, Mr. Tumulty has with him a communication from President Wilson, addressed to the brotherhoods and the railroad managers, pointing out that the analysis of business as would follow a general railroad strike would be a catastrophe at any time, but would be nothing short of a disaster under present conditions. On this ground the President based his offer of mediation. The nine battalions of the squadron, which will be commanded by Rear Admiral Helm, will mobilize at Gardiner's bay, near New London, Conn. The Rhode Island will be the flagship. After two days of embarkation and Detroit. At Norfolk recruits from that city, Richmond, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Chicago, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Des Moines, St. Louis, Omaha, Kansas City, Dallas and Washington will board the ships. The Illinois and Louisiana. The battalions of Alabama will take on the recruits from Charleston, New Orleans and Houston, Texas, at Charleston.

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## NEW RECORD MADE IN APPROPRIATIONS

Total at This Session of Congress Will Probably Approximate \$1,700,000,000.

REVENUE BILL IMPORTANT

This is Being Impressed Upon the Senate Leaders—Appropriation Exceeds by \$500,000,000 Former Highest Record.

Washington, August 13. — The importance of the \$200,000,000 revenue bill on which Senate Democrats today devoted many hours of deliberation in caucus is being impressed upon leaders by the fact that appropriations of the session, now nearing completion, have broken all records. With passage this week of the \$50,000,000 ship purchase bill and probable approval by the House of the Senate's gigantic Naval bill, the appropriations of the 65th Congress will have exceeded the previous high record by at least a half billion dollars. While exact figures cannot be computed until the close of the session, the aggregate appropriation by Congress for all purposes probably will approximate \$1,700,000,000, as against \$1,114,000,000 for the 63rd Congress.

Asheville, N. C., Aug. 13.—The great dam at Lake Toxaway, 50 feet high, 400 feet in width and holding back waters that covered 550 acres of land in the Toxaway region, 38 miles from this city, crumpled and went out with a roar at 7:10 tonight, and at 11 o'clock tonight toward South Carolina cities in their path, including Walhalla, Anderson, Pickens and Seneca. Warnings of flood danger were sent to all South Carolina points by the Associated Press at this city at 7:30.

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## DAM HOLDING THE WATERS OF LAKE TOXAWAY BREAKS

Towns in South Carolina Are Warned of the Impending Danger of Being Flooded.

WHOLE DAM WASHED AWAY

Lake Was Practically Drained Early Last Night—Was Built at a Cost of \$38,000.

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## WINTER ONLY MAY STOP GREAT DRIVE

No One at the British Front in France Thinks the Offensive is by Any Means Over.

THE GUNFIRE UNCEASING

Some Strong Point Taken Every Day—British Officer Thinks Twice as Many Germans as British Have Been Killed.

With the British Armies in France, Aug. 12 (via London, Aug. 13).—Anyone who might think from reading the British official reports that the British offensives were over, would conclude from the unceasing gunfire, if he went out in field, that a terrific battle was still in progress. No one the Associated Press correspondents meet at the front thing that the offensive is over or that anything but winter will stop it. Though no village or considerable frontage of trenches has been stormed in the last few days, every day has found some strong point taken and some new spur of trenches thrown out in the course of the same kind of operation which followed and preceded each big drive.

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## THREE MEN DROWNED IN THE SURF AT FORT CASWELL YESTERDAY

W. E. Ardrey and Leonard Swaim, Charlotte, and Fred. White, Salisbury, Are Dead.

GAINS BY ALLIES ON THREE FRONTS

Advances Made in Italian Theatre, in Galicia, and in the Somme Region of France.

RUSSIANS TAKE MARIAMPOL

They Also Capture Town of Podgajacy and Several Villages—Teutons Have Success in the Bystritsa Sector.

Hard fighting in the Somme region of France, in Galicia and in the Italian theatre with further gains for the Entente Allies in all three regions, marked the operations of Saturday night and Sunday.

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## TWO BODIES RECOVERED

Triple Tragedy Occurs When the Coast Artillery Men Bathe in Strong Ebb Tide.

WHITE'S BODY NOT FOUND

Those of Charlotte Men to be Sent Home Today.

Three members of the North Carolina Coast Artillery Reserves, in annual encampment at Fort Caswell, lost their lives while bathing in the surf at the fort yesterday morning about 10:30 o'clock. The dead are: First Sergeant William E. Ardrey and Lance Corporal Leonard Swaim, both of the Charlotte company, and Private Fred. White, of the Salisbury company. It is stated positively that Swaim and White were drowned, but it is believed that Ardrey died of heart failure. The bodies of Ardrey and Swaim were very promptly recovered, but White's body was washed away, it seems, by the strong outgoing tide, and has not been recovered.

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## FRENCH CRUISER SAILS AFTER A BRIEF VISIT

Purpose of Trip to Pensacola Not Definitely Known.

Unusually Frequent Soundings Taken in the Harbor Caused Comment Among Marine Men—Newspaper Men Barred.

Pensacola, Fla., Aug. 13.—The French cruiser, Amiral Aube, which unexpectedly entered this port yesterday, left today without the real mission of her visit becoming definitely known. Captain Leskivitz took on no fuel or supplies but did receive a small packet of documents from the French consul here.

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## GERMANS REPULSE RUSSIAN ATTACKS AT SEVERAL POINTS

Berlin, via London, August 13.—The repulse of Russian attacks at various points on the eastern front is recorded in the following statement given out here today:

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## LONDON CLAIMS ADVANCE

London, Aug. 13.—An important advance on the Somme front west of Pozieres was announced today by the war office. The British pushed forward their lines 300 or 400 yards over a front of nearly a mile. The announcement follows:

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## WILMINGTON BOYS HEROIC

Capt. E. Bailey, until recently in command of the Wilmington company of Coast Artillery Reserves, the W. L. I., having gone down to the fort yesterday morning, and First Lieutenant Earl D. Moore, of the Charlotte company, came up from Fort Caswell last night and arranged for having the bodies of Ardrey and Swaim sent home. They were placed in charge of Yopp's undertaking establishment and will be brought up the river on the steamer Wilmington on its first trip today, arriving here about 2 P. M. They will be accompanied to Wilmington by a detachment of the Coast Artillery Corps and detachments will accompany them from here to Charlotte and Lexington, respectively.

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## REAR ADMIRAL HELM

Will be First Naval Officer to Sail Tuesday Cruises for Civilian Aboard by the American Navy.

2,300 MEN WILL TAKE PART

Among Them are Secretary McAdoo and Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt—Nine Battleships Employed.

Washington, Aug. 13.—Leaving offices, shops and factories for nearly a month at sea, 2,300 citizen sailors are assembling for the first naval training cruise of civilians ever held by the American navy. Next Tuesday they will sail from various Atlantic coast ports on nine battleships to receive actual sea training until the training trip known as "The John Paul Jones cruise" ends September 12. The cruise of instruction is designed to qualify civilians for naval service in time of emergency just as the camps at Plattsburgh and elsewhere train civilians for army service.

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## CHIHUAHUA CITY

Reports are Circulated Even in Mexican Official Quarters.

Chihuahua City, Mex., August 13.—Charges are circulated, even in official circles, that American mining and other concerns with properties in Mexico are refusing to operate in order to help bring about intervention, it was learned today.

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## AGUSTA, GA.

Augusta, Ga., Aug. 13.—Augusta has no need to be apprehensive regarding the break in Lake Tokaway dam, according to local Forecaster E. D. Emigh and City Engineer Nisbet Wingfield. Information now at hand indicates that the break will not cause more than a 1/2 foot rise in the Savannah river at its point