

# TRANSPORTATION AND COAL SHORT

### SERIOUS CONDITIONS FACING OCEAN SHIPPING AT PORT OF NORFOLK, VIRGINIA.

### DAILY LOSSES OF \$1,000,000

#### Railroad and Coal-Producing Factors in Commerce Have Failed to Keep Pace With Export Development.

Norfolk, Va.—Lack of balance between railroad and ocean shipping, between American manufacturing capacity and American transportation facilities, is resulting in the loss of more than \$1,000,000 each day at this one port.

The total of losses due to this unbalanced condition in the country as a whole amounts to a staggering sum. Here at Norfolk it is possible to sense up the local losses and thus to sense a glimmering of what the national loss is.

The situation here at Norfolk and at Newport News, just across the James river, their waters forming practically a common port for the whole Hampton Roads district, emphasizes the extent to which the railroad and the coal-producing factors in our commerce have failed to keep pace with our industrial production and the development of our export shipping.

More than 300 vessels lie idle at anchor at Hampton Roads today because the coal and rail facilities are not equal to the industrial and export shipping demand.

Lack of coal is nominally responsible, but lack of transportation is back even of the lack of coal.

#### Former Governor McCall Reconsidering the President's Offer.

Washington.—Former Governor Samuel M. McCall, of Massachusetts, who recently declined appointment as a member of the United States tariff commission, is reconsidering the offer at the request of President Wilson.

#### Armored Cruiser and Destroyer Are Ordered to the Baltic Sea.

Washington.—The armored cruiser Pittsburgh and a destroyer have been ordered to the Baltic sea to protect American interests there.

The vessels are now at Cherbourg, France, and it was announced that they would proceed immediately for Russian waters.

#### If Wrangel Further Attacks Reds It is On His Own Responsibility.

London.—Premier Lloyd George stated in the house of commons that the government had made it clear to General Baron Wrangel, anti-bolshevik leader in south Russia, that, if he further attacked the soviet forces, he must do so on his own responsibility.

#### Baron Beatty Regrets Inability to Accept Invitation of Legion.

London.—Baron Beatty, commander of the grand fleet, has written to John W. Davis, the American ambassador, declaring he regrets that owing to official duties he will be unable to accept the invitation of Franklin D'Olier, national commander of the American Legion, to be present at the second annual convention of the legion in Cleveland, Ohio, next month. Baron Beatty added: "I am indeed flattered by the great honor which I received by the invitation."

#### The German Government Protests Against Certain Boundary Lines.

Berlin.—On receipt of a note addressed to the president of the German peace delegation in Paris regarding boundary demarcation in the West Prussian plebiscite area, the German government has instructed its representatives in London, Paris and Rome to present a note to the supreme council and to the governments in the capitals named in which protest is made against cutting off East and West Prussia from the Vistula.

#### \$1,000,000 Damage Done in Toledo, Ohio, During Progress of Storm.

Toledo, O.—Damage estimated at \$1,000,000 was done here by a severe rainstorm which floated away great stretches of city paving, flooded cellars and paralyzed traffic. It was one of the most severe storms that ever struck the city and district.

Rain fell in sheets during the hours when the crowds were trying to make their way to work. Automobiles parked at curbs either floated away or stood with their floors flooded.

#### Coal Operators Agree to Correct Seeming Wage Scale Inequalities.

Cleveland, O.—The bituminous coal operators, of the central competitive field, in refusing the miners' demand for a \$2-a-day increase in day and monthly men and ten cents a ton for pick and machine mining, offered the miners a proposition agreeing to correct the seeming inequality of the present contract by advancing the wages of the day and monthly men the equivalent of the coal commission's award to the pick miners.

# LOOTED FROM ROYAL FAMILY

### Enclosed About the Jewels Captured From Swede Sailor Was Quantity of Communist Literature.

Washington.—Traffic by bolshevik agents in precious stones, supposed to have formed part of the famous jewels of the Russian royal family, has been unearthed by federal authorities.

