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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 mately two million men out of emdevelopments in the dispute over hour day and time and a half for vice. overtime. The controversy was flatly rejected any form of arbitration. They refused mediation yes-

Confer With President Today. Soon after accepting the President's ummons, extended through the Fed-

terday.

eral Board of Mediation and Conciliation, the men announced that the leaders of the four railroad brotherhoods would leave for Washington at midnight, accompanied by 30 of their 600 delegates established here. An hour later the railroad managers, 19 in number, said that they would leave for

Both parties will reach Washington tomorrow in time for an early conferthe meeting will be arranged by Secretary Tumulty, who started for this city from Washington late today as here at 9 o'clock tonight. Mr. Tumulty has with him a communication from otherhoods and the railroad managers, pointing out that such a paralgeneral railroad strike would be a catastrophe at any time, but would and Providence. be nothing short of a disaster under present conditions. On this ground the resident based his request for a conerence with representatives of both actions before a strike order is issued by the leaders of the men.

Tumulty Telephones President. Negotiations had not been broken off when Mr. Tumulty left Washington, received a telegram from W. L. Chamm that the men had declined to arbitrate. Mr. Tumulty's first step afresident Wilson on the long distance The final break came late today afer the men had been in secret session learly six hours. Reports differ as to the reason for the failure of the negotiations in favor of cheerful outook of the night before. The men assert they refused arbitration because he railroads insisted on arbitrating contingent proposition. f mediators, in a statement issued tolight, declared, however, the men reected their proposition, contending hat they would not arbitrate even if the railroad waived the contingent

The statement of the mediators issued by Judge Martin A. Knapp, chairman of the board, just before their de-Parture for Washington, follows:

Mediators' Statement. "After repeated efforts to bring about in arbitration of the pending contronited States board of mediation and onciliation was today advised by the epresentatives of the employes that hey would not submit the matters in lispute to arbitration in any form. The employes further stated to the oard that they would not arbitrate heir own demands even if the contingent demands of the railroads were withdrawn and also declined to sug-Rest any other plan or method for a peaceful settlement of the contro-

They were informed that their deciresident claimed the right to a per- ed today. arge delegation of employes with a turn bandits would disappear. with the President.

tion and conciliation that they would able for all properties.

accept arbitration. "The chief objection of the men to (Continued on Page Eight.)

Will be First Naval Mynd Cruies for Civilia Held by the America Navy.

mong 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 assembling for the first naval training commerce and throwing approxi- cruise of civilians ever held by the Amployment, can be averted only on nine battleships to receive actual through the good offices of Presi- sea training until the training trip dent Wilson, as a result of today's ends September 12. The cruise of infor naval service in time of emergency the men's demands for an eight- just as the camps at Plattsburgh and elsewhere train civilians for army ser-

laid before the President, at his of life in all important cities of the invitation, after the workers had McAdoo, of the Treasury, and Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, of the Navy are among those who will receive the same treatment and training as college and high school youths and others less prominent. A rigid routine of daily duty, beginning before sunrise, has

Tomorrow the first of the citizen sailors will go aboard ship at Portland Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Norfolk and Charleston, S. C. Those from New Haven, Albany, New York, Brooklyn. Newark. Scranton and Buffalo, will board the battleships Maine. New Jersey and Kentucky, at New York. The battleship Rhode Island will receive the recruits at Philadelphia from that city, Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Detroit, At Norfolk recruits from that city. Richmond, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Chicago Mr. Wilson's representative, arriving Washington will board the battleships Alabama will take on the recruits from Charleston, New Orleans and Houston, Texas, at Charleston.

The battleships Kearsarge and Virvsis of business as would follow a ginia will carry the recruits from Port- tions.

The total cost to each recruit is \$30, all paying their own railroad fares to points of embarkation The nine battleships 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 but when he reached Philadelphia, he squadron will join the Atlantic fleet and as a tactical unit of Admiral Mayo's ers, one of the mediators, informing command, will participate in a naval war game. After these sea maneuvers the citizen sailors will be taken to ter reaching New York was to call Tangier sound in Chesapeake Bay for

tricts from which they sailed and cooperate with the mobilization and drill of motor boats entered for the motor boat cruise. Secretary Daniels hopes to be able to review the civilian sailors | Does This in Reply to Criticisms of the at some time during their training pe-

GO ABOARD THE ALABAMA Charleston, S. C., Aug. 13 .- Preparations have been made for more than 100 civilians from the Carolinas and Georg ia to go aboard the battleship Alabama here tomorrow for a naval training cruiser of three weeks. The Alabama, recently ordered here from the League Island navy yard, arrived today.

