

KING OF GREECE HAS ABANDONED HIS THRONE

BRITISH REPORT HIS FALL IN OFFICIAL DISPATCH

Said to Have Turned Throne Over to Crown Prince, With Venizelos in Control

BULGARIA DECLARES WAR ON RUMANIA

Fighting Among The Greeks at Saloniki — Rumanians Continue Their Invasion of Hungary and Capture Important Industrial Center.

(By Associated Press.) London, Sept. 1.—The (2:15 p. m.)—King Constantine, of Greece, has abdicated according to the British official press representative at Saloniki.

The press representative says the King abdicated in favor of the Crown Prince, with Venizelos as the power behind the throne.

The new policy, he reports, will be to work with the entente allies. According to this information Premier Zaimis will remain at the head of the government.

The correspondent questions whether the entente allies desire the active assistance of Greece.

Various rumors are in circulation here in regard to the situation in Greece. A Reuter's dispatch from Saloniki says there has been fighting between the Greek garrison at Saloniki and the Greek volunteers, recently organized to assist the Greek regulars, who are resisting the Bulgarians in Macedonia.

French troops intervened to suppress the fighting and the garrison finally surrendered and marched out of Saloniki.

Bulgaria has declared war on Rumania, according to the official announcement made at Saloniki, as forwarded by the Reuter's correspondent there.

Regarding the report from Saloniki that King Constantine has abdicated the Greek minister in London said today "I have received no such information and I certainly do not believe such a thing has taken place."

The abdication of King Constantine, of Greece, is reported by the official representative at Saloniki of the British press. He cabled London that the King abdicated in favor of Crown Prince George. He then reported the surrender of three Greek garrisons in Macedonia to a committee, the nature of which is not indicated clearly. Reports from Saloniki and other dispatches say there has been fighting between Greek regulars and volunteer forces. French troops are reported to have intervened to prevent serious disturbance in the Saloniki region.

Rumanian troops are continuing their invasion of Hungary. Official announcement is made at Bucharest that the advance is being carried on successfully in all directions and that the important industrial center of Pereseny, near Kronstadt, has been occupied.

On the Macedonian front comparative quiet continues. The French war office announces nothing today except ordinary activity at various points, there having been no heavy engagements in the last 24 hours.

Bulgaria's expected declaration of war on Rumania is announced at Saloniki, according to an official dispatch.

Ward Price, to whom the dispatch of King Constantine's abdication is credited, is the official British press representative designated by the government to act for all British publications in that area. Nevertheless his dispatches are subjected not only to Greek censorship, which controls all news communication from Athens. The fact that both censorships, as well as the British censor, having permitted this dispatch to come through is significant.

On Tuesday Mr. Price sent a dispatch from Saloniki reporting that King Constantine had fled to Larissa. This dispatch was discredited in London official circles.

Psmeur—This painting, "The Sleeping Dryad," is the one that won the gold medal for me. Lowbrow—Fine! There ain't many cigarette ads that has much on that.—Exchange.

TRYING TO STIR THEM TO ACTOIN

Copies of Proposed Amendments Being Sent From Raleigh to Prominent Men

(Special to The Dispatch.) Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 1.—W. S. Wilson, legislative reference librarian, is sending to prominent men in both Democratic and Republican parties the four amendments which will be voted upon this fall and asking them to express themselves for publication.

All candidates of both parties on State, legislative and such other tickets as will have special influence upon this lot of amendments, have been addressed with the hope of interesting their constituency in the proposed changes of constitution. The letter of Mr. Wilson has called out many answers.

The four things sought by this series are the restriction of local, private and special legislation, the prevention of delays in trials by providing emergency judges; the prevention of special charters to corporations by the general assembly and of special charters to towns, cities and incorporated villages.

Mr. Wilson will implicate the replies of the several men whose views he has sought. He directs their attention to the action of the North Carolina Press Association which endorsed the amendments and agreed to urge their adoption through the papers this fall. He elaborates upon them and gives his own reasons for desiring such changes as will allow the State to do real business when the legislature meets. Mr. Wilson says:

"Amendments 1, 3 and 4 are intended to restrict the ever-increasing volume of local and private laws, and to provide for the enactment of general, uniform, Statewide laws under which counties and municipalities will have greatly enlarged self-governing privileges, and all private corporations will be placed on like footing as to charter powers and rights.

"From 1909 to 1915, inclusive, there were enacted by the general assembly 1,549 pages of public laws, and 11,017 pages of private and local laws. Eighty per cent. of the volume of legislation during this period has been local and private. The authority given and relief granted is 50 per cent. of this mass of legislation could have been provided for in a more satisfactory manner by the enlargement of general laws which would probably have required 500 printed pages."