The 131 diamonds found on Nells Jacobsen, a Swedish sailor, by customs-officials in New York July 23, it became known were enclosed in a package addressed to "Comrade Martens." Using this as a lead, federal officials began an investigation which they declare has definitely connected Ludwig C. A. K. Marens, self-styled soviet ambassador to the United States, with the traffic. Disclosure of the fact that the package was intended for soviet agents in this country was withheld by customs authorities when Jacobsen was arrested.

Enclosed about the diamonds taken from the possession of the Swedish sailor, Jacobsen, whom officials exonerate from any complicity in the illegal proceedings, was a quantity of communist literature.

#### A Newly Invented Aeroplane is to Have Wings Like That of Sea Gull.

London.—The Creator was right, after all, is the conclusion of the Blackburn Aeroplane Company, which has just produced a flying machine which has wings shaped like those of a sea gull.

#### Oulja Board is 'Causing Insanity' in Europe as Well as in America.

New York.—The oulja board is causing as much insanity in Europe as here, according to Dr. J. Rudolph Patz, of Amsterdam, Holland, who arrived recently on the Holland-American line steamship Noordam.

#### Trial of Savage Cotton Company For Fraudulent Shipments Is On.

Anniston, Ala.—Trial of principals in the Savage Cotton Company of Talladega, charged with fraudulent cotton shipments to North and South Carolina textile plants, involving \$500,000, has begun.

#### The Pope Slips on Marble Floor of Bedroom and Injures His Knee.

Rome.—Pope Benedict met with a slight accident, slipping on the polished marble floor while going from his bedroom to his private library. Messaggero states.

#### American Steamer Washed Ashore and Abandoned by Her Crew.

Haiti, N. S.—The American steamer Montara went ashore five miles east of Louisburg and was abandoned by her crew, who landed safely.

#### Polish Army Successfully Opposes Russian Reds on Southern Front.

Warsaw.—Polish successes on the southern front, where the Russians have been pushing for Lemberg, are reported. The Polish cavalry and infantry have ousted the bolshevik from Radziejow, Lopatyn, Stanystavesky and Toporoff.

#### Ancient Mosaic Law is Invoked Against Lightweight Ice Dealers.

Malden, Mass.—An unusual punishment of the ancient Mosaic law, was inflicted on short weight ice dealers by Judge Riley, in the Malden court, when he ordered them to make their usual visits to two Medford residents and leave ice without charge for the term of one month.

#### Mannix Declares Proposition of Lloyd George Simply "Preposterous."

London.—Proposals by Premier Lloyd-George in the house that every facility would be given the mother of Archbishop Mannix of Australia, to come to London from Ireland to visit her son, were denounced as "preposterous" by the prelate in an interview with The Daily Mail. The archbishop said his mother could not possibly travel, owing to her great age, no matter how much assistance should be given her.

#### Women Should Decide Between Rule of Right, or, of Blood and Iron.

Raleigh.—Declaring that women should have "the first right to speak when the issue is whether or not the world shall henceforth be ruled by reason and righteousness or by blood and iron," Governor Bickett, in a special message warned his democratic friends that the most they would be able to do by defeating the ratification resolution would be to delay "for months a movement you are powerless to defeat."

#### American Views on Russo-Polish Situation Pleasing to France.

Paris.—The French government is sending a note to the United States expressing pleasure that the French and American views on the Russo-Polish situation are "in complete accord." It was learned here.

# SPEEDING CHARGE LAID AGAINST COX

### UNPLEASANT INCIDENT MARKED ITINERARY OF DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE AND PARTY.

### ENTIRE PARTY WAS ARRESTED

#### Governor Orders Cars to Proceed and Informed Motor Cops They Could Find Him at Any Time.

Columbus, O.—An unsuccessful attempt to arrest Governor Cox on a charge of automobile speeding and harmless accident to one of the cars of newspaper men accompanying him furnished excitement in the motor trip of the democratic presidential candidate returning from Wheeling, W. Va. The attempt was declared by Roy E. Leyton, adjutant general of Ohio, to have been planned to embarrass the democratic nominee.

