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EXECUTIVES WANT TO KNOW HOW TO RAISE ADDITIONAL REVENUE

'RAIDED' BY A 'MOB

Stores of Supplies for the "Blue"

Fleet Theoretically Destroy-

ed and Piers Burned.

to Prevent Admiral Mayo's "Red"

Fleet From Landing on

Washington, Aug. 23 .- The Navy De-

partment was taxing its resources to-

gap in the country's defense which

today overpowered the naval guard at

the piers at Sewall's Point, on Hamp-

ton Roads, destroyed great stores of

possible use of the "Blue" defending

Rear Admiral Benson, chief of opera-

nothetical disaster at Sewall's Point to

Paymaster General McGowan, whose

duty it would be in war to cope with

general immediately set his forces to

While naval forces ashore were deal-

ing with this angle of the game, Rear

tleships and 30 transports. If he can

and Eastport, Me., without having

been sighted he will be able to employ

The Sewall's Point base was only

one of a number so scattered along

the coast, that the defending fleet

would have quick access to any stores

fail to repair damages before Admiral

particular base his ships will have to

go far out of their way to coal and

day, and many prostrations were re-

EMBARGO ON TOBACCO

Overman to Protest.

(Special Star Telegram.)

when the British embassy announced it

American tobacco shipments to Ger-

many and Austria through neutral Eu-

GREAT BRITAIN LAYS

take on ammunition and supplies.

his fleet to hold off the "Blue" squad

rons while a landing is affected

To add to the realism of the game,

Three Railroad Presidents Go to White House to Get Mr. Wilson's Reply, It is Said.

HOLD A LONG CONFERENCE

president Discusses Situation With Senator Newlands and Representative Adamson

PLEDGE AID OF CONGRESS

Employes Show Further Restlessness Over Delay.

Washington, August 23. - In another effort to aid the presidents of the country's railroads to find some way in which to accept an has developed in the naval war game eight-hour day for their trainmen in progress off the Atlantic coast. Theand avert the threatened strike, President Wilson tonight conferred for an hour and a half with Presi- coal and supplies collected there for dent Hale Holden, of the Burling- | fleet, and burned the piers. ton: Daniel Willard, of the Baltimore & Ohio, and R. S. Lovett, of tions, formally communicated the hythe Union Pacific.

Neither White House officials nor the to the White House to receive an an- the earliest possible moment. The them more specific information as to them forward promptly be figured out tion taken against Rumanian intervenhow the railroads may get additional in order to test the machinery of the tion. revenue necessary to take care of the department. greater pay rolls that will come with

Earlier in the day President Wilson Admiral Helm still, was sweeping the discussed the railroad situation at seas with his scouts in a southeasterly length with Senator Newland and direction from Narragansett, the base Representative Adamson, chairman of from which he sailed yesterday mornhe two committees of Congress in ing, in an effort to repel Admiral Macharge of legislation affecting inter- yo's "Red" fleet. Presumably the "Blue" state commerce. Their visit was the scouts were within 300 miles of the consequence of that of the railroad men | enemy's last known position at daylast night. The two chairmen are said light, but no report that "Red" battle to have agreed that the President's po- craft had been sighted reached the desition in the present situation was partment up to a late hour. right and to have said that every effort could be expected in Congress to ably has changed his course and is enput through any legislation which deavoring to slip around the end of the might help to solve the present diffi- 600-mile line of scouts with his 15 bat-

culty and provide for the future. Congress Might Take a Hand.

One of the means of recouping suggested by the President to the railroads in his public outline of his position was through an increase in freight rates. It was pointed out tonight that the President cannot directly ask the grant increases to the railroads. Congress, however, might pass a resolution directing the commission in view what it considers an unprecedented situation to grant higher rates.

Congress also might pass a resoluion directing the commission to investigate all matters involved in the present controversy and the whole subject of the relations of railroads and their employes. One result expected from today's conference is an early effort to pass the bill introduced several months ago to increase the ommission's membership from seven

It became evident tonight that most of the railroad executives have come to believe that there can be only one way of preventing a strike and that is y accepting the eight-hour day plan. The chief effort in their own confernces today was to find some scheme by which an eight-hour day may be in operation on all the railroads at the least added expense. Many sugfestions along this line have been made by presidents, but no one of them has proved feasible when submitted to test of operating officials.

