

TO FIGHT GENERAL WAGE REDUCTION

Gompers Serves Formal Notice On American Industry.

Says What Workers of America Have Gained During the War Will Not Be Taken Away—International Conference Ends.

Laredo, Texas, Nov. 17.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in the closing hours of the pan-American labor conference today, served formal warning that no general reduction of wages or increase in working hours after the war would be accepted without a bitter fight by organized labor.

Mr. Gompers issued a statement inspired by a recent public utterance of William H. Barr, president of the nation founders' association, that a reduction of wages and longer hours would be the only means to enable American manufacturers to continue to cope with foreign industries after the war.

"Notice is given here and now," Mr. Gompers said, "that the American people will not be forced back by either Barr, his association, or all the bourgeois in the United States into the record of the past. I am glad to see the record published in which Mr. Barr was quoted.

"Perhaps I might not have taken notice of this declaration if the same character of information had not come to me from various quarters," Mr. Gompers said.

"There are some people who will not understand; they are some people who do not understand all this is meant by the willingness of the people of the democracies to fight and make the sacrifices in order that a better time shall come to the worker. The time has come in the world when the working people are coming into their own. They have new rights and new advantages. They have made the sacrifices and they are going to enjoy the better times for which the whole world has been in a convulsion. The American labor movement wholeheartedly supported this world struggle. The American labor movement went to the fullest lengths in support of that struggle and we knew just what was involved.

"One word more, the American labor movement will co-operate with all other agencies to help in this reconstruction time. Our movement is not to destroy, but to construct. And all may just as well understand now as at any other time that the advantage which the workers of America and of the allied countries have gained and which we hope to extend to the people ever of the conquered countries are not going to be taken away from us. And we will resist in that attempt to the uttermost.

The conference adjourned after a pan-American federation of labor had been formed and Samuel Gompers elected its chairman.

The objects of the new labor federation are the establishment of better conditions for working people who emigrate from one American country to another; the establishment of better understanding among the working peoples of the Americas and the utilization of every means for the promotion and welfare of the peoples of these countries. Each country will be entitled to at least two delegates. The federation will maintain permanent headquarters in Washington. The federation will meet annually in July.

Prince Max at Baden-Baden. Baden, Nov. 16.—Prince Maximilian of Baden, German chancellor, has arrived at Baden-Baden with his family. It is said that he will make a long stay there.

DEMOBILIZATION OF SOLDIERS STARTED

(Continued From Page One) To save time the names of every man killed, wounded and missing up to the time of the armistice not hitherto reported.

BAKER THINKS OFFICERS AND MEN OF ARMY AT HOME

Washington, Nov. 16.—Secretary Baker today formally expressed his thanks to officers and men of the army in the United States for the zeal shown in preparing for overseas duty. Mr. Baker expressed confidence that the standards of discipline and bearing will be maintained by the men in training until demobilized. This statement followed the signing of the military armistice enables us to suspend the intensive military preparation in which the country has been engaged. It does not, however, signify the end of the war and it will, therefore, be necessary for us to keep under arms a substantial army until we are certain that the military needs of the country will be met. The men in training in the United States will be demobilized as rapidly as is consistent with the needs of the government.

NEW PARLIAMENT MUST BE CHOSEN

(Continued from Page One) their unflinching support, even being hoodmen in the construction of the new edifice. In conclusion he said: "It is a fatal to great action. Let us approach our task as men determined to lay the foundation of the new world on a sure basis."

FULLMAN SERVICE.

Commencing November 16th, all requests for Fullman sleeping car space from Wilmington should be made to C. M. Acker, Ticket Agent, phone 1102-W. no 16-8t

STATE HAS PLEDGED \$831,156 TO FUNDS

President Sends Message Urging Subscriptions.

Comptroller Williams Advises National Banks to Make Provisional Subscriptions—Need of Many Millions.

(Special Star Telegram.) Durham, Nov. 16.—Up to 8 o'clock tonight the counties reporting in North Carolina show a total of \$831,156 for the united war work fund with many counties yet to be heard from. The total subscriptions today was \$107,588. Forty-four colleges in the state report \$44,159.06; 24 are yet to be heard from.