Mr. Wilson discusses the emergency judgeships and the present unsatisfactory method of providing for early trial of cases. He thinks it best to observe the constitutional requirement that litigants shall "have remedy by due course of law, and right and justice administered without sale, denial or delay."

"It is a rare occurrence that a case on appeal gets to its final hearing within a shorter time than three to five years," he says. He does not fear abuse of power.

HUNTING MURDERER.

Sheriff J. M. Clark, of Bladen County, Spent Several Hours Here. Sheriff J. M. Clark, of Bladen county, spent several hours in the city Friday morning in search for Horace Fleming, colored, who Thursday night shot and instantly killed David Whitted in Elizabethtown.

Both negroes were employed by the management of the government dam, now being constructed there, and it is stated that during a fracas Thursday night Fleming shot Whitted five times.

SAVED FROM CHAIR AT LAST MINUTE BY A REPRIEVE

Young White Men to Have Been Executed Today Get Another Chance

GOV. CRAIG GRANTS EIGHT WEEKS' STAY

Does So That Case May Go Before The United States Supreme Court On a Writ of Error.

(By Associated Press.) Asheville, N. C., Sept. 1.—Governor Craig, at his home here this morning, granted a reprieve for eight weeks to Hardy Wiggins and Merritt Miller, who were to have been electrocuted at 10:30 o'clock at the state prison in Raleigh.

In a statement accompanying the reprieve the Governor said that attorneys for the men had filed a petition with him asking for time to take the case before the supreme court of the United States on a writ of error. The attorneys contend that the prisoners did not have a fair and impartial trial in that many of the jurors had formed and expressed the opinion that the defendants were guilty. Wiggins and Miller were convicted of murdering Phillip Phillips, in Graham County a year ago.

Hour of Doom Had All But Arrived. Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 1.—All preparations had been made for the execution of Wiggins and Miller when notice of Governor Craig's reprieve was received this morning at the penitentiary forty-five minutes before the time set for the execution.

Both Wiggins and Miller are white men. Wiggins, it was said, urged that the execution proceed, declaring, according to those present, when told that a reprieve had been granted, that he had been persecuted until he was tired of it. Miller, it was said, merely expressed his thanks.

All precedents were said to have been broken Wednesday when Wiggins, under heavy guard, was taken to a local Baptist church and immersed. Heretofore, when a condemned prisoner desired baptism it had been the custom to perform it in the penitentiary by sprinkling. Wiggins requested immersion and this could not be done at the prison. Permission was obtained from Governor Craig to have the ceremony take place in a church.

CUBA TO HAVE A NAVAL ACADEMY

Havana, Cuba, Sept. 1.—The Republic of Cuba, which boasts a navy of twenty ships, is about to have an up-to-date naval academy for the training of her cadets in seamanship and sea fighting. The new naval academy, which is to be opened for the reception of its first class next week, is located at Mariel, a little seaport about 25 miles west of Havana where the bay is large enough for such purposes and where other shipping is not sufficient to interfere. The celebrated Rubens Palace, built by the former New York lawyer who helped work out Cuba's legal tangles for the New York junta during revolutionary days, is to serve as the main edifice of the new school. Cuba desires to have several officers of the United States navy among her instructors, and President Menocal has requested President Wilson to furnish them. She is anxious to have American naval officers for two branches especially, submarine and artillery. She does not boast a submarine yet in her fleet, but it is the present plan to purchase one or more of the undersea craft in the near future.

MORE CASES BUT NO CAUSE FOR ALARM

(By Associated Press.) New York, Sept. 1.—The number of new cases of infantile paralysis reported for the 24 hours at 10 a. m. today showed an increase, 60 being reported, but health officials retained their feeling of certainty that the epidemic is on the wane. The number of deaths today is 16, compared with 21 reported yesterday.

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FEELING GENERAL THAT STRIKE TO BE CALLED OFF

Congress Will Likely Pass Eight-Hour Bill Before Saturday Night

PRESIDENT URGES QUICKER ACTION

Makes Another Visit to Capitol—Confers With Brotherhood Leader—Railway Heads Mark Time

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 1.—All outward indications of progress of President Wilson's legislative program, to prevent the railway strike, were favorable when congress resumed work today.

A. B. Garretson, spokesman for the railway brotherhoods' committee, held a conference with the President today. When he left the White House he refused absolutely to say why he had called. The President kept the cabinet waiting, while he talked with Mr. Garretson. White House officials said Mr. Garretson called to give the President "some information." Mr. Garretson refused to say whether he discussed calling off the strike. There is every indication that the administration expects the strike to be called off before Sunday morning.