At Jacksonville, O., about 32 miles east of Columbus, the governor and his party rode slowly through, disregarding outstretched arms of a shirt sleeved man, and also a large group of persons gathered there. Within a few minutes two motorcycle officers stopped the governor and press correspondents, declaring all under arrest and demanding their return to Jacksonville. Governor Cox identified himself, but the officers said they had orders from Jacksonville authorities to arrest all four automobiles of the party "no matter who they contained." "You can reach me at the executive office at Columbus any time," Governor Cox replied, ordering all the cars to proceed and leaving the officers busy taking down car numbers on the fly.

#### New United States Minister to Poland Leaves For His Post.

New York.—Hugh Gibson, United States minister to Poland, sailed for his post in Europe.

#### Mail is Sent to Berlin by Airplane From Incoming Steamers.

Berlin.—A contract for carrying mails by airplanes from incoming steamers to Berlin has been closed with the German-Lloyd air line by the ministry of posts.

#### Preliminary Treaty is Concluded Between Russians and Armenians.

London.—A preliminary peace treaty has been concluded between the Russian soviet government and Armenia says a wireless dispatch received here from Moscow.

#### Over 400 German Emigrants Have Left Hamburg For Brazil.

Berlin.—Four hundred and twenty-eight German emigrants sailed from Hamburg on board the steamer Cuyabara for Brazil. This is the first contingent of a total of 2,500 German settlers who will go to Brazil at the expense of that government.

#### Criminals to Go Under Knife For Removal of "Criminal Instincts"

Detroit.—Allen Kellar and Joseph Lara, who have spent a great part of their thirty-five years of life behind prison bars, will probably go under the surgeon's knife for treatment to cure their alleged "criminal instincts." They have been ordered by the court to a hospital for treatment.

#### Handing to Deliver Labor Day Address From His Front Porch.

Marion, O.—Labor, the league of nations, agricultural issues and the tariff are to be made headlines of Senator Harding's campaign during early September under a program revealed here in connection with announcement of definite plans for the republican nominee's first speech outside of Ohio. The labor address will be delivered on Labor Day, Monday, September 6, probably from the front porch.

#### Prime Minister of Poland Says the Country Will Not Capitulate.

Warsaw.—Poland earnestly desires peace but could not accept armistice terms involving disarmament in any form, Prince Eugene Sapieha, the minister of foreign affairs, declared. "Poland is not going to capitulate," said the foreign minister. "We will fight to the last man rather than that. There is no question of disarmament. If we are disarmed with the soviet troops forty miles from Warsaw it would be like throwing up our hands."

#### Austrian People Relieved From Awful Hardships of Last Winter.

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# ASK PERMISSION TO RECRUIT

### Opinion is Held By Some That the President Has Power to Suspend the Anti-Enlistment Law.

Washington.—After successive conferences between the Polish minister and Secretary Colby, the state department took up the problem of finding means of reinvigorating the fast-fading strength of the Polish state and thereby of fulfilling the assurance of support to the Poles contained in the recent American note to the Italian ambassador.

Polish officials have explained that in addition to the desire for war materials they were most anxious to obtain authorization of the United States to permit recruiting by Poles in America for the Polish army. It was said that not only had many offers of enlistment been received by the legation from Polish citizens, resident in the United States, but many offers had come from former American veterans of the world war.

While a statute forbids enlistment for armed expeditions in the United States for employment against friendly power, some officials claimed the President had authority to suspend operation of the law under his wartime powers.

#### Agreement of Armistice Entered Into Between Russia and Finland.

Helsingfors.—Russia and Finland agreed upon armistice conditions at Dorpat.

#### Fate of Poland Appears to Hang on Battles on Russo-Polish Front.

Paris.—A great battle is in progress on the Russo-Polish front upon which hangs the fate of Warsaw.

#### 1,000,000 Pounds Sugar Sweetens Waters of East River, New York.

New York.—The East river was sweetened with 1,000,000 pounds of sugar when a 12-car float carrying a western consignment went to the bottom.

#### United States Transport Brings Home the Body of General Gorgas.

New York.—The body of Major General William C. Gorgas, former surgeon general of the United States army, arrived on the United States transport Pocahontas. It will later be shipped to Washington, where burial will be in Arlington cemetery.