Dr. John R. Mott, national chairman of the war work campaign, New York, has received the following message from John Skelton Williams, comptroller of the currency:

"In reply to your inquiry I regret to advise you that the joint resolution empowering the boards of directors on behalf of national banks to make subscriptions to the united war work campaign, which has passed the senate, has not been reported on by the house committee for lack of a quorum. It is hoped this resolution may become a law shortly, meanwhile there is no reason which national banks, desiring to do so, should not make conditional subscriptions to the fund, such subscriptions to become effective only when the bill becomes a law."

The Union Pacific railroad has set a fine example for railways under government control by leading off with subscription to the war workers fund of \$100,000.

President Wilson has just sent an important telegram, jointly to National Chairman Mott, director general and Cleveland Dodge, treasurer, of the war work campaign, which reads as follows:

"White House, Washington, Nov. 15.—I am sure that the entire American people are following with eager and responsive interest the progress of the united war work campaign now that cessation of hostilities has come. We have entered upon a period in which the work of our seven welfare agencies assumes, if possible, an added importance as the excitement under which our soldiers and sailors have been working is withdrawn. Their hours of leisure are much more numerous and temptations are greatly multiplied and intensified. It is clear that to minister to them, all of their time is going to be required, and a larger financial outlay needed than when they were being served but a small fraction of their time. Only a few more days remain before the campaign closes and very much more money will be needed before the desired large over-subscription is secured. I can not but believe that our people from one end of the country to the other will rally in generous and sacrificial giving to complete this fund and to give our men this fresh and unimpaired strength that we are all still behind them, and with them during their patient and long vigil in our behalf, and in the sole interest of completing the high patriotic duty on which we sent them forth."

MAN KILLED AND WIFE ATTACKED BY NEGRO

Search Follows and Sheriff Is Wounded by Suspicious Negro Answering Description of Brute.

Winston-Salem, Nov. 16.—After forcing Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Childress, employees of the Intermex cotton mills, north of the city to walk to a deep ravine just outside the city limits, an unknown negro tonight shot and mortally wounded the man and attacked the woman. The negro made his escape, but in a search that started later, Sheriff G. W. Frynt was shot through the right hand and a flesh wound inflicted in his neck by a suspicious looking negro, whose description tallied with that given by the woman of the negro who attacked her.

PRICE TO BE PAID ENGLAND FOR CARRYING TROOPS FIXED

New York, Nov. 16.—The price that the United States is to pay Great Britain for transporting American soldiers to France has been agreed upon, Chairman Hurley, of the shipping board said today just before sailing for Europe. Mr. Hurley did not say what the rate would be.

GET SAMPSON CO. STILL.

Revenue Officers Catch Two 50-Gallon Kettles—Plants Destroyed. Fayetteville, Nov. 16.—Deputy U. S. Marshal N. A. Watson and John D. Marshall, state trooper, in Sampson county, Friday and captured two 50-gallon whiskey stills located about one-half mile from the town. The stills were not in operation and no one was found nearby. A well equipped outfit was destroyed and 150 gallons of beer was overturned. Included in the outfit were several barrels, a new pump, a shovel, a spade and other things. All were destroyed.

FIRST CONVENTION OF UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IS CLOSED

New York, Nov. 16.—The first annual convention of the United Lutheran Church in America ended here today after receipt of word from Albany that the certificate of incorporation, merging the three Lutheran churches, had been filed with the secretary of state.

PRINCE LVOFF OF RUSSIA CALLS ON SECRETARY LANSING

Washington, Nov. 16.—Prince George E. Lvoff, first premier of Russia after the revolution that dethroned Emperor Nicholas, called on Secretary Lansing today and discussed with him the chaotic Russian situation and the part the United States might play in rehabilitating.

SERVICE MEDAL IS AWARDED PERSHING

"As a Token of Gratitude of the American People."

Is Presented by General Bliss at an Impressive Ceremony at Headquarters, Witnessed by Members of Allied Missions.

With the American Army in Eastern France, Nov. 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—The distinguished service medal was conferred upon General Pershing at his headquarters today. General Tasker H. Bliss represented President Wilson. The ceremony was witnessed by the members of the allied missions and was most impressive. Admiral Benson represented the navy and American Ambassador Sharpe also attended.

