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WILSON ASKS RAILROAD \$130.000 PRESIDENTS TO WHITE HOUSE FOR CONFERENCE

If They Sustain Their Managers, the President May Appeal to Roads' Financiers.

HE PRESENTS HIS PLAN

Finds Managers' Committee Adamant to His Proposal That They Accept 8-Hour Day.

EMPLOYES MAY ACCEPT IT

They "Would be Fools Not To." Says One of Their Leaders.

Washington, August 18 .- Presdent Wilson today laid his plans way strike before the employees' adamant to his proposal that they ed them to come to the White House for a conference.

There is every indication that if The Austrina line now has receded the railroad presidents sustain it is his purpose to deal with the ed to the Russian center. ultimate authority before he gives

President's Plan Outlined The President's plan, which is expected to be formally accepted by the mployes' committee at a meeting at 9 'clock tomorrow morning, proposes: An eight-hour day as the basis for computing wages.

Regular pay at the eight-hour day rate for over-time. To refer all other collateral issues to small commission to be created by Congress on which the employes, the

railroads and the public would be rep-Acceptance of the proposal by the imployes was forecast by expressions of their leaders, after they left the

President's conference. One of them "The men would be fools not to ac-

Attitude of Railroad Presidents. The attitude of the railroad presiients is not so clear. They began ariving tonight; all are expected to be here tomorrow. No one can say what will be the effect of an appeal such as President of the United States, speaking in the name of the welfare, of a nation, can make. But from such nformation as can be gathered, it apears that the railroad presidents, if he managers' committee understands them, are unalterably opposed to conceding the eight-hour day or anything else out of hand, but are quite ready o arbitrate anything and everything n almost any form of arbitration upon which the employes and the committee

The railroad presidents, it is undertood, justify their stand upon the broad ground of maintaining the principle of arbitration which , if sacrificed or in the settlement of industrial dis-

If the railroad presidents persist in that view and are supported by the inancial powers, only the future can tell the outcome

Situation More Serious With the growing seriousness of the Will Equip Seven Navy Yards to Board of Agriculture Decides Upon the south thereof. here were many indications of interention to prevent a nation-wide tie-up. The general expectation is that the ailroad officials, after seeing the Presdent tomorrow, will ask that they be given several days, perhaps a week or more, to consider their course. It was emphasized by those of the officials who arrived tonight, however, that all of these plans were tentative. A score who came from New York on a special rain went into session soon after their arrival, with the managers' committee, and it was said that on of the possibilities under consideration was the preparation of a statement to be given putting their position before the coun-

Stroi Appeal Necessary. familiarized themselves with the situation here, there was more than one indication that it would take a strong tal perfected bill \$318,391,843. attitude that has been taken by their representatives on the managers' comnittee. Asked whether the managers

Baltimore & Ohio, said: "I assume they will be." Two plans are being considered for

Germans in Danger of Flanking Movement From South nad May Abandon Line.

MUSCOVITES WELL HEELEI

We Have Enough Ammunition Store Away to Take Us to Berlin," Says a Corps Commander-Food Plentiful and Wholesome.

With the Russian Armies on the Central Russian Front, Tuesday, Aug. for averting the threatened rail- 15, via Petrograd to London, Aug. 17 .-The continued success of General Brus- | tee asserts that a further appropriasiloff's two powerful movements, which committee of 640, and having gradually are enveloping Kovel and found the managers' committee Lemberg, have begun to have a marked effect on the situation in the central portion of the front which, except for accept the 8-hour day, he appealed small Russian gains in the lake region to the railroad presidents and ask. south of Dvinsk, has remained virtually unaltered since the Russians fell back last autumn to the line from Dvinsk to the Pinsk marshes.

so far before the repeated thrusts of the southwestern Russian force their managers, President Wilson Southern Poland and Galicia that the will appeal finally to the financial Germans are in danger of flanking powers which control the roads, for movements from the south and the automatic retirement of the forces oppos-

> Notwithstanding the desultory bursts of activity at various points, Russian officers say there are many indications that the Germans are prepared to abandon their present line on this part \$166,000,000 additional amount approof the front at any moment.