#### Union Printers May Work in Open Shops Without Endangering Cards.

Albany, N. Y.—Following a sharp debate, the International Typographical Union, in annual convention here voted 171 to 79, against a proposition to revoke the card of any member who should obtain employment in an open shop.

#### Automobile and Liquors Seized to Value of Million and a Half.

New Haven, Conn.—Automobiles and liquors confiscated by prohibition enforcement officers as the result of seizures on Connecticut state highways this summer have a value of a million and a half dollars.

#### A Formerly Widely Known American Sportsman Dies on London Track.

London.—Walter Winans, widely known American resident of London, collapsed and died while driving his horse, Henrietta Gay, in a race at Parisoux Park.

#### Illinois Man Has Patented Auger Boring a Perfectly Square Hole.

Peoria, Ill.—A man here, Carl Schmidgall, has invented an auger that drills a square hole. It has attracted attention the world over and foreign countries are seeking the patent rights. Recently a German concern tried to purchase the rights, but Schmidgall refused. It was the second offer of the company. Schmidgall has patented the auger in America, Canada and Italy, and expects soon to begin its manufacture.

#### France Has Recognized the South Russian Government of Wrangel.

London.—Great Britain has been officially notified of the recognition by France of the government of General Baron Wrangel as the de facto government of South Russia and the question is being discussed between the two governments.

Something akin to consternation is evinced by the evening newspapers over the French action, which is characterized as contrary to British ideas and a menace to entente relations.

#### Permission is Asked by American Express Company to Raise Rates.

Washington.—Permission to increase express rates to absorb the wage award of the railroad labor board at Chicago estimated at \$43,800,805, was asked from the Interstate Commerce Commission by the American Railway Express Company.

# NO SUFFRAGE FOR NORTH CAROLINA

### SENATE BY A VOTE OF 25 TO 22 PUTS RESPONSIBILITY ON NEXT LEGISLATURE.

### AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION

#### Movement Will Probably Be Launched to Allow the Voters Opportunity to Decide Question Themselves.

By a vote of 25 to 23 the senate of North Carolina defeated woman suffrage by adopting a resolution offered by Senator Lindsay Warren, of Beaufort, postponing action in order that the people of the state may have a hearing and express themselves. This means that the responsibility is passed on to the general assembly of 1921 and that for the present session suffrage is dead.

Suffrage leaders in the house said that in all likelihood ratification will not come up in the lower branch. It is conceded that rejection would result. There are two measures pending in the house.

A possibility, although it has not developed yet, is that there will be a movement launched to write an amendment to the constitution of North Carolina and submit it to the voters this fall calling for woman suffrage as a gift of the people of North Carolina and not a federal measure.

#### Coastwise Longshoremen, Long on Strike, Vote to Return to Work.

New York.—Coastwise longshoremen, members of the International Longshoremen's Association, who have been on strike since last April, have voted to return to work at once.

#### Sugar Peddlers in Brooklyn Are Rushed Off Their Feet by Women.

New York.—Peddlers selling sugar at 19 cents a pound, which is four or five cents cheaper than the grocery store prices—were nearly rushed off their feet by women buyers in Brooklyn's eastern district.

#### The Body of General Gorgas Now at Rest in Arlington Cemetery.

Washington.—The body of Major General William C. Gorgas, conqueror of yellow fever in Cuba and Panama, and former surgeon-general of the army, was buried at Arlington National cemetery with impressive military honors.

#### The Citrus Fruit Crop of Florida Will Total Sixteen Million Boxes.

Tampa, Fla.—The citrus fruit crop of Florida for the 1920-21 season will total sixteen million boxes, some five million boxes more than that of the 1919-20 season, according to estimates made public by the Florida Citrus exchange.

#### Colorado Judge Gives Seven Union Leaders Ninety Days For Contempt.

Denver, Colo.—Seven officers of the local street carmen's union, who called the strike of tramway carmen in Denver, were sentenced to 90 days in jail for contempt by Judge Greeley W. Whitford in district court. The judge found them guilty ten days ago of calling the strike in violation of an injunction.