Mr. Holden's Statement. At the conclusion of their conference tonight with the presidents and managers. Hale Holden, president of the burlington and a member of the committee of eight, gave out the follow-

ng statement: The railway executives who have met here at the request of President are proceeding as rapidly as practicable with their work. It must understood, however, the problem with which these men are wrestling most important and gigantic ever presented to any body of men in dustrial history of the country. They cannot, therefore, consistently with their duty to their security holders, their employes, or the public, reach i final conclusion regarding what acion they should take without much liscussion, study and thought. Their eliberations, participated in by praccally 100 men suddenly called togeth-

our deliberations seem to proceed slowly it is due to the facts that was stated that shipments bought and erection of a modern dairy barn. we mentioned. For us to act has- paid for to August 1st will be allowed Would be a betrayal of the great to go forward through Holland.

HUNGARIAN PAPERS. Somerine Deutschland Renches German Water

Are Flooded With Information Concerning Rumania's Taking Sides With the Allies.

ABSORBS PUBLIC INTEREST

One Expert Says Russia's Free Use o New Territory Would be Chief Factor Which Central Powers Would Face.

London, Aug. 23 .- The Hungarian newspapers are being flooded with A FEATURE OF WAR GAME essimistic information concerning Rumania which is absorbing the public, according to a Budapest dispatch Rear Admiral Helm Still Sweeping Seas to the Morning Post. The Hungarian public believes, says the dispatch, that the liberty they enjoy at the hands of the censor is designed to prepare the people for the worst.

> The military expert of the Pesti-Naplo says:

night to fill up the first hypothetical will not at first affect the military situation in the Balkans, for the Ruunited strategic plan of the Allies and will not be permitted to go straight for Transylvania. Dobrudia and Bulhundred thousand or 600,000 men of the Rumanian army are not the chief factors for the consideration of the Central Powers, but rather the problems presented by the new territory which the Russians will be allowed to use freely in the invasion of Hungary." Meanwhile the anxious hours are not being spent in idleness in Transylvania when every able bodied man suspected The Rumanian newspapers in Tranpresidents would discuss the confer- work to locate new stores of coal and sylvania are under the strictest con-It was said on authority, how- supplies and to find means for sending trol and Rumanian priests and churchever, that the three executives went them to some point on the Roads at es are under military supervision. All along the Rumanian frontier the milswer to the suggestion they made to problem requires that actual supplies itary forces have been reinforced, de-Mr. Wilson last night that he give be found and the possibility of getting fenses strengthened and every precau-

> WILSON CRITICISED FOR HIS "CHARGES" IN ANNUAL MESSAGE German Roman Catholic Central-Verein

Passes Resolution. New York, Aug. 23 .- President Wilson was criticised tonight in a resohere of the German Roman Catholic Central-Verein for having "preferred charges" in his message to Congress "against a part of our citizenship, who theretofore enjoyed the proud distinction of unquestioned loyalty and patriotism." Action on the resolution was taken only after there had been reach a point between Cape Hatteras "entering into political fields."

The resolution was presented by a St. Paul, Minn.

Joseph Frey, president of the Cenit might need. Should the department on the ground it would be construed suspended. Hot and dry weather injuras an attack on the candidacy of the ed the crop in northern Arkansas also, Helm calls upon it for aid from that President. The annual convention of the Ameri-

SHOWER BRINGS RELIEF. ODD FELLOWS TO MEET Temperature in New York Drops From 90 to 77 Degrees. New York, August 23. - A thunder

adjourned today.

IN DURHAM NEXT YEAR shower, followed by fresh breezes, brought relief late today to New Yorkers who, for two days had been sweltering in intense heat. The temperature dropped from 90 degrees at 1 p. m. to

77 degrees at 5 p. m. Five persons died Grand Encampment Elects Officers from the heat in Brooklyn earlier in the and Adjourns.

