## RAIL LABOR BOARD CUTS RAILROAD WAGES 400 MILLIONS

EFFECTIVE JULY 1 REDUCTION OF STATE COLLEGE CLASS Sawyer's Welfare Plan Is FROM 5 TO 18 PER CENT WILL BE OF 99 LARGEST THAT MADE IN 31 LABOR ORGANIZATIONS SCHOOL HAS SENT OUT North Carolina Educators Urge Upon Representatives the En-

applies to 104 Railroads Participating in Hearings for Reductions

REASON SET FORTH

Falling Prices of Necessities, Lower Wages Everywhere and Hard Times

ed from the nation's railway an average of 12 per cent, to be board, becomes effective July 1. The campaign for lower wages was The order affects members of 31 labor organizations, employed on 104 railroads.

While the decrease is specifithe board, the decision says it other road asking a hearing

cent, and the same source estiwages at approximately \$400,-000,000.

The decision grants reduccrease granted that class of employes by the \$600,000,000 wage award of July 20, 1920.

office boys and other employes un--8 years of age, who will receive of the country. cents an hour less after July 1.

ffective on that date.

### ORDER OF TODAY CUTS Wage Reduction Demanded WAGES AVERAGE OF 12 Because of Dull Business

PER CENT, BOARD SAYS
Railroads Months Ago Began Their Fight for Lower Wages on Decreasion as Well as Because of De-Ground of Business Depression, as Well as Because of Declining Living Costs and the General Reduction of Wages in All Lines of Industry

CHICAGO, May 31 .- Wage reductions tives declared wages should be cut in which will be ordered by the railroad proportion abor board tomorrow resulted from a combined hearing involving 104 railroads which filed petitions to cut the wages of one or more clases of em-The hearing began April 18 and the labor and railroad representa- clared railway workers were underpaid tives were each granted one week to and attempted to set up so-called "liv- awarded following an oratorical conpresent their cases. The final date for submitting evidence was set for May 16. and the board has been at work on CHICAGO, May 31.—(By Associated Press).—An estimated in other industries and the declining 400 million dollars will be slash- cost of living were set forth by the railroads as the basis of their plea for lower wage scales. The winter slump wage bill when an order cutting in business materially hastened action in the endeavor to cut down the country's railroad pay roll and many rail- ductions in several other classes, a road officials declared before the board few of the roads filing petitions for United States railroad labor of receivers unless immediate relief

W. Atterbury, vice-president of the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie: Lake Erie Pennsylvania lines, first demanded the and Eastern; Delaware, Lackawanna fields of the state's endeavor men are right to, hire unskilled labor at the and Western; Lehigh Valley; Rutland; rate prevailing in each road's terri- Gulf Coast Lines; Houston Belt and demand to the board during the hear- Pittsburgh; Toledo and Ohio Central; cally applied only to the roads which the board has not yet disposed whose cases have been heard by of. At the same time General Atterof the national ship crafts agreements, which, he further declared, would furmay later be applied to any ther reduce the railroads' labor bill by

under the provisions of the Cummins transportation act.

Percentages of reductions of the Computed by members of the board a computed by members of the board are computed by members of the board gave the average of 12 per the disputes finally reached the labor and Louisiana; Grand Trunk, west;