General Bliss is presenting the medal read the order by the secretary of war, which stated:

"The president directs you to say to General Pershing that he awards the medal to the commander of our armies in the field as a token of the gratitude of the American people for his distinguished services and in appreciation of the successes which our armies have achieved under his leadership."

After reading the order, General Bliss called to mind that when the first division went away, many doubted if it would be followed by another for at least a year.

"But," he added, "you have created and organized and trained here on the soil of France an American army of between two and two and a half million men. You have created the agencies for its reception, its transportation and supply. To the delight of all of us you have consistently adhered to your ideal of an American army under American officers and American leadership."

"And I know that I speak for our president," said General Bliss in conclusion, "when I say that as to those who have died the good God has given eternal rest, so may He give to us eternal peace."

ARMY "HUT CIRCUIT" LONGEST IN WORLD

How the Soldiers Overseas Are Served by the Theatrical Companies—Divisions for the Men.

Pittsburgh, Pa. Nov. 16.—The "hut circuit" of theatrical performances in the American army in France is perhaps the longest and largest in the world. Thomas Wood Stevens, head of the department of dramatic arts at the Carnegie Institute of Technology, who has just returned from France where he was associated in the production of soldier talent shows, estimates that a single company playing every night to different soldiers, would require eleven years to go through the American army in France.

The general scheme of diversion for our men in France, consisting of men in three general divisions, there is the "Over-There" theatre league, represented in New York by George M. Cohan, Winthrop Ames and James managed by Walter Johnson, and the Forbes; the French concert companies, directed by Joseph Lindon Smith. Mr. Stevens went to France primarily to help Mr. Smith with the soldier talent shows. Together they selected 25 local the various Young Men's Christian association divisional headquarters. Now M. C. A. in France, has asked for more directors, and the Carnegie institute has announced that as soon as the influenza quarantine is lifted it will begin to train 25 additional men and women Y. M. C. A. workers for this work.

Difficulty of transporting properties and costumes is one of the hardest problems in improvising shows for the soldiers, according to Mr. Stevens. They had to be carried in small vehicles, instead of drays, piled high with trunks and the directors had to make their shows fit on the small stages of the "huts" instead of the big theatre stages.

"One of my jobs has been to discover or write plays for use where no costumes of props, even citizen's clothes, not war plays," said Mr. Stevens. My first effort in this direction, called 'Three Wishes,' has been given in a dozen camps at present, but we want longer plays just as we need many more directors. The 25 we have at work are far too few.

HEAD OF THE ORDER OF OWLS ARRESTED

Indictment Charges Misuse of Mails in Publishing Statement Tending to Incite Murder.

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 16.—John W. Talbot, national president of the Order of Owls and publisher of The Owl, a paper printed at South Bend, Ind., has been arrested on a federal indictment, on page 3 of The Owl was printed. Talbot was released under \$1,000 bond and will be arraigned in federal court here November 25.

The indictment against Talbot charges that in the issue of The Owl of April 26, 1917, he caused to be printed a statement tending to incite murder and assassination against five New York state officials, who, according to federal authorities were connected with the game commission in that state. According to the indictment, on page 3 of The Owl was printed the following:

"Hang all traitors. Hang George D. Pratt first. Then hang or tar and feather in their order Alexander McDonald, August S. Houghton, Marshall Macdonald. After a thorough horse whipping, tie up Lewellyn Legg by one toe and sandpaper him to death."

The article is said to have grown out of trouble Talbot had with the commission through his interest in birds.

Riots in Copenhagen.

London, Nov. 16.—Grave syndicalist riots occurred in Copenhagen Thursday night, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch. Eighty persons were arrested, including Russian subjects, the police acting rigorously to quell the disorders.

Avoid chilly rooms in the morning by using Cole's Hot Blast Heaters. They prevent colds and sickness—adv.

R. R. TELEGRAPHERS GRANTED INCREASE

Eight Hours Will Be Considered a Day's Work.

Wages Raised 13 Cents Hour Above Rate Prevailing January 1 With Minimum of 48 Cents Retroactive to October 1.