The training contingent is made up mostly of business men. Early tomorrow they will be issued regular uniforms and given an idea of what will be expected of them during the three weeks' cruise. Officers of the Alabama said

skeleton crew is to be augmented by the civilian blue jackets.

WITH ABETTING INTERVENTION Reports are Circulated Even in Mexican Official Quarters.

circles, that American mining and other concerns with properties in Mexico would be at once made known to are refusing to operate in order to help resident Wilson and also that the bring about intervention, it was learn-

onal interview with both parties be- | With plenty of work and food de fore any drastic action was taken. This factor government officers say the prev- the Rhode Island's shots were bunched was, of course, granted and a alent tendency of the poorer classes to as shown by the fact that on the bat-

lumber of railroad managers will be It is said that resumption of work Washington Monday for a conference at the various mining camps could be fired at practice never are disclosed by accomplished without danger and only the Navy Department but it is under-"Farly in the negotiations, the rail- small panidt groups are now in existfoads had informed the board of media- ence, while large garrisons are avail-

Augusta, Ga., Aug. 13.-Augusta has arbitrating the railroads' 'contingent no need to be apprehensive regarding proposition' lay in their contention that the break in Lake Tokaway dam, acthe proposal entailed the wiping out of cording to local Forecaster E. D. muble compensation features which Emigh and City Engineer Nisbet Wing-I vapuah river at the point.

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

ate Leaders-Appropriation Exceeds by \$500,000,000 Former High-

est Rocord

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 purcomputed 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.

Besides regular supply bills, which total as they now stand \$1,387,206,580, shipping bill is approved more than \$90,000,000 for special purposes. There amounting to about \$207,000,000, all of which would bring the grand aggregate include men prominent in various walks to \$1,685,000,000, with the uncertain of life in all important cities of the general deficiency appropriation bill

> Special appropriations include \$20. 000,000 for a government nitrate plant, \$6,000,000 for good roads, \$15,000,000 for rural credits, and \$50,100,000 for the supply bills that enter into the session's total are as follows:

> Postoffice, \$322,206,579; navy, yet to pe approved, \$315,826,843; army, \$267,-597.000: pensions, \$158.060.000: sundry civil. \$128.396.445: rivers and harbors judicial, \$37,925,699; army and navy, and other urgent deficiencies, \$31,012,-075; agriculture, \$27,000,000; fortifications, \$25,478,050 District of Columbia yet to be approved, about \$13,000,000; Indian affairs, \$10,967,644; diplomatic and consular, \$5.355,096, and military academy, \$1,225,043.

> Final action on the long disputed na val bill is expected before the week ends. On Tuesday the conference report will be called up in the House. Representative Padgett, chairman of the naval affairs committee, will move that the House agree to the Senate amendments and separate roll calls will be taken on each of the disputed sec-

> With President Wilson and a major ty of the party leaders urgently supporting the Senate's naval building and House will agree to them after advo-(Continued on Page Eight.)

IMPROVEMENT SHOWN BY GUNNERS OF NAV

Secretary Daniels Makes Public Some Target Statistics.

Navy's Gunnery Efficiency-l'ractice in Spring More Exacting.

the spring target practice in the Atrecent criticism of the navy's gunnery in the long range firing during last February and March the pattleship Virof a battleship, while the Rhode Island, which made the lowest score of the six ships mentioned, landed eight shots firing at slightly greater range.

"The correct score of the shins mentioned," said the amnouncement, "spotted on a battleship target 600 feet long, 95 feet beam and 30 feet free board, based on the result of the cam-Nebraska 22 hits; Louisian 15 hits: Kansas 16 hits, Virginia, 26 nits, New

Jersey 20 hits, Rhode Island, 8 hits The firing was at long ranges, much longer than ever before. The Rhode Even at these greatly increased ranges tleship target she received eight hits." commended that it be strengthened and proceeded down the coast at about an eral Bavarian prisoner sere captured. clothing. However, no trace of White's The ranges and the number of shots this action was taken. The dam was eight knot speed. Tug boat men comThe enemy exploded a mine east of body had been found up to 5 o'clock fired at practice never are disclosed by about one-eighth of a mile wide and ing into Pensacola tonight said they Cabaret Rouge but we occupied the lip yesterday afternoon, and further efforts stood the records referred to were made while the fleet was trying out its gunners at from 15,000 to 18,000 yards. To support his defense of the ravy's shooting ability Secretary Daviels called attention to statements made by many high officers and gunnery experts of the fleet that navy marksmansnip had improved greatly during the

exacting conditions.