mated the annual reduction in of 1920 require that before any dispute Rock Island and Pacific; Chicago, Rock Island and Guif; Central Railroad of employes and employer shall have New Jersey; Cincinnati, Indianapolis made a sincere effort to effect a settle- and Western; Boston and Maine; New reached, the case may be referred to Indianapolis and Louisville; Texas the labor board, both employes and Midland; Detroit Terminal; Monongations varying from 5 to 13 cents employer shall have made a sincere hela; Great Northern; Buffalo and Suseffort to effect a settlement. In case quehanna; Philadelphia and Reading an hour or from 5 to 18 per cent, no agreement can be reached, the case and subsidiaries; Norfolk and Western and in the case of section labor- may be referred to the board by one Northern Pacific; Minneapolis and St. or both parties. The board then sum- Louis; Michigan Central; Nashville ers, completely wipes out the in- mons the disputants and holds a hear- Chattanooga and St. Louis; Bangor and portunity to present their arguments. and Grand Island; Oregon Short Line; which had already put a reduction in gation company; force, was ordered by the board to re- Pittsburgh and West Virginia West for the state to progress in its religi- corroborated McCaskill on various store the former rates and the New Side Belt; Minneapolis, St. Paul and ous patriotic and cultural nurposes. York Central was denied permission to Sault Ste. Marie; Duluth South Shore; For section men the decrease was make an immediate reduction, pending about 16 per cent, while the train service men were cut about 7 per cent. cut wages was then the signal for a Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul; Wadeluge of cases which began to pour bash; Missouri, Kansas and Texas into the board's offices. Realizing the Wichita Falls and Northwestern; Misfutility of attempting a separate hear- souri, Kansas and Texas, of Texas; labor is to be reduced 6 to ing on each dispute, the board com- Belt Railway of Chicago; Baltimore

ers' average monthly wages to \$97.10 which resulted in today's decision. After only one day's deliberation, Atlantic; Maryland, Delaware and Virschedule gives section men an average the board made public a resolution on ginia; Central Vermont; Chesapeake schedule gives section men an average May 17 stating that prevailing condi- and Ohio; Chicago and Western Inditions justified a readjustment down- ana; Chicago Junction railway; Den-Shop crafts employes and train and ward and that a new wage order would ver and Rio Grande; El Pasto and engine service men, except those in be issued on or about June 1, to be ef- Southwestern; Fort Worth and Denver bassenger service, are reduced 8 cents fective July 1. The decision, however, City; Wichita Valley; International and in hour. Passenger and freight engi- is not as comprehensive as that which Great Northern; Indianapolis Union; ents an hour by the 1920 award, are to railway workers on July 20, 1920. Southern; Los Angeles and Salt Lake; be cut 6 and 8 cents an hour, re- Reductions under tomorrow's decision Lake Erie and Western; Fort Wayne, pectively. Passenger and freight con- will be effective only for the classes of Cincinnati and Louisville; Long Island; uctors, who received increases of employes named by the railroads which Louisville and Nashville; Missouri Pa-2 1-2 and 13 cents in 1920, are cut filed disputes prior to April 18 and 1-2 and 8 per cent, respectively, by which appeared in the hearing beginning on that date. The increase last Central; Western Maryland; Western The smallest reduction will apply year affected all so-called class I roads, Pacific. including 200 of the larger rail systems

A new hearing will be begun June 6 to include all disputes filed with the Clerks are reclassified so that enter- board between April 18 and June 6 and g clerks, usually young men and a speedy decision is anticipated in the women 18 to 20 years of age, will releive a menthly salary of \$67.50 for the
first six months and \$77.50 for the seclond six months of service. Clerks with
less than one year's one year's experience now factors are prescribed for considera-Sceive \$120. A new monthly schedule tion in determining "just and reason or floating equipment employes on able wages" of railway employes. The engineers, \$190; firemen and oil- clared all these factors had been given rs, \$140. On lighters and barges, consideration and that the rates estab-

tains will receive \$120 to \$150, and lished were considered just and reasonable. The 'decision' at 'that time 'said: The attitude of the railway unions toward the decreases ordered remains to be determined. The big brother-though are expected to meet July 1 to consider the board's decision which is board's decision which is cation, and yet to remember that no that date. class of Americans should receive pre-Claiming they were hard hit by the winter slump in business, railroad managements have been clamoring for several months, for lower wages, and the decision towards a settlement of the increased cost of operation entailed by the increase in wages. \* \* it is hoped that the parties. the decision tomorrow will mark the present decision which adds substantial later he visited the white house, but it is noted that the parties.