Washington, Nov. 16.—Railroad telegraphers' wages were advanced by order of Director General McAdoo today 13 cents per hour above the rate prevailing last January 1st with a minimum of 48 cents per hour retroactive to October 1st. Eight hours hereafter is to be considered a day's work and overtime will be paid at the rate of time and a half.

This order, involving aggregate increases of about \$30,000,000 a year, applies to between 60,000 and 70,000 employees including telegraphers, telephone operators, agent-telegraphers, agent-telephers, tower men, lever men, tower and train directors, block operators and staff men. It does not apply to telephone switchboard operators. A separate wage order will be issued next week applying to railroad agents who are not telegraphers.

The order meets partially the request of the order of railroad telegraphers for advances and will tend, through the provision for time and a half pay for overtime to cut down the long hours of employment of which telegraphers heretofore have complained.

The wage order does not apply to persons paid \$30 or less a month for special services taking only a portion of their time. Cases of employees paid on a commission or a combination salary and commission basis, not including express or outside commissions will be considered by the board of railroad wages and working conditions.

CRISIS IN HOLLAND BECOMING SERIOUS

Socialist Agitation Threatens Revolution.

Reports to London Newspapers Describe Government Circles As Being Nervous—"A German Turn" in Events Is Feared.

London, Nov. 16.—The crisis in Holland is becoming very threatening, according to private advices received in London Friday, says the Telegraph. The newspaper adds that unless the government is able to speedily allay the agitation of Pieter J. Troelstra and other socialists, who are believed to be started by a large section of the workers, a revolution may be expected. A dispatch received by the Express from Amsterdam under date of Wednesday, described government circles as being nervous of the socialist threat of revolution, which the dispatch says is regarded as possible.

All measures have been taken to preserve order, but in view of the deep discontent which is shared by the army and police, apprehensions are felt that events at any moment may take a "German turn."

VOLUNTEER LANDSTRUM ARE CALLED TO TAKE UP ARMS

Amsterdam, Nov. 16.—The Dutch volunteer Landstrum, consisting of men who offered their services in 1914, but who were not obliged to undertake military duties, have been called to the colors.

SOCIALIST LEADER IN CHAMBER ATTACKS GOVERNMENT

The Hague, Wednesday, Nov. 14.—In the course of a debate in the second chamber, in which the premier, answering a question by Pieter J. Troelstra, the success of the negotiations with the associated governments for the securing of better food supplies and appealed for the people's support by avoiding excess. Pieter J. Troelstra, the socialist leader, accused the government of a lack of frankness in dealing with the chamber and declared that the people no longer would tolerate secret wire pulling.

"We now assert that the militarist influence emanates from the queen and her entourage, which is in contradiction at every point with the spirit of the people," said Troelstra.

"The government instead of rejoicing at what has occurred abroad, rather gives the impression of a careful housewife afraid for her china cupboard."

"The government appeals for order because the social democracy sees that the moment has arrived to take over the power of the state."

OPENS FIRE ON OFFICERS.