The correspondent of the Associated Press made a week's tour along the front commanded by Gen. Alexel Evert from Lake Narocz to the region of Baranovichi and found the Russian soldiers most anxious for an opportunity to advance as soon as the command is pled by a shortage of ammunition and supplies, were forced to surrender a large part of Poland a year ago. Commanders who brought back only broken remnants of their divisions to the present positions now are in charge of splendidly equipped units. The men share with their officers the determination to recapture the ground lost in

Poland. A corps commander, who showed the correspondent of the Associated Press force engaged in this section of the front, said: "We have enough ammunition stored away to take us to Ber-

supplied with wholesome food and are forts and conveniences comparable to those at a model American summer camp. The spirit and fighting strength of the Russian soldiers appears to be very high and the troops confidently expect to occupy their original quarters in Western Poland.

in this instance, they intend to tell the President, will be destroyed as a fac-PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE

Build Battleships.

Special Appropriation for Charleston Yard, Including Dry Dock, Stricken Out-Measure is Finally Perfected.

Washington, Aug. 17 .- As the naval appropriation bill finally was perfected by Senate and House conferees today, the pavy yards at Norfolk, Charleston, out before their visit to the President, New Orleans, Puget Sound, Boston, Portsmouth and Philadelphia will be equipped to build warships. The \$1,- age of over \$20,000 in the receipts for While the railroad presidents would 250,000 for additional improvements for the six months' budget period ending make any predictions until they the Charleston yard, including a dry dock, was stricken out, leaving the to-

of the efficiency committee, which in-All the disputed points now are cleared up and the bill with the big cluded C. S. Mitchell, Clarence Poe, S. P. Latham and A. T. McCallum, building programme, the greatest in with the result that the soil survey in French patrols undertook sperations they might be taken away by force. Or, more likely, because of confusion easy to walk. would be backed up in their decision, the history of the United States, al
President Daniel E. Willard, of the ready perfected, is ready for the Presi
Baltimore 2 and 1 the farment is to be discontinued after December 1; the farmers' institutes are

dent's signature. to be droppd and more attention given Provision for the equipping of the to the extension work through the A. the make-up of the proposed commis- seven navy yards was contained in the and M. Colege and the experiment stasion in case the President's plan is ac- original bill and a hard fight on it was tion and there is to be a gradual closcepted. The first provides for the appointment of all three members, if that should be the size of the commission, by the President and the other for se-lection of the specific pointment of the commission, by the President and the other for se-lection of the specific pointment lection, of one of the members by him cial Charleston appropriation eliminat-and of the other two by the railroad ed after Chairman Padgett, of the and above the earnings of the farms employers and employes, respectively. House committee, had promised that themselves. The plan as presented by the President he would support a similar appropriation to the committee of the comm to the employes was couched in general tion next year, provided a commission to be the first to be sold but the board terms and did not go into details.

It is proposed that the commission bility of such a project seported favorable for farms on the theory that this ably.

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To Meet Extraordinary Govern-

ment Expenditures Due to the

Mexican Situation.

Unexpectedly Recommended to Con

gress by Majority Members of Senate Finance Committee

-Simmons Submits Report.

Washington, Aug. 18 .-- A bond issue

of \$130,000,000 to meet extraordinary

government expenditures due to the

Mexican situation was unexpectedly

recommended to Congress tonight by

majority members of the Senate

Finance committee with the concur-

rence of the Treasury Department.

The bond issue is urged in the report of

the Finance committee Democrats filed

in the Senate late today on the \$205,

In addition to the proposal issues and

the Revenue bill the Finance commit-

tion of \$86,000,000 will be necessary

to defray the expenses of operations in

the border continue as they now are af-

ter December 31, 1916. The \$130,000,000

to he provided by the proposed bond

issue, the report saysfi will meet Mexi-

can expenditures only until the end of

Accompanying the Finance commit-

tee majority's report, submitted by

Senator Simmons, was a general state-

timation d'sbursements for the fiscal

year 19:7 : t \$1,126,248 990 and receipts

'iotal appropriations for the fisca

\$469,000,000," says the report.

repriations about \$35,000.000

plant which is a preparedness appro-

priation. The increase in the appropri-

ations for the present fiscal year, other

poses, is not beyond the normal in-

made necessary to defray the cost of

rural credits and good roads."