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Later he visited the white house, but of the Wilmington Rotary club will be felt no statement was made regarding his of the Wilmington Rotary club will be felt no statement was made regarding his serve him in good stead in performing the set the advanced scale more than 10 to be just and equitable under all The decision tomorrow will say that since the 1920 wage award, "there has been a decrease in the cost of living" circumstances and railroad employes already approved by Chairman Benson, ing his tenure of office the Rotary of the shipping board, and said by club, as now, was one of the most accomplished for the city of the state and will do this, it is believed the Americal of the state and the cost of living will do this, it is believed the Americal of the state and the cost of living will do this, it is believed the Americal of the state and the cost of living will do this, it is believed the Americal of the state and the cost of living will do this, it is believed the Americal of the state and the cost of living will do this, it is believed the Americal of the state and the cost of living will do this, it is believed the Americal of the state and the cost of living will do this, it is believed the Americal of the state and the cost of living will do this, it is believed the Americal of the state and the cost of living will do this, it is believed the Americal of the cost of living will do this, it is believed the Americal of the cost of living will do this, it is believed the Americal of the cost of living will do this, it is believed the Americal of the cost of living will do this, it is believed the Americal of the cost of living will do this, it is believed the Americal of the cost of living will do this, it is believed the Americal of the cost of living will do the cost of living will do the cost of living will do the cost of living will be cost of living will do the cost of living will be cost of living will be contained to the cost of living will be and "the scale of wages for similar can people will receive benefits far ratified in a referendum Sunday by much was accomplished for the city kinds of work in other industries has outweighing the cost of the increases." letter to an understanding that would be way of forgetting, for the time

The employes, while giving figures their main plea on the principle of the living wage. The labor men deing wage" budgets to substantiate their fight against any reductions. Fifteen labor organizations, including the "Big Four" brotherhoods, together with the affiliated members of briefly as follows: the railway employes' department, American Federation of Labor, represented the employes involved in the present case. All of the roads asked reduction of the common labor wage scale and numerous carriers asked re-

The following are the 104 roads: Louis-San Francisco; Chicago Western; Denver and Salt Lake; General Atterbury brought his Terminal; Buffalo, Rochester and Zanesville and Western; Kanawha and Michigan: Kanawha and Western Virginia; Staten Island Rapid Transit; At- to furnish the state trained engineers chison, Topeka and Santa Fe; Gulf, Colorado and, Santa Fe; Beaumont Wharf and Terminal; Ann Harbor; New York, New Haven and Hartford; entral New England; Erie and sub-The board, however, took no action sidiaries; Central Union Depot and on the demands at that time and it was Railway of Cincinnati; Lehigh and New board gave the average of 12 per the disputes finally reached the labor and Louisiana; Grand Trunk, west; Provisions of the transportation act rols Central and subsidiaries; Chicago, ment. In case no agreement can be York, Ontario and Western; Chicago, ing at which both sides are given op- Aroostock; Union Pacific; St. Joseph Following their hearings, the Erie. Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navi-Hocking Valley; cents an hour, cutting freight truck- bined all the cases for the hearing and Ohio Chicago Terminal; Baltimore and Ohio; Baltimore, Chesapeake and cific; Northwestern Pacific; Pennsylvania lines; Pere Marquette; Tennessee

Seamen's Strike but Has Hopes for Today

ships during the marine wage contro- fellow to take the initiative when there

Under the terms of the agreement the duties of his new position. Dur-

Governor Morrison Delivers the Diplomas and Praises the "Tech" Graduates

STATE NEEDS THEM

Field of Practical Endeavor Invites Themeas Creators of State Wealth

By JULE B. WARREN

combating the railroad's argument of college were held in the college audilower wages and costs of living, made torium this morning when Governor

having won, through your industry and intelligence, a diploma, or certificate of proficiency from this great institution of learning. Your class is the largest one over graduated by this institution. I am truly thankful that handed down tomorrow by the that their roads would be in the hands reductions of wages of every employe, the state is to have the help of 99 young men so splendidly equipped and ready for the service.

hetter equipped and prepared here for service than in any other institution of learning in our state. Our institutions of higher learning must furnish education of several distinct types. The chemists, educated agriculturists, and other men of technical and somewhat more practical training than is given by the other institutions. The state needs men of the type you are prepared and equipped to be. The graduates of your institution are taking the leadership in manufacturing, engineering, forming, and all husiness requiring practical and technical training. This practical training is not in confict with general culture, but supplements and strengthens it. We can never become the strong incentive and wealthproducing state which we ought to be and which we are rapidly becoming. without the leadership of the type of men which this great institution declares you to be.