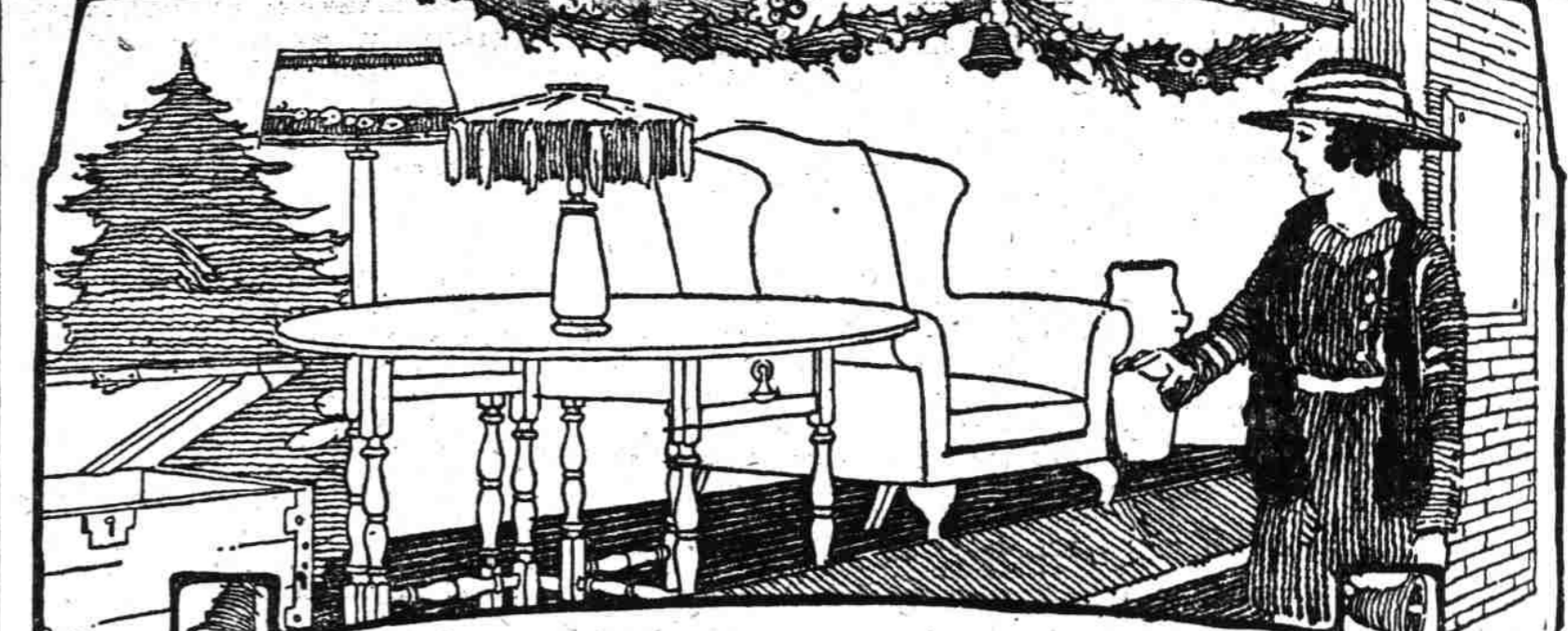
Alleged Highwayman Then Succeeds in Escaping From Policemen.

J. E. Jackson, colored, who lives at Fourth and Taylor streets, was held up at the point of a pistol last night by George Gauss and another negro who was not known to the victim, but they made such quick work of going through Jackson's pockets that they failed to find the 30 cents he had on his person. The hold up occurred at Fourth and Smith streets near Hilton between 8 and 9 o'clock.

As soon as the robbers were through with him Jackson hastened to a telephone and reported the affair to police headquarters. Policeman C. G. Jones was detailed for an investigation. He ascertained the names of one of the men and returned for a warrant. Accompanied by Policemen W. T. Hansley and E. H. Pate he returned to look for Gauss. Then trailed him but when they got within half a block of the negro he opened fire and the officers returned it, but neither policeman nor the negro were hit. Gauss then beat a hasty retreat and escaped.

Service at Grace Church.

Sermons by the pastor will be delivered at the usual hours of worship today at Grace Methodist church, according to announcement made by Rev. M. R. Taylor. Special services for the choir will be rendered and the services will be in keeping with the times.



Gift Furniture

Give Him one of our comfortable, good-to-look-at Morris Chairs, the ones with the foot rest and magazine rack, that can be changed from upright to a reclining position by a press on the button. In all finishes and upholstered in Tapestry, Genuine Leather or Mule Skin. A smoking stand or a book case, a clothes tree or a foot stool, a desk or desk chair.

Give Her a Tea Wagon in reed, oak or mahogany, a China Cabinet or a solid mahogany Sewing Stand, a comfortable Rocker or a Telephone Stand. A Sellars' Kitchen Cabinet would go a long way towards solving the servant problem, as would an Ideal Fireless or Steam Cooker. A new reed suite for the living room, or a table. A wood basket makes a nice gift and is usually appreciated by the house wife. Mahogany Lamps, Candle Sticks, Trays, Jardinieres, Taborettes, Pedestals or Aluminum Ware make appreciated gifts.

Give the Children. We have Doll Carriages, Tricycles, Dining Sets, consisting of table, chairs and rocker; Velocipedes, Automobiles, Rockers, Scooters, Wagons and Shoe-Files, besides many other useful and practicable gifts. It will be a pleasure to show you our wares.