The President himself went to the capitol soon after 9 o'clock this morning to hurry along legislation. The Senate Interstate Commerce Committee went to work on a bill for an eight-hour day and an investigation commission. With a provision authorizing the Interstate Commerce Commission to fix the schedule of wages on railroads, the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee later today favorably reported the eight-hour bill.

In the House the rules committee assembled to work on a special rule and have it ready for the House when it met at 11 o'clock, providing for a vote on the Adamson bill not later than 4:50 o'clock this afternoon. The Adamson bill has been approved by the President and the heads of the railway brotherhoods have said its passage, by both houses of congress, will be considered a satisfactory settlement. The railway heads having voiced their protest against the legislation did nothing today, waiting its outcome.

Barring unforeseen complications it seems assured today that congress will act finally before Saturday night and in time for the brotherhood to call off the strike set for 7 o'clock Monday morning.

NO ACTION TAKEN ON BREAD PRICES

Housewives League Decides Let Bread Situation Alone For Present.

At a called meeting Friday morning the Housewives' League decided that on account of the uncertainty of the times that no action would be taken regarding the raise in the price of loaf bread from 5 to 6 cents. The question was discussed at some length. It was stated by members of the league that they have confidence in the honesty and integrity of the bakers and trust that they will, as soon as possible, again put the price of bread to normal.

The other routine business of the meeting was gone through with, but no other important subjects were passed upon by the members.

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PRESIDENT KENLY ISSUES LETTER TO TRAINMEN

Expresses Regret of Issue Being Forced Between Company and Employees

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR PASSENGER DELAYS

Embargo Has Been Placed On Freight Shipments—Superintendents Return

President J. R. Kenly, of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, issued from the headquarters of the company here this afternoon a circular letter to all the engineers, firemen, conductors, trainmen and yardmen in the employ of the Coast Line, expressing deep regret of the issue that is being forced between the company and its train service employees, and also assuring the company, who remain loyal to the company in event of the strike, full protection.

It is stated in the circular that employees who join the strike will voluntarily sever their connections with the company, and will, accordingly surrender all rights and privileges that have accrued to them as employees, including any claim they may have to pension, under the company's rules.

In the closing paragraph of the letter it is stated that it is the sincere hope of President Kenly that there will be many employees who will remain with the company and to those who do remain assurances are given that their loyalty will not be forgotten.

Aside from issuing the circular to the officials of the Coast Line here have been marking time and they are only waiting developments. The circular letter issued from the office of the president, follows: Wilmington, N. C., August 31, 1916. To all Engineers, Firemen, Conductors, Trainmen and Yardmen in the Employ of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company:

This company has given its most earnest effort to the problem of effecting a settlement of the present issue with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Order of Railway Conductors, and Order of Railway Trainmen, but as you are aware, a satisfactory conclusion has not been reached. The company is now confronted with a strike order effective Monday morning, Sept. 4th, at 7 a. m., Eastern time. It is a matter of keen regret to me that an issue is thus forced between this company and its train service employees. I feel, and have always felt, that the relation between this company and its employees in train service has been cordial and satisfactory. I know that there are many men in the service who have given the best effort of their lives to the work of this company. I know that their loyalty in the past has never failed the company, and that although there have been differences they have been adjusted in such manner that there was no interruption of our cordial relations, and no occasion for bitterness or resentment on the part of either.

I realize that honest men frequently differ in their views. I feel, and have always felt, that when honest men differ over a given proposition, neither should fear to entrust their differences to arbitration by other honest and disinterested parties. As you are aware, this company has been, and is, willing to settle this issue upon that principle, but its conscientious effort to do so has been a failure. The issue is consequently forced upon it. It proposes now to meet the issue.

I therefore call upon all loyal employees of this company to aid it in this crisis in performing its duty to the public, and I announce that the purpose of this company towards such of its men as remain in its service will be as follows:

First: Men now employed by the company in engine, train and yard service, who remain in the service, will be furnished protection by the company during the period of the strike, and will be provided for by the company when and as necessary. Second: Employees of the company who join the strike will thereby voluntarily sever their connection with (Continued on page eight.)

BILLS TO AVERT THE STRIKE NOW ON WAY TO PASSAGE

ARREST AND BAIL ACTION TAKEN

L. B. Pearce Suing J. O. Bowden For Proceeds of Sale of City Lots.

Arrest and bail proceedings were Friday morning instituted by L. B. Pearce against J. O. Bowden, et al. A preliminary hearing will be held before the Clerk of the Superior Court Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

It is alleged that the plaintiff and the defendant in 1914 bought a tract of city land together, intending to cut same up into lots and sell in that manner and that the defendant after selling two lots used the proceeds of the sale of the first lot as part payment toward the whole and as per agreement with the plaintiff put the proceeds of the sale of the second lot in his pocket, with the understanding that the proceeds of the sale of the next lot sold were to go to the present plaintiff.