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.

dam at Lake Toxaway, 50 feet high, 400 from the unceasing gunfire, if he went feet in width and holding back waters out in field, that a terrific battle was that covered 550 acres of land in the still in progress. No one the Associa-Toxaway region, 38 miles from this city, ted Press correspondents meet at the crumpled and went out with a roar at front thing that the offensive is over :10 tonight, and at 11 e'clock tonight or that anything but winter will he waters thus released were racing stop it. Though no village or considtoward South Carolina cities in their erable frontage or trenches has been path, including Walhalla, Anderson, Pickens and Seneca. Warnings of flood danger were sent to all South Carolina in the course of the same kind of points by the Associated Press at this

According to long distance messages from Toxaway, the entire dam, built of earth and stone, seemed to melt before the rush of waters within a few min-The initial opening in the dam, caused, it is believed, by the seeping also have been contract authorizations of a natural spring at the base, was not

Was Built in 1902. The dam, which was built in 1902 at cost of \$38,000, was built at a point and densely wooded gorge for a distance of sixteen miles of comparatively uninhabited country before it empties into the Chuga river and strikes the first towns in its path in South Carolina 3,500 feet below the Toxaway section. There have been no unusual rains in is thought that the dam was weakened ern North Carolina during the week of July 16. This is the third and largest of the lakes in the mountains of Western North Carolina which have gone out

since the July storms. Had Been Strengthened The Toxaway country is known as he "beautiful Sapphire section" tourist circles. The lake and the hotal named after the section, were built in 1902 by a party of Pittsburg capitalists. The company originally owned 3.100 acres of land in the Toxaway expert engineers to investigate the safety of the dam, with the idea of securing legislative relief, should it be determined that their properties were endangered. Following the engineers report the dam was strengthened materially, large piles of rock being unload.

Four weeks ago, during the flood period, fears for the safety of the Toxaway dam were repeatedly expressed. and there were several reports that the dame had gone out.

At 11 o'clock a telephone message from Lake Toxaway stated the lake was being rapidly drained. It was thought that the flood waters would reach Walhalla and Anderson, S. C. about midnight

Asheville, N. C., Aug. 13.-Reports received here tonight from R. F. Wiliams, agent of the Southern Railway at Lake Toxaway, state that the whole dam at Lake Toxaway has broken and that a flood of water is racing toward Unusually Frequent Soundings Taken South Carolina points. Messages have been sent from . Asheville warning Greenville, Anderson, Seneca and other Reports of the breaking dam have been received from several different sources. At 8:10 o'clock tonight the Lake Toxaway Inn. at Lake Toxaway, confirmed the breaking of the dam, over long distance telephone. It was stated that the whole dam is washed away, and that the lake is practically drained. No damage was done at Toxaway save of a minor nature. Originally Cost \$38,000

Lake Toxaway, named after the section wherein it is situated, was built in 1902 by a firm of eastern capitalists and six years after its construction \$12,000 more was spent in enlarging it and in strengthening the dam. The waters of the lake cover 550 acres with a shore line of fifteen miles. It average depth is 30 feet. It is fed by the

Chuga river in South Carolina. At-

ter leaving the dam the lake waters

flow through sixteen miles of compar-

atively uninhabited country.

they pass through Walhalla, Pickens, Seneca and Anderson, in South Caro-About six years ago reiterated reports that the Toxaway dam was unsafe, led to the appointment of a fifty feet high.

and it has been conducted as a summer hotel since that time.

Spring Probably the Cause. (Continued on Page Two):

One at the British Front in France Thinks the Offensive is by Any Means Over.

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, one who might think from reading the British official reports that the British Asheville, N. C., Aug. 13 .- The great offensives were over, would conclude stormed in the last few days, every day has found some strong point taken and some new spur of trenches thrown out operation which followed and preceded each big blow.

"The question this week," said staff officer, "is whether our guns have have killed of us, and we know that odds are in our favor at least two, if not three to one."