LUTHERANS CLOSE MEETING.

President of League.

president of the Luther League of Am-

erica in convention here. The sessions

closed this afternoon and a Lutheran

rally was held in a public hall in the

BE CLOSED AND SOLD

Retrenchment Policy.

Work to Be Dropped-To Depend

More on Neighborhood Dem-

enstration Work.

(Special Star Telegram.)

cluded a two days conference for re-

trenchment, economy and efficiency in

the affairs of the department, espe-

cially to overcome an impending short-

December 1, due to falling off in fer-

tilizer tax receipts on account of the

The board adopted recommendations

The Blantair farm in Buncombe The Blantair farm in Buncombe is to be the first to be sold but the board

STATE TEST FARMS TO

"But for the additional expenditures

00.000 Revenue bill.

this ca'racar year.

No Change of Importance Was Reported in Any Theatre of **DECEMBER 31, 1916** the War Yesterday.

LITTLE NEWS FROM EAST

For Two Days Russian, German and Austrian War Offices Have Been Rather Quiet,

For the first time in weeks ,no change of importance was reported in any theatre of the war Thursday. The nost violent fighting took place on the western end of the British salient on the Somme. Six times the Germane advanced in force in a desperate effort to bend back the British lines northwest of Pozieres. London reports that all of these assaults were repulsed with heavy losses and that the British in turn captured about 100 yards of trenches northwest of Bazentin. the Mexican emergency if conditions on

> The Germans, contrary to their usual practice, have so far made no attempt to deliver a counter attack in the region where the French and British claim to have captured nearly three miles of trenches on Wednesday. The French are bustly consolidating their gains and report no action of importance on any section of their front, including the Verdun region.

Some mystery exists as to the situayear 1517 exclusive of these carried secutive days the Russians have conin the so-called Shipping hill, which is to be defrayed by the issuance of Panthat nothing of importance had occurama birds, will exceed the appropriared. The Austrian and German war lions for the fiscal year 1915 by about This increase is represented prinmentioned by Vienna was the repulse of Russian attacks on the lines of Genamount appropriated for the navy. eral Von Boehm-Ermolli, who is in priated for the army, \$20,000,000, addiing from the Tarnopol front. Berlin tional amount appropriated for fortifireports the repulse of Russian attacks cations, \$42,000,000 for deficiency apsouth of Brody.

The lull in the Italian operations against Triest is unofficially explained from Rome as due to General Cadorna's and increased requirements of the army and navy-and \$20,000,000 for a nitrate desire to straighten his lines before proceeding with a general offensive against the great Austrian -seaport. Austrian seaplanes have again raided than for these extraordinary pur-Venice, but Rome says they caused only slight damage.

GERMAN SEAPLANES ACTIVE IN FIGHTING THE RUSSIANS

preparedness, the increased revenue to be raised by this bill would not be nec-Berlin, via London, Aug. 17 .- An offiessary and the estimated receipts uncial communication issued today tells of a raid by German seaplanes on Ruserably in excess of the estimated dissian positions on Oesel island and of bursements for the fiscal year, 1917. fight against Russian air craft on In this connection attention is called to the fact that \$21,000,000 of the norday night. The communication says: mal increase for the present fiscal year represents the amount appropriated for attacked with explosive and incendiary bombs the aerodrome at Paneholm on Oesel Island (at the entrance to the Gulf of Riga), and enemy aeroplanes on C. T. A. Anderson, of Chiengo, Elected planes returned safely.

"The same night there was an air derson, of Chicago, was elected today as raid by four enemy aeroplanes on Anthe Gulf of Riga) but only slight material damage resulted."

ALLIES' HEAVY ATTACKS ON SOMME FRONT BEATEN BACK.