> Mr. John E. Wood, of Wilmington, Re-Elected Grand Treasurer; H. T. Greenlenf, of Elizabeth City, Grand Patriarch.

(Special Star Telegram.) Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 23 .- Durham gets

Bars Shipments hrough Neutral the 1917 session of the North Carolina Ports to Central Nations. Grand Encampment, L. O. O. F., that city having been selected in the closing hours of the convention here today. New officers elected and install-Embargo Modified Ten Days Ago Re-Established, Effective August 31, Exporters to Lose Millions.

Grand Patriarch, T. A. Greenleaf, Elizabeth City; grand high priest; Col. J. C. Besant, Winston-Salem; grand warden, J. D. Berry, Raleigh, and Wade, Fayetteville; grand scribe, L. W. Jeanneret, Asheville; grand treasurer, John E. Wood, Wil-Washington, Aug. 23.-Surprise was mington; grand marshal, O. W. Jones. created in government circles today Winston-Salem; grand sentinel, Winston Davis, Raleigh, and T. W. Philhad received a cablegram from London, lips, Washington; grand representa-

saying an embargo will be laid on all tive, W. B. Bagwell, Durham. The grand encampment turned over to trustees of the Odd Fellows' Orropean ports after August 31st. It phanage, Goldsboro, funds raised for With Grand Patriarch well, of Durham, presiding, the sixty- eral classes of insurance for Ameri- his daughter found him, told her that the battleship, the message asserts. responsibility we owe to all the par- Ten days ago Great Britain modified ninth annual grand encampment of can steam vessels and non-contraband it was no use to go for a doctor, that concerned and most of all to the her order blacklisting American tobact the North Carolina Odd Fellows cargoes. her order blacklisting American topacco shipments to the Central Powers, convened in Odd Fellows hall here, More than 1,500 policies have been and Hardy Wiggins had attacked him, told of an attack by the British submain order that Virginia, North Carolina last night and completed the preissued by the bureau, covering a total Miller shooting him. He described rine E-23 on a German battleship of The Principal Difficulty.

In order that Virginia, North Carolina last night and completed the preliminary work ready for the busiliminary cipal difficulty of the situation is to ers. Her action in re-establishing the morning. The encampment will be in this \$58,811 has been recovered in sal-Work out a plan of action acceptable to embargo means the loss of millions of progress through Friday of this week. vage. At present the bureau has out- fact that he was shot from behind a while the ship was being escorted back many others were driven down damthe railroads. Many suggestions dollars to American tobacco exporters There was the conferring of the de- standing total risks of about \$11,000,have come from the 60 or more presi- who had made contracts with German grees on a number of candidates last 000. dents here and have been laid before and Austrian concerns when Great night and also the appointment of the managers. In every instance they Britain announced a year ago tobacco working committees for the convenhave been rejected as impractical, and shipments would be allowed to go instead of Asherille, on account of child, were killed by the same boil verdict, the Governor says, leads him class, displacing 18,602 tons. She was fully and bombing raids were carried

Reaches German Waters

Berlin, August 23 (By wireless) - The merchant submarine Deutschland arrived at the mouth of the Weser on August 23, according to the Overseas News Agency. The agency says that the Deutschland arrived on the afternoon of August 23, and anchored before the mouth of the river. All on board were well.

The Deutschland, a German super-submarine built for carrying merchandise, arrived at Baltimore from Bremen on July 9 with a cargo of dyestuffs and mails. Her arrival was hailed in Germany as the beginning of a regular submarine merchant service between the United States and Germany, which would be able to defy the British blockade. It was announced that she would be followed shortly by the Bremen, a sister

The Deutschland left Baltimore on her return journey on August 1, with a cargo of rubber and metal, and passed out of the Virginia capes on the night of August 2.

Is Still Unsatisfactory in Practically All Gulf States.