"I most heartily congratulate you and as the governor of the state, welcome you to the ranks of those who so splendidly developing our mighty resources, and taking from the old state's brow the stigma of poverty and inefficiency along technical practical lines. The creation of wealth is absolutely necessary to progress in every direction in which good men and women are looking. Money and material things are not above spiritual and cultural things, but it is I hope fortune will smile upon your may apply yourselves."

LOUIS MOORE IS NEW CHAMBER SECRETARY

Assumes Duties Succeeding Mr. | kill dropped. -Cowan This Morning

Wilmington not only has a new nayor and new city commissioners all round, but she likewise has a new secretary of the chamber of commerce in the person of Louis T. Moore, who, this became mayor of the city of Wilming-

ton yesterday at noon. Preparatory to taking over the af-fairs of the chamber Secretary Moore last night met with Mayor Cowan in the office of the chamber and went over various details together, the object of which is to familiarize Mr. Moore with details of the work of the organization and to advise him of the matters pending which are going to claim his

attention from the "jump.

Mr. Moore was elected by the executive committee the first of last week. and his selection is considered by the business interests and the people of Secretary Davis Fails to End the city generally, as being a wise one. It is generally conceded that while it is going to be a mighty hard matter for any man to fill the position as efficiently as the retiring secretary, Mr. Moore is doubtless better qualified than WASHINGTON, May 31.—Demands of selected. He is thoroughly in touch the marine engineers for a clause in with all phases of activity in the city.

serve him in good stead in performing

## Opposed By School People CONFERENCE WITH THE

actment of Smith-Towner Measure Providing for Department of Education-New Deficiency Bill Carries Provision for Enlarging Custom House Grounds

(Special to The Star)
WASHINGTON, May 31.—North Carolina educators are protesting against the exactment of the public walfare department proposed by General Sawyer, the white house physician. They favor the Smith-Towner bill for a department of education.

Dr. Sawyer is having a hard tim

with his pet plan, and may never see it through. A telegram signed by a score or more of North Carolinians to Representative Brinson, said: "A great many people of this state are interested in the Smith-Towner bill and we earnestly request your fa-vorable consideration and active sup-

college were held in the college auditorium this morning when Governor Cameron Morrison delivered diplomas to 99 graduates. The diplomas were awarded following in oratorical contest among members of the senior class. In delivering the diplomas to the graduates, Governor Morrison spoke briefly as follows:

"I congratulate you gentlemen upon having won, through your industry and college auditorium this morning when Governor Cameron Morrison spoke bill and we earnestly request your favorable consideration and active support the deficiency bill reported today carries a provision for the purchase or condemnation of additional land across the alley on the east side of the Wilmington custom house. Any money available can be used for the support the Smith-Towner bill as it stands and thus make edification and appointed at Dardens, and Hattie L.

For Education Department

Midgett at Manns Harbor.

The Smith-Towner bill provides for a department of education. In an effort Civil service examination a department of education. In an effort to bolster up his cause, General Sawyer has written a letter so members of congress that President Harding desired this legislation."

Civil service examinations for post-masters are to be held soon at Biscoe, Gibson, Vass and Waxhaw. Dates will be announced at the respective postof-fices. There are vacancies at Cather-"I would remind you," said he, "that ine Lake and Regal.

the President committed himself in campaign speeches, in his inaugural address and in his message to congress to provide a welfare department. It is in order that he may make good his commitment that we are anxious that this bill should have your recommer dation and that it should be enacted into law as quickly as possible."

Democrats who received the letter laughed when the doctor asked them to help carry our Normaloy's campaign

### M'CASKILL CASE BEING WILLIAMS' FARM BOSS TRIED IN FAYETTEVILLE CONVICTED OF MURDER

Hot Argument Follows Accusa- Clyde Manning Is Given Life tion That a Witness Ever Watered the Milk

(Special to The Star) FAYETTEVILLE, May 31 .- F. L. Holcombe, Lewis Sherrill, Arthur Sherrill, Calvin McNelll and James McDonald, officers and members of the Grays Creek Law and Order league, were today placed on trial in superior court here, charged with assault on Earl McCaskill with intent to kill.