Berlin, via London, Aug. 17 .- French and British troops made heavy attacks on the Somme front yesterday but were beaten back by the Germans, says the official announcement of today, which follows:

"The enemy's fire increased at times to great violence west of Wytschaete and on the LaBassee canal and to

"After strong British attacks from the Ovillers-Pozieres lines and west of Foureaux wood had been repulsed in the morning the French, after the strongest artillery preparation, advanced to the assault between Guillemon Farmers' Institutes and Soll Survey and the Somme, and at the same time very considerable British forces advanced between Pozieres and Foureaux wood. 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 Foureaux Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 17 .- The State wood and south of Maurepas, but were driven back again. The enemy's loss Board of Agriculture this evening con-

"South of Somme severe fighting took place in the neighborhood of Bel-The French obtained a foothold here in our first line trenches of a near Estrees the enemy has been repulsed.

front), the artillery was more active. An attempted attack by the enemy on Chapitre wood was suppressed by our curtain of fire.

which were unsuccessful."

THE DAY IN CONGRESS

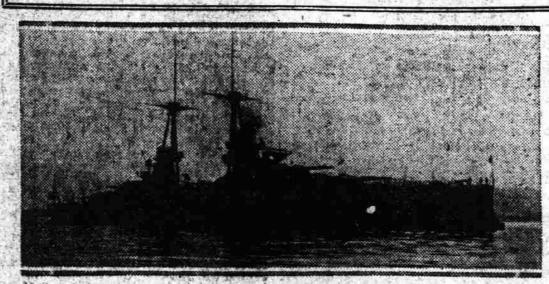
SENATE Met at noon

Debate on Shipping bill resumed. Naval conferees reach final agree-ment on disputed sections of appropria-

Announcement made that Immigra-tion bill will be pressed at this session. Adjourned at 5:53 P. M. till noon Friday.

Not in session: meets Friday.

ITALIAN BATTLESHIP DESTROYED BY FIRE.



Paris, Aug. 17.—The Italian battleship Leonardo da Vinci caught fire and after several explosions turned over and sank in the harbor at Taranto, according to a Turin dispatch to the Petit Journal. About 300 of her crew were drowned. One of the ship's magazines exploded while efforts were being made to beach her. The blaze is thought to have started in the kitchen. The Leonardo da Vinci was one of the newer Italian dreadnaughts, having been constructed late in 1913. She displaced 22,340 tons and was 554 feet long. Her principal armament consisted of thirteen 12-inch guns. She carried a crew of about 1,000 men.

WILL WAGE MORE VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN AGAINST SPREAD OF INFANTILE PARALYSIS

Plans Made at Conference of Health Authorities of Most of the States With Officials of U. S. Health Service—Few Express Alarm That Epidemic May Become Nation-Wide-Uniform

Regulations for Travel Advocated.

a more vigorous campaign to prevent gress and control. further spread of infantile paralysis State delegates showed 11,717 cases in were made here today at a conference 38 States reporting, including cases of health authorities of most of the since January L. tion on the eastern front. For two con- states with officials of the Federal Public Health Service. Resolutions will be which eminent plague experts, scient- sis of the views of the speakers: offices have been almost equally un- ists and bacteriologists are participatcommunicative. The Only fighting ing, outlining definite proposals for checking dissemination of the disease.

> country-wide proportions, but they unisary to guard against a widespread outon railroad trains, steamship and vice, said: other carriers was urged by Secretary

uniform traffic rules. Special Committees Named. A special committee to propose methods for control of the epidemic, includthe shore of Runce Island (in the Gulf ing transportation regulations, was appointed to report tomorrow. Its mem-Washington State; Dr. Ennion & Witliams, of Virginia; Dr. H. H. Bracek, of gern Lake (near the western shore of Minneapolis, and Surgeon Charles E. lies, he stated. Banks, head of the Public Health Service corps fighting the plague in New

Another committee was appointed to ecommend a uniform method of colecting and transmitting statistics and

Washington, August 17. - Plans for information regarding the disease's pro-

with Acting Surgeon General A. H. fined themselves to brief statements adopted tomorrow by the conference, in gave out tonight the following synop-Views o fthe Spenkers.