Damage by Boll Weevil Continues in Central and Eastern Gulf States...Summary by the Weather Bureau

Washington, Aug. 23 .- Cotton continues in very masatisfactory condition in practically all of the Gulf States, but showed some improvement during the week which ended yesterday, accordlution passed at the closing sessing ing to the national weather and crop bulletin issued today by the Weather Bureau. Reviewing conditions for the week the bulletin says:

cotton in central and southeastern disa heated debate on the question of small amount of rainy weather propropriety of a religious organization duced favorable effects I most eastern unsatisfactory condition, however, in committee headed by Joseph Matt, of practically all of the Gulf States, due to the earlier excessive rains. The crop deteriorated steadily in Oklahoma

tral-Verein, objected to the resolution and the growth was almost entirely but in other portions of that state cotton is considered good to excellent, can Federation of Catholic Societies Frequent showers in south Texas produced favorable effects in most eastern ton. The bolls are opening prematurely in Oklahoma, and shedding is reported in nearly all Western and South-

> "Damage by weevil continues also in the Central and Eastern Gulf states. Much opened cotton was blown away in extreme south Texas by the wind ccompanying the Gulf storm of the 18th-19th, but fortunately the high wind did not extend into central and northern parts of the State. The work in the central and southern portions of the Gulf States, ad the bolls are opening in the more northern aprt of the area. Picking was delayed in Arkansas because of the excessive heat.

> "Corn is maturing rapidly in South-"Sweet potatoes were benefited by the weather in the Southern states and the crop is promising. They are being harvested in Texas and are nearly ready for harvest in Georgia.

"Gardens and truck crops in Southern states suffered from dry weather. Arkansas, with good yield.

"Rain is needed for tobacco in western Tennessee, otherwise the weather was favorable for the crop and the of death for the murder of Phillip condition and outlook are good. Housing and curing are going on in all Southern areas. In Virginia the crop is curing up well with a good bright

WAR RISK INSURANCE BUREAU BRINGS PROFIT TO TREASURY. More Than 1,500 Policies Issued Since ... Its Establishment.

Washington, Aug. 13 .- Since its establishment nearly two years ago the bureau of war risk insurance has brought a net profit to the Treasury Department of \$2,237,859. Secretary McAdoo so announced today in mak-B. Bag- ing public reductions in rates on sev-

IS BELIEVED LOST

Pershing Reports He Was Last Urges Industrial Preparedness as Heard From Making His Way South Into Durango.

HAD A SMALL FOLLOWING RESPONSE BY UNDERWOOD

Lansing and Arredondo Tentatively Agree on Meeting of Joint Commission at Some Place on New England Coast.

Washington, Aug. 23.-In a telegram to the War Departmet today Briga-Francisco Villa, when last heard from, was making his way south into Durango with a small following and that the opinion was general that his prestige was gone and that he never again could become a serious factor in Mexthat until recently Villa had been secluded in the mountains of southern Chihuahua, where he was driven last April by American troops.

JOINT COMMISSION TO MEET THE FIRST WEEK IN SEPTEMBER

Washington, Aug. 23.-Secretary Lansing and Eliseo Arredondo, Mexican ambassador designate, today tentatively agreed that the joint commission to discuss border problems should meet at some place on the New England coast during the first week in September.

Mr. Arredondo called at the departbeen selected and were ready to meet ne Mexican members as soon as the time and place could be arranged. Both the embassy and the department were in communication with Mexico City tonight, in regard to fixing a date for plied all along the line," he said. beginning the sessions.

GOVERNMENT ADDS 62,880 ACRES TO FOREST RESERVE

Large Portion of This is in Western North Carolina

62,880 acres to the government's forpurchased up to 1,396,367 acres, was est Reservation Commission. Fifty-Kilkenny Purchase area, in New Hamp-17,000 acres are in the White moun-"There was some improvement in tains, making the total acquired there threaten American labor." The law,

Smaller tracts were purchased in the largest total on any area being that of 7.678 acres in Transylvania county. North Carolina, on the Pisgah forest. Other tracts in Avery, Caldwell, Macon and McDowell counties, North Carolina, on the Boone, Nantahala and Mount Mitchell areas, aggregate 1,870 acres. Approximately 2,000 acres of the approved lands are on the Potomac. Shenandoah, and Natural Bridge areas in Virginia; 956 acres are in Rabun and Union counties, Georgia, and the remaining 586 acres are in Monroe and Sullivan counties, Tennessee.