On account of the war coming on no more lots have been sold and the plaintiff, Mr. Pearce, is suing the defendant, Mr. Bowden, for \$115 which he claims is his share of the sale of the second lot. Bond will be fixed Friday afternoon at the hearing before the Clerk of the Superior Court.

NINE TIGERS CAPTURED.

Officers Make Wholesale Arrests Thursday Night and Friday.

Nine blind tigers was the result of a raid made Thursday night as a result of warrants sworn out Thursday afternoon before Justice Harris. The arrests began about 10 o'clock and continued until about 4 o'clock Friday morning when the last of the alleged tigers were captured.

Those making the arrests were County Officer H. Mack Godwin, Plainclothesman D. W. Coleman and Constable J. H. Davis.

Those arrested were Mammie Rouse, French Lewis, white; Hezekiah Pollock, B. Frank, Jim Brown, Con Brown, Jim Edwards, Charles Robinson and Henry Carter, colored.

The arrests were made in different parts of the city and were made on warrants alleging the sale of intoxicants to the one swearing out the warrant.

STORM TODAY OFF THE YUCATAN COAST

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 1.—Although the tropical disturbance over the Caribbean sea has not been attended by dangerous winds thus far, weather bureau reports today indicate that weather of moderate gale force prevailed during the last 24 hours in the state of Florida, the southeastern portion of the gulf and the Yucatan channel.

The storm was central this morning off the east coast of Yucatan and moving westward.

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President Expects Both Houses To Act Favorably by Tomorrow Night

SENATE AND HOUSE MEASURES DIFFERENT

Canadian Commission Plan and Government Operation Provision are Omitted, to be Taken Up Later—Republicans Have Bill.

Washington, Sept. 1.—Bills to avert the railway strike were actually put on their way to passage today in both houses of congress.

Under a special rule providing for a vote not later than 4:30 o'clock this afternoon the House took up the Adamson eight-hour day bill, approved by President Wilson and accepted by the brotherhood leaders as a satisfactory settlement.

The Senate Interstate Commerce Committee reported a similar bill, which, however, contained an important provision empowering the Interstate Commerce Commission to fix schedule of wages on Interstate railroads. It provides that the eight-hour day shall become effective January 1, 1917; that the present pay for the ten-hour day shall apply to the shorter day; that overtime be paid pro rata, but adds that within not less than six months and more than twelve months after the passage, the Interstate Commerce Commission shall assume jurisdiction of the question of hours and wages and they shall be subjected to petition for change from either the employers, employees, or the public.

The possibility for a hitch seemed in this additional provision, which is being studied by brotherhood leaders. The committee eliminated the proposal that on report of the eight-hour day commission the Interstate Commerce Commission "shall consider an increase of freight rates to meet such additional expenditure by the railways affected as many have been rendered necessary by enactment of the eight hour day."

Neither pending bill contains the Canadian commission plan, which labor leaders opposed, and neither contains the government operation provision. President Wilson is willing to let those features wait until the legislation to avert the strike has been enacted.

At 2 o'clock Senator Newlands introduced the revised Senate bill and it was formally referred to the Interstate Commerce Committee. Senator Newlands said the committee would report at 2:30 o'clock and unanimous that he would speak to hold the Senate in session until the committee submitted its report even should it extend the session far into the night.

Senator Newlands made a favorable report to 2:30 o'clock and unanimous consent was granted by the Senate for its consideration. Senator Newlands opened the discussion.

Senate Republicans decided today to frame a bill of their own and offer it as a substitute for the administration plan. A committee was appointed to draft it.

Senator LaFollette, quitting his political campaign, suddenly returned to the capitol today, to take a hand in the legislation. He said he could not tell what his attitude towards the pending bills would be until he had investigated them.

The time for passage of the bills is so short that a filibuster might seriously interfere with their progress. Democratic leaders, however, do not expect one and are confident the program will go through on time.

President Wilson told members of the cabinet at today's meeting that there was every prospect that the legislation would be passed by both houses of congress before tomorrow night.

Moves To Murchison Building Cyrus D. Hogue, a well known member of the Wilmington Bar, has moved his offices from the Citizen's Bank building, Second and Princess streets, to rooms 714-715 Murchison National Bank building. In the well appointed offices Mr. Hogue will be better situated to serve his clients.