For six weeks the British have maintained a torrent of shellfire which German prisoners, who have been at Verdun, say surpasses anything they endured there; while at the different a week all to the taste of the gun-

never had before, thanks to the possession of Pozieres ridge, which was crowned by a wind mill at the highest point, the wooden structure of which has long since been blown to splinters by shell fire and its stone base cracked into bits.

ing as a result of the pummelling, but the British keep their domination by tactics and methods of fortifications not

had not been so tragic for the two bat-Germans were mostly recruits. When assembling for the attack they were caught by British Howitzer fire, then should they escape, employed several gun fire. Some 40 survivors, who got when the Australians called to them to British guns are screened behind the

while from the crest the British are (Continued on Page Eight.)

FRENCH CRUISER SAILS AFTER A BRIEF VISIT

Purpose of Trip to Pensacola Not Definitely Known.

in the Harbor Caused Comment Among Marine Men-Newspaper Men Barred.

visit becoming definitely known. Captain Leskivit took on no fuel or sup-

Sounding taken when she approached, entered the harbor caused . comment my's artillery. mong marine men

Captain Leskivit declined to allow a efore he sailed he said to the Asso-We are going out for a short pleasre cruise" and turned away to direct

the pilot to his post. The Amiral Aube left at 9:30 o'clock this morning and after discharging the Hohenzollern redoubt, which was re- that a man was observed in the surf committee of expert engineers who re- pilot turned slightly to the east and pulsed with loss by our infantry. Sev- wearing his bath suit over his under had sighted the warship southeast of of the crater. We fired three mines at to recover it were abandoned, as there Shortly after the lake was completed Pensacola light, which showed that she Neuve Chapelle and also south of the was every reason to believe that it had the Toxaway hotel, constructed by had changed her course and was bear-Pittsburg capitalists, was completed ing west.

Greenville, S. C., Aug. 13. - A long distance telephone message from a point! the men have gained during thirty pears of effort. The railroads have contended that double compensation, features which field. Information, now at hand indicate the base of the dam. It is fact that target practice each year was believed that double compensation, footnessed by the seeping of a natural water. Inhabitants of the river valley bery. They said the remaining mem-caused by the seeping of a natural water. Inhabitants of the river valley bery. They said the remaining mem-caused by the seeping of a natural water. Inhabitants of the river valley bery. They said the remaining mem-caused by the seeping of a natural water. Inhabitants of the river valley bery. They said the remaining mem-caused by the seeping of a natural water. Inhabitants of the river valley bery. They said the remaining mem-caused that it is fact that target practice each year was believed that the waters will cover a believed that the waters will cover a believed that the people in that (Continued on Page Eight.)

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THREE MEN DROWNED IN THE SURF AT FORT CASWELL YESTERDAY

GAINS BY ALLIES

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

Aug. 12 (via London, Aug. 13).-Any- RUSSIANS TAKE MARIAMPOL

They Also Capture Town of Podgiacy and Several Villages-Teutons Have Success in the Bystritza Sector.

Entente Allies in all three regions, marked the operations of Saturday Caswell, lost their lives while night and Sunday.

Northwest of Pozieres, north of the Somme, the British made an advance of from 300 to 400 yards over a front o'clock. The dead are: First Serkilled more Germans than their guns of nearly a mile against the Germans geant William E. Ardrey and and also captured trenches on plateau northwest of Bazentin Le Petit, pas gained a further foothold on the slopes of Hill 109.

Saturday night, according to Berlin, munitions depots the miles of shells assaults by the Entente Allies broke positively that Swaim and White the grand offensive began. It has been tackers. The fighting near Hem and Maurepas continued throughout the en- that Ardrey died of heart failure. tire night and into Sunday, the men repeatedly coming to grips in hand to The bodies of Ardrey and Swaim Mariampol, in Galicia; seven miles giacy and several villages along the

upper Zereth river have fallen into the

hands of Russians. All along this front, even in the Carpathians region, Petrograd reports that the Russians covered. are continuing their advance against the Austro-Germans. On the Bystritza sector and Monasterzska, however, Berlin says the Russians have been thrown back at

at several places by the counter attacks of the Teutonic allies. The Duke of Acosta is keeping up his strong offensive against the Austrians made last night as comic if the result in the Isonzo region, having driven them from fortified positions in the tallons which made it. Apparently the Monfolcone and Gorizia sectors and taken prisoner more than 2,000 addi-

Constantinople reports to the trenches, held up their hands London war office, however, disputes the Turkish rear guard, which Saturconquered slopes of Pozieres ridge, day evening had been driven back to a long period of inactivity, the British attempted an advance against the

Further advances for the Turks gainst the Russians on the Persian front and in Turkish Armenia also are claimed by Constantinople.