NU CUMMUTATION FOR MILLER AND WIGGINS

of picking and ginning is progressing Graham County Murderers to Pay Death Penalty Sept. 1.

> Governor Craig Denies Ples and Gives Reasons Therefor, Citing Atrocious Nature of the Assas-

> > (Special Star Telegram.)

Craig today denied the plea of commutation of sentence for Merritt Miller and Hardy Wiggins, under sentence Phillips, of Graham county. The men had been granted reprieve until September 1, and will be executed on that date, unless the Governor grants another respite. The prisoners were said to have belonged to a gang of which Ed Williams, son-in-law of Phillips, was the leader. Williams is serving a members of the Phillips family.

two men, his principal reason being he was dying, and that Merritt Miller Waynesboro, Va., Aug. 23.-Mrs. by their conviction and the refusal sunk.

REVENUE MEASURE

Protection Against Trade Warfare After the War.

Defense of Existing Tariff Law Produces Multitude of Statistics.

Washington, Aug. 23.—Debate in the Senate on the Emergency Revenue bill dier General Pershing reported that today was featured by a long speech by Senator Penrose, urging industrial preparedness to safeguard the country against commercial warfare at the close of the European war and vigorously attacking the pending measure. He questioned the legality of the proican affairs. General Pershing said posed munitions tax and criticised the proposed inheritance tax and the general Democratic advance toward substituting direct taxation for the pro-

Senator Underwood, Democrat, author of the present tariff law, and Senator McLean, Republican, also participated in the discussion, the former defending the tariff law against Republican attacks and the latter charging the Democratic administration with extravagance and deploring its tendency to resort to sources for Federal taxation that should be reserved to the states.

"This question of industrial preparedness," said Senator Penrose, "has rement to receive formal notification ceived definite recognition in the that the American commissioners had pending bill in the provision relative to the dyestuffs. "If dyestuffs require a protective

duty, and if they are essential to our industrial independence, I conclude that the same argument can be ap-"We are drifting toa system of direct taxes at a time when nearly every civilized nation is going in the

other direction," he said. If a munitions tax is to be imposed Senator Penrose declared, it should be applied to all who sell contraband goods to nations at war.

Senator Underwood spoke at length Washington, Aug. 23 .- Addition of in defense of the existing tariff law. He approved the pending revenue bill est reserves in the Appalachian and in its main features, he said, but did White mountains, bringing total area not concur in the recommendation for a tariff commission and increased announced tonight by the National For- duties in dyestuffs. After reviewing the operations of the tariff law and submitting a multitude of statstics, of the Carpathians. Berlin also acquisitions, the largest being in the Senator Underwood said that he had claims the sanguinary repulse of Rusconclusively demonstrated that tarshire, and covering 36,000 acres. About iff taxes now on the statute books and apparently desperate fighting is do not jeopardize American industry or going on. he declared, was written to provide revenue and in repudiation of the Re-Southern Appalachian mountains, the publican doctrine which levied taxes primarily for the purpose of maintaining protective tariffs to foster and build up special industries.

> CHARGES PACKERS HAVE HAD HAND IN HIGHER BREAD PRICES Representative Rainey Appears Before

Trade Commission. Washington, Aug. 23 .- Charges that packing companies, seeing a possibility hat meat consumption might increase if prices for bread were raised, have ad a hand in the movement for higher bread prices were made by Representative Rainey, of Illinois, today before the Federal Trade Commission. He declared one of the biggest Chicadvance is controlled by packing interests. He also charged that bread buyers are being deceived by a widespread practice of mixing an excess of

BERLIN ADMITS SLIGHT DAMAGE TO BATTLESHIP

the loaves a quick crust to retain the

Asheville, N. C., Aug. 23 .- Governor The Westfalen Was Hit Saturday by British Torpedo.

> Semi-Official Telegram Says, However the Battleship Continued Capable of Maneuvering and Will Soon be Repaired.