#### Topeka, Kansas, Man Nominated to Congress on Rather Moist Ticket.

Topeka, Kans.—Returns from the recent Kansas statewide primary, announced by the secretary of state, show that J. B. Willard, democrat and former mayor of Topeka, who advocated beer and light wines in his campaign, won the nomination for Congress in the first district.

#### Military Forces of General Wrangel Are Approximately 150,000 Men.

Sebastopol.—The military forces of General Wrangel, head of the anti-bolshevik government in south Russia, now aggregate about 150,000 men, one-third of whom are high class troops. Russian officers estimate that the bolshevik forces arrayed against General Wrangel are at present about 50,000 in number. Their estimates are that the soviets have some 300,000 troops on the Polish front and 100,000 reserves available elsewhere.

#### Report Says Russian Pressure on Warsaw is Greatly Relieved.

Warsaw.—The Russian pressure upon Warsaw has been relieved, according to the official Polish communique just issued. The statement reported that General Pilsudski directed the counter stroke that affected this relief.

# GOVERNOR BICKETT SPEAKS TO SOLONS

### APPEARED IN PERSON BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DELIVER HIS MESSAGE

### REVALUATION ACT IN DETAIL

#### The Governor was in Good Form and Held Undivided Attention of Members and The Crowded Galleries

Raleigh. Governor Bickett, appeared in person before the legislature to deliver his message. He was in good form and held the undivided attention of both the members of the general assembly and the crowded galleries. A part of that part of the message relating to the revaluation act follows: Gentlemen of the General Assembly:

For many years the tax books of North Carolina presented comedies of error and tragedies of injustice. These unlovely exhibitions were not due to any vicious principle in our organic law, nor to any moral perversion of our people. The constitution has always required property to be listed for taxation at its true value. The average citizen has always desired to speak the truth and to do equity. The errors and inequalities that have made our tax books look like the minutes of an Ananias club were born of machinery acts utterly unsuited to modern conditions, and hopelessly inadequate to execute the virtuous wishes of the people as declared in the plain language of the constitution.

This general assembly at the regular session of 1919, consecrated itself to the task of devising a machinery act that would find all the property in the state and determine its true value. I am grateful to report that this high purpose has been accomplished with remarkable completeness and perfection. For the first time in our history tax values are true values. For the first time the citizen and the stranger within the gates may go to the tax books and find a fairly accurate inventory of the property of the state, and a fairly accurate appraisal of its value. In the new machinery act the people were for the first time seriously asked to tell the truth, and they have responded to this appeal in noble fashion. From every quarter of the state word has come that the people are happy to get away from the old system of concealments and evasions, and to let the exact truth about their property stand forth.

Taking the state as a whole, 75 per cent of the assessments were made at substantially the values sworn to by the owners of the property 20 per cent were substantially increased and 5 per cent were decreased.

The law gives to every property owner the right to appeal from the judgement of the county board to the state tax commission. The local authorities, approximated true values so closely that not one person in a thousand appealed from their judgement. This is a record without parallel in the history of judicial tribunals. The real grievance voiced by a few people is not against the failure of the act, but is against its success.

The high objective of the act is to equalize the burdens of taxation and to wipe out discriminations. And just in proportion as true values have appeared on the tax books errors and inequalities have vanished. True values are always equal values, but neither wisdom nor virtue, nor principles nor powers, nor length nor breadth, nor height nor depth, nor things present nor things to come nor any other creature can equalize a kettle of lies.

In the beginning, when the earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep, "God said, Let there be light." The true valuation act is a conscientious effort to execute that high command. Let there be light! Let the white light of truth beat and blaze on the tax books of North Carolina, and in its shining presence no injustice will live.

#### Assigned to Cox News Service

Winder R. Harris, son of Mrs. J. C. J. Harris, of this city who began his newspaper career on Raleigh newspapers, has been given the very important assignment by the Universal News Service as special correspondent with Governor James M. Cox, Democratic presidential candidate, during the national campaign, according to information received.