"It appears to be the concensus o opinion that segregation of persons with Few of those present today expressed schools is also advisable. Travel is command of the Teutonic forces retir- alarm that the epidemic might assume dangerous when it permits movements of acute or chronic carriers of the disease. The evidence is against insect formly declared measures were neces- transmission; and transmission by food

Reporting on a scientific study many experts that the cause of the pla- symptoms and control of the epidemic borne in palanquins by 40 attendants. gue is unknown, and the means of its in New York, conducted by many State, ermination not conclusively determin- city and Federal scientists, Surgeon Uniformity of regulations for trav- Wade Frost, of the Public Health Ser-

"Frankly, we don't know how the dis McAdeo, of the Treasury Department, ease is transmitted, nor its cause. The in opening the conference; and while evidence strongly points to humans as and the acrobatic stunts of Japanese several speakers held that general quar- the carriers. The evidence is that it is tumblers, after which they repaired to antine against passengers from the purely a human disease, and, if contag- Lumina to take part in the dancing and Eastern infected areas was unneces- lous, a large proportion of persons exsary, the conference probably will rec- posed are immune. It must be spread ommend a system of uniform inspec- very largely from source other than tion, issuance of health certificates and sick persons, mostly by adults. Against co-operation between Federal and State that is the known seasonal prevalence. will be a magnificent parade of the health and railroad authorities toward Our theories do not exclude transmis-Runoe Island, in the Riga region Tues- safeguarding travel. Medical represent- sion by insects. Transmission my the atives of a dozen large trunk lines urg- lower animals is hypothetical. "Tuesday night our seaplanes again ed the conference to assist in securing hardly suspect any but dogs or cats. Corps and band, starting at the Caroriers."

> Surgeon Frost: said the disease of persons exposed in their own fami-Conditions in Southern States.

Following is a summary of condiions in those Southern states from which delegates were present: Alabama-Dr. Glenn Andrews.

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FRANCE INTERESTED IN HE SAYS GERMANS DID NOT COUNTER ATTACK SALE OF THE ISLANDS

coming International.

Says Danish Finance Minister Declared Failure of German Forces to Counter Decision to Sell Was Beenuse of Fear That the Islands Might

Paris, August 17. - The Temps, treat-The Temps also says that the cession of orders. of the islands by Denmark was undertaken probably with the desire of obis brought before the peace congress at the end of the war.

SITUATION BADLY TANGLED AT THE DANISH CAPITAL.

Copenhagen, Aug. 17, via London, the occupation of the entire village.

Aug. 18.—The political situation re-

Paris Paper Says Question is Be- French Military Official Finds Significance in Fact.

> Attack Taken as Indicating Eithsion of Orders.

Paris, Aug. 17 .- The operations on ing at length the negotiations for the the Somme yesterday were merly a desale of the Danish West Indies to the tail of the offensive and of only "local United States, says the question is grad- bearing", a high military official exwidth of 500 meters. East of there and ually taking on larger proportions than plained today to the Associated Press, Japanese lanterns and fire pots prethe one between the governments im- "but significance is derived from the sented a wonderful effect of colored "On both sides of the Meuse (Verdus mediately concerned, and is becoming fact that the Germans did not counter international. It points out that the attack as usual. Never before have general approval that hereafter it is Danish finance minister, M. Brandeis, they failed to react when successfully planned to have the annual festive ocdeclared the government had decided to attacked, and their failure to do so in "At numerous points on the front sell the islands because it was feared this case is either a sign of weakness

> "The precision with which the French offensive has been carried out is shown when the Schleswig-Holstein question by the fact that every objective desig- ants, who bore them in the procession. nated in advance of an attack has been | There was friendly rivalry among the reached. At Maurepas a certain number of houses were selected and every pleasing. one of them was captured and occupied; it never was intended to attempt "One consequence of this precision sulting from the Danish West Indies in the French operations is the reducquestion is so tangled that not even tion of losses to a minimum. The op-

DRIVEN FROM THE REGIONS OF BEACH

More Than Five Thousand People Participate in the Annual Feast of Lanterns.