London, Aug. 23 (8:20 P. M.)-The German battleship Westfalen was hit statement says: and slightly damaged on Saturday by life term for the murder of three other a British torpedo, it was admitted in a semi-official telegram from Berlin Governor Craig issued a lengthy today, according to Reuter's Amsterstatement giving his reasons for refus- dam correspondent. The Westfalen, ing to commute the sentences of the however, it is declared, continued cathat Phillips, after being shot, had pable of maneuvering and will shortly counter-battery work of our heavy he was riding, and when be repaired. A second torpedo missed guns, which appeared to be very ef-

A British announcement yesterday log where the assassins were con- to port in a damaged condition he at- aged and apparently out of control. cealed and that blood hounds trailed tacked again and struck her with a Others were pursued at the aerothe two men to some extent, followed second torpedo and believed she was drome. We suffered no casualties.

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BOTH LONDON AND BERLIN ANNOUNCE GAINS BY BULGARS

Have Advanced Along the Struma and Entrenched Themselves at Various Points.

BRITISH GAIN IN THE WEST

Berlin and Petrograd Make Conflicting Claims as to Fighting on the Eastern Front.

With no important changes in the main war theatres, interest remains centered on the new Allied offensive on the Saloniki front. The latest despatches, however, throw little light on the situation, and the Allies' plans are somewhat obscure.

London reports that the Bulgarians have advanced along the Struma valley and have entrenched themselves at various points. Berlin also reports further advances for them on the right wing, where they face the Serbians. Apparently, however, no action of first importance has yet developed.

Interest in the attitude of the Greeks has been heightened by dispatches, telling of the determination of the Greek commander at Seres to resist the Bulgarian and of volunteers being organized for his assistance by the Venizelos leaders at Saloniki. There has been no further development in mania has not reached a decision.

On the west front the French are apparently marking time, while the British push against Thiepval and Guillemont. London reports a fresh tightening of the ring around Thiepval. in the capture of 200 yards of German trenches south of the town. Bitter fighting is going on in this section. The Germans succeeded in entering some British trenches, but, according to London, were immediately

evicted. Conflicting claims are made by Berlin and Petrograd on the fighting on th eeastern front. Both report the capture of positions near Jablonitza pass, where a violent struggle has been in progress several days on the crest sian attempts to cross the Stokhod

Both Berlin and London continue to make claims and counter-claims in regard to the recent fighting in the North Sea. Berlin admits that the battleship Westfalen was struck by a torpedo from an English submarine but maintains that the damage was slight. The German admiralty reiterates that British battleship was heavily damaged by a German submarine. This is emphatically denied by the British admiralty.

BERLIN SAYS BRITISH WERE

UNABLE TO MAKE ADVANCES Pozieres but have been unable to make any gains, according to today's official announcement by army headquarters. South of the Somme the French have been driven out of some portions of a trench which they had held go bakery companies advocating price since Monday, says the statement regarding operations on the western front, which reads:

"Between Thiepval and Pozieres British attacks were vainly repeated. "North of Ovillers fighting continued water with the dough and then giving at close quarters through the night. Near Maurepas, enemy grenade attacks

"The enemy artillery on both sides continues to display great activity. small portions of a trench in which the French had maintained themselves since Monday have been cleared and three officers and 143 men fell into our hands.

"On the right bank of the Meuse Verdun front) we repulsed enemy hand grenade attacks in the Fleury sector. Minor infantry attacks in the hilly wooded region went in our

FURTHER ADVANCE FOR THE

BRITISH IN THIEPVAL REGION London, Aug. 23 .- A further advance by the British in the region of Thiepval is recorded in the British official statement this evening which says that 200 yards of a German trench have been captured there. The silencing of German artillery at three different points also is recorded. The

"South of Thienval (in the Somme region) we gained a further 200 yards of a German trench which has strengthened our line and improved our "The enemy's artillery which had

been showing much activity, was stfective.

"When the weather cleared yesterday evening, enemy aircraft, which had displayed unwonted enterprise, were

"Despite the continual fighting, a The Westfalen is one of the Nassau reconnaissance was completed success-