#### The Governor on Suffrage

"I refrain from advancing the usual argument in behalf of suffrage. I leave entirely out of consideration the partisan advantage or disadvantage which ratification might entail. I urge ratification, first, in the hope of thereby clearing the political atmosphere; second, in the belief that the suppression of effective opinion works harm to the whole body politic; and, finally, in the conviction that we owe immediate action as a measure of simple justice to American women. I trust you will help in this."

# Proceedings of The Legislative

Removal of Justice of the Supreme court and judges of the superior court from the operation of the primary law is authorized in a bill offered in the Senate by Senator Burns, relieving them hereafter from the necessity of making a fight for nomination at the polls, and leaving their selection to district and State party conventions.

The Moore county senator's measure makes the second that has come before the General Assembly at the special session affecting the primary both moving in the direction of repealing it. Senator Brown, went even further, and declared in a bill for the abolition of the primary in its entirety, and returning to the old convention system of selecting party nominees.

The third day's work of the lower branch of the General Assembly found the committee bill submitting the constitutional amendments to the voters this fall passed and on its way to the Senate. There were seventy-eight votes cast for and twenty-four cast against on final roll call.

Otherwise, the session was rather tame. True, Crisp, of Dare, offered bills raising the salaries of all the State officers, some one else offered one to make Major W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture, a member of the council of State, and Representative Bryant introduced the school bills. The burning question—suffrage—continued to hold the center of the stage.

Still another amendment to the constitution was proposed in a new bill introduced by Representative W. O. Saunders intended to raise the pay of somebody else—the legislators themselves. Mr. Saunders and a number of his colleagues believe that the members ought to receive at least five hundred dollars per annum for their service to the State.

Representative Herring, of Sampson, republican introduced into the house a bill to repeal the absent voters law. His reasons, privately expressed, were that the emergency is over and that the law leaves the door open to fraud.

Opinion prevails among legislators that Senator Joe Brown's bill for the repeal of the state primary law will pass. No adverse criticism of the bill has been heard by the correspondent.

While suffrage and anti leaders continued their respective maneuvers in the ratification fight in the Legislature, many members began to turn their attention to other problems the General Assembly is sure to grapple with before it leaves Raleigh.

Chief in interest is the new plan brought forward for dealing with the measures aimed to abolish the State-wide primary. Democratic leaders of the House said that a substitute bill would be offered for the Brown bill in the Senate and the Neal bill in the House submitting the question to the voters in November.

Such a disposition of a matter that is concerning some of the solons heavily will, it is pointed out, serve the purposes in the minds of the abolitionists and at the same time abolve the General Assembly of any possible reaction from the folks back home.

#### Daniels Somewhat Resentful

Coming home on wholly personal business with no thought of adding to what he had already said in behalf of suffrage for women, and with no thought to bring suffrage pressure upon any member of the General Assembly, Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels, was shown a telegram sent by W. H. Williamson, a Raleigh cotton manufacturer, that called from him a sharp retort, and a re-statement of his position on suffrage.

The Williamson telegram was directed to the Tennessee rejectionists, declaring that "we are going to win, despite pressure from the White House, from Dayton, and from the United States Senate and the Secretary of the Navy. If this crime is perpetrated, let it not be laid at the door of either North Carolina or her daughter, Tennessee."

Secretary Daniels was keenly resentful of the charge that he, the President, and "the next President, Governor Cox," were endeavoring to perpetrate a "crime" in North Carolina, and gave vigorous expression to his resentment.

#### Tick Bill Unfavorably Reported

The tick bill eradication law was killed in committee. It will be recommended that the bill do not pass.

Representative William H. Sawyer, of Wake has introduced into the house a bill providing for a state board of accountancy. It was referred to judiciary committee No. 1.

Representative Shepperd of Wake introduced a bill to empower the state corporation commission to fix railroad fares between points inside of North Carolina.

#### Confederate Dedication Day

Major-General James I. Metts, commander of the North Carolina division of Confederate veterans, has issued the following statement: "The committee has announced that the memorial to our beloved Generals Ransom and Pettigrew will be ready for dedication at Winchester, Virginia, September 16-17, which are the only dates open. It is earnestly desired that all veterans who possibly can will attend and take part in the ceremonies. Two more noble worthy and gallant soldiers never lived."