GERMANS REPULSE RUSSIAN

Berlin, via London, August 13. - The repulse of Russian attacks at various in the following statement given out "Front of Fielf Marshal von Hinden-

gen and near Lubieszow were unsuc- riving here about 2 P. M. They will be cessful. West of Zalocze enemy attacks Bystritza front, southwest of Stanis- respectively.

lau, attacking Russians were thrown back partly by our counter attacks. ance has occurred."

ONDON CLAIMS ADVANCE vance on the Somme front west of Poz- names Captain Bailey could not recall jeres was announced today by the war at the moment. None of them were in their lines 300 or 400 yards over a raised, but were in camp, which is front of nearly a mile. The announce- practically within a stone's throw of the

ment follows: "On the plateau northwest of Bazenharbor was to make soundings and to tin-Le-Petit we gained ground toward es. Northwest of Pozieres we also her wake yesterday, did not attract at- 300 to 400 yards over a front of neartention, but unusually frequent sound- ly a mile. Our losses were light in that it was not certain that young Fred ngs, over an irregular course after she spite of a heavy barrage by the ene- White was drowned; but Captain Bailey

cessful raids on trenches of the enenewspaper man aboard the vessel. Just my; the first southwest of LaFolie farm he left his clothing, watch and other Calonne, and the third east of Armentieres. We inflicted many casualties on and had not returned up to last night and prisoners.

"The enemy attempted a raid near the his bath suit when he left camp and quarries northeast of Hulluch. The been washed away by the tide. enemy made no attempt to occupy the Persons who spent the day at the craters."

Laredo, Texas, Aug. 13.-Walter Hitt was that the young men disregarded It was stated tonight that the burst- within six miles of the North Carolina and his son, members of the Chamal warning as to the treachery of the ing of the Toxaway dam was probably line on the Keowee river stated that at colony in Mexico, arrived tonight and waters at the mouth of the river, where caused by the seeping of a natural midnight there had been no rise in the told stories of mistreatment and rob-

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

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 of France, in Galicia and in the Ital- Carolina Coast Artillery Reserves, in annual encampment at Fort bathing in the surf at the fort yesterday morning about 10:30 Lance Corporal Leonard Swaim, while the French southeast of Maure- both of the Charlotte company, and Private Fred. White, of the Between Thiephval and the Somme Salisbury company. It is stated were drowned, but it is believed were very promptly recovered, southeast of Halicz, the town of Pod- but White's body was washed away, it seems, by the strong outgoing tide, and has not been re-

Vigorous Efforts to Resuscitate.

Following the recovery of the bodies f the two Charlotte men, several hours citate them, but without avail. Dr. J. A. Dosher, the Fort Caswell post physician, and Or. Ashe, member of the Charlotte company, were quickly on scene. The crew of the Oak Island life saving station were summoned by rowing the distance of a mile. Every the men and every means available was used, but without effect. After at least three hours, the efforts were abandoned The bodies of Sergeant Ardrey and Corporal Swaim will be embalmed and

er surviving members of the family is not known here. Private White's fathalong the Euphriates, in Mesopotamia er is living at Salisbury, and he was notified by telegraph yesterday of the Turks, but retreated after two hours death of his son. Relatives of the Charlotte men likewise were advised of the tragedy. Capt. E. P. Bailey, until recently in command of the Wilmington company terday morning, and First Lieutenant ATTACKS AT SEVERAL POINTS | Carl D. Moore, of the Charlotte company, came up from Fort Caswell last

night and arranged for having the points on the eastern front is recorded bodies of Ardrey and Swaim sent home. They were placed in charge of Yopp's undertaking establishment and will be burg-Russian attacks south of Smor- Wilmington on its first trip today, araccompanied to Wilmington by a detachment of the Coast Artillery Corps and detachments will accompany them West of Manaterzyska and also on the from here to Charlotte and Lexington, Wilmington Boys Heroic.

Captain Bailey said that a number of "Balkan front: Nothing of import- the members of the W. L. I. did heroic work in efforts to save the drowning men and deserve commendation for The British pushed forward the surf when the cry for help was to the call of distress and did all in

It was reported yesterday afternoon and others returning from the Fort last "Last night we carried out three suc- night said there was absolutely no doubt of his fate. It was stated that Vimy ridge; the second opposite personal effects in camp to go in bath-White wore his underclothing under

Fort yesterday and returned to the city last night reported that the belief