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

Festivities Will Continue Through Today, Culminating in Boat Pageant Tonight.

sisted last night in driving "Old Man, Gloom" from Wrightsville Beach at the second annual Feast of Lanterns, including hundreds of visitors from all parts of North Carolina. The festive occasion was opened with a grand illuminated parade along the beach followed by a spectacular display of fireworks and other carnival features. The celebration will continue through today, the special features being a children's parade this afternoon and a boat and cance procession tonight.

The summer resort was gaily bedecked with thousands of Japanese lanterns for the occasion, every cottage being decorated in holiday array while the throngs promenaded the board walks and made merry in a real spirit of jollity. The refreshing breezes of the ocean and the beauty of a fair summer night combined to make the occasion all that could have been wished for.

luminated procession began to move from the Seashore hotel along the sandy beach towards the Oceanic hotel, headed by the mammoth Dragon, whose flery eyes and cavorting body in a figurative way at least, signified that gloom was to be devoured and joy was to be unloosed. The Dragon was escorted by the degree team of Sepa Grotto of the Mystic Order of the Veiled Prophets, who were dressed in bright hued uniforms, followed by the prize Pythian Drum Corps, of Gastonia, who with the Hanover Concert Band provided the music. Then came the Red ten queens in their beautiful costumes

The throngs lined the beach and watched the weird procession with unusual interest. Passing through the Oceanic hotel, the crowds went out to the front and viewed the spectacular display of fireworks on Harbor Island, to view the fancy drills of the Drum Corps and other features. Today's Programme.

This afternoon at 4 o'clock there ing hundreds from Wilmington and other cities, escorted by the Drum Its rapid spread indicates human car- lina Yacht Club and ending at Lumina. the dance pavilion of the resort. The parade will be closed with a May pole dance and other special dances after which the crowds will be entertained among children under 16 years old, and by the Japanese acrobats and other bers are Dr. John S. Fulton, of Mary- that 75 to 90 per cent. of infections features. Tonight at 8 o'clock there land, chairman; Dr. T. D. Tuttle; of can be traced to previous cases of di- will be a big boat and canoe parade rect contact. There are few infections in Banks' Channel, starting at the Seashore hotel, and going to the trestle for the suburban car line. At 9 o'clock at Lumina there will be a drill by Sepa Grotto of the Veiled Prophets after which will be the queens' dance with souvenirs for everybody.

> Considering the fact that there were nore than 4,000 people taken to the beach yesterday and last night by the Tidewater Power Company, the handling of the big crowds on the cars was all that could be desired. It was not until after midnight that the last of the visitors to the beach were returned to the city, but as the music was kept going at Lumina until midnight, pleased to have the opportunity to celebrate. The promptness and dispatch a distinct achievement for the Tidewater Power Company and its employes. Prominent among the spectators at the festivities last night was a dozen or more newspaper editors of North Carolina and a number of mayors from other cities, who entered into the spirit of the occasion with a right good will and expressed the hope that the Feast of Lanterns might be made a permanent festive event for all North

> dull care is forgotten. Spectacular Parade. Everywhere was heard expressions ndicating general satisfaction that the minated parade, as the hundreds of ticipated. This feature met with such casion at such a time as it will come just after high tide, so that the sands will be hard and compact, making it

Carolina when joys reign supreme and

So pleasing was the beauty of the enthroned in their palanquins that they seemed light burdens to their attendten queens in designing pretty cos-tumes and the effect was indeed most

Each queen was dressed to represent some particular representative figure. Miss Eleanor Harriss was the Japanese queen; Miss Miriam Holliday was

queen of Lumina; Miss Florence Cobb was queen of Diamonds; Miss Elisathe best informed politicians ventured erations in the Artois campaign cost to predict what developments may be five times more than all the ground Miss Florence Taylor was queen of the Night; five times more than all the ground Miss Florence Taylor was queen of Dancing; Miss Elizabeth Sweeney was (Continued on Page Two.) (Continued on Page Ten.)