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COUNTY FOOD COMMISSION HELD MEETING YESTERDAY

Decide to Continue Appropriation for Home Demonstration Work.

Misses Annie Lee Rankin and Florence Jeffress, city and county home demonstration agents, met with the New Hanover food commission yesterday to go over plans and discuss the work of Misses Rankin and Jeffress during the coming months and work out plans by which the food commission may co-operate with them for the best interest of all concerned.

In the past the work of the demonstrators has been greatly handicapped through the lack of proper transportation facilities, and the food commission is determined to see that this obstacle is removed and nothing allowed to remain as a stumbling block in the way of a work that is accomplishing so much good for the community.

IN MEMORIAM.

I wish to lay beside the tomb of Thomas Carroll a word of tribute, my heart is deeply touched as I pay homage to his memory. No one was better known in our community than Tom Carroll. He was a true man in every sense of the word, possessing beautiful traits of character which drew him to those with whom he came in contact. It has been my great pleasure to have known him for 35 years, and I have been drawn to him by his noble qualities and many virtues. Tom Carroll was a man to be depended upon. He possessed a strong personality, a fine intellect. Broad minded and progressive he stood always for the advancement of our city's interest and the welfare of her people. His many splendid qualities made the man. He was a great acquisition to the health department of our city and no death has occurred in our community which has given me more real genuine sorrow. He died in the full bloom of manhood, with a bright future before him. Our hearts are touched with deepest sorrow at his untimely death. Those who knew him best can but testify to his true worth and character. He was strong in his convictions for principle and right and was loyal to his friends.

As I pay tribute to his memory, I drop a tear of love beside his tomb to rest in silence there. It can be well said of him he has helped to make the world brighter and better. His life and good name will live on and on while his memory will be cherished in the hearts of his friends in richest gold. We place a wreath, clustered in gems of purest thought around his tomb.

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A CHILD DOESN'T LAUGH AND PLAY IF CONSTIPATED

Look, Mother! If Tongue Coated, Breath Fervid and Stomach Sour! "California Syrup of Figs" Can't Harm Tender Stomach, Liver, Bowels.

A laxative today saves a sick child tomorrow. Children simply will not take the time from play to empty their bowels, which become clogged up with waste, liver gets sluggish, stomach sour.

Look at the tongue, mother! If coated, or your child is listless, doesn't eat heartily, full of cold or has sore throat or any other children's ailments, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," then don't worry, because it is perfectly harmless, and in a few hours and for grown up plainly printed on the bottle. Look carefully and see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company."—adv.

North Carolinians registered at the Orton include C. F. Honeycutt, W. F. Quigley, A. R. Cornett, Rocky Mount; J. J. Wooten, Charlotte; W. B. Hanff, New Bern; Miss Lois Doshier, Miss May Phelps, Southport; L. D. Wylie, Fayetteville; C. A. Holt, Greensboro; C. G. Hammond, Clarkton.

Guests registered at the Wilmington from this state include G. H. Cockman, O. Young, William B. Head, A. E. Wallace, Rockingham; F. L. Faulconer, B. C. Shaefer, Jr., Greensboro; George Sheffield, E. C. Batts, Hallsville; H. E. Shaw, Kinston; E. C. Miller, Charlotte; Abbie Fisher, Roseboro; W. H. Tarlington, R. C. Davey, E. E. Farrell, Fayetteville; C. H. Rude, Vance Skipper, Lumberton; T. V. Baker, Laurinburg; J. B. McDonald, Duke; Miss Mamie Bryant, Jacksonville; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. West, Southport; A. M. Lansford, Goldsboro; W. C. Graham, Tabor.

W. H. RIVENBARK RESIGNS Quits Police Force to Work For the Atlantic Coast Line.

In the following communication addressed to James M. Hall, councilman in charge of the department of public safety, W. H. Rivenbark tenders his resignation as policeman:

"I hereby offer my resignation as police officer of the city of Wilmington, to be effective Sunday, November 17. In resigning I assure you that it is prompted only for higher wages, as my stay on the force has been a pleasant one and I want to thank you and the chief for past favors. If at any time I can be of service to you or the city, call on me."

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