The state had presented its evidence and the defense had placed one wit ness on the stand at the adjournment.

The case grew out of the beating of McCaskill when he was placed under arrest in a raid on Elsle Hill's home. McCaskill was the principal witness for the prosecution. He declared that while at Hill's house he saw a procession of automobiles approaching filled with members of the league, all armed and being afraid of them, ran. He was pursued and heard several shots fired. After being overtaken, he declared, the two Sherrills held him while Holcombe beat him in the head with the butt of absolutely necessary to have wealth a pistol. Several other state witnesses

> Holcombe, a former county commis signer, declares that he did not hit McCaskill until the latter had refused to stop resisting and had caused him to fall into a ditch, but admitted that SALISBURY BANK MAN he had no warrant for McCaskill and did not tell him that he was a deputy sheriff. He stated that a bottle of whiskey and the cap of a still were Bodies Not Discovered Until found in a basket which he said McCas-

The witness was put through a stiff cross-examination by Solicitor Mac-Lean, being forced to admit that he had been convicted of cruelty to animals, and the session concluded with a violent argument between opposing counsel when Holcombe was asked if he had not been fired out of the dairy morning, assumes the duties of this business by health authorities for aduloffice, succeeding James H. Cowan, who terating his milk, which the witness most emphatically denied. During the neated colloquy that ensued Judge Daniels announced that he thought it a very good time to adjourn. A charge of manufacturing whiskey, brought against McCaskill by the leaguers, following their indictment, was nolprossed in the federal district

> NEWPORT NEWS MAN TRIES TO "BUST" INTO THE JAIL

vain to serve a term in city jail today. "It's a matter of principle with me," he said. "Everybody violates city or dinances, some of them pay fines and then go right back and violate the law again. I have done wrong and I want to be punished."

But Sergeant Curtis had Weinstein's papers from corporation court. The

She was carried into the sheriff's room and the court recessed until she regained her composure. The state placed in evidence today more than 50 letters alleged to have been written to Elwood B. Wade by Mrs. Knott.

PORT COLLECTOR DROPS DEAD

Imprisonment, as Was His White Employer

COVINGTON, Ga., May 31.—Clyde Manning, negro farm boss for John Williams, was convicted of murder in superior court here today and sen-Manning had testified he sided Williams in killing negro farm hands to halt a peonage investigation, but

claimed he acted in fear of his life. then returned the same verdict as that of the Williams jury, murder with Underwood, employed by a group of favorable in other respects. Georgians to represent Manning, made a motion for a new trial. The hearing was set for July 31,

Manning was tried on the specific charge of murder of Lindsey Peterson. of whose murder Williams was con-

Under Georgia law, Manning could not have been held accountable had he been able to convince the jury he killed the man through fear for his own life and the defense based its case on this, while the state sought to show the negro was a "willing accomplice."

KILLS SELF AND WIFE

Day After Tragedy

SALISBURY, N. C., May 31.— John than there was when the governor re-Wright Davis, bookkeeper for a local turned from New York. The bankers bank fired a bullet through the temple are looking for a steady improvement some time yesterday, but the tragedy to market a five per cent bond. when relatives, unable to get a response from the Davis telephone, made

The bodies of the two were found n their bedroom on the second floor

o'clock Monday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Davis had been married been no friction between them and

WRECK OF AIRPLANE HELD TO HAVE BEEN UNAVOIDABLE

nvestigation of the army ambulance about 175 were wounded when "olish airplane crash Saturday at Morganton, insurgents attempted today to take Maryland, in which seven men were Annaberg, after a brief shelling by killed, will be made by the inspector- small field pieces.

the statement of De Levergne, air at- ALBANY, N. Y., May 31.—Indication

OKLAHOMA RACE TROUBLE n general were the chief contentions of he rallroads before the board. Testinony was offered in the hearing which regan April 18 and ended May 16, to show reductions of 20 to 50, per cent he cost of food and clothing.

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# BANKERS ABOUT LOANS

State Declines to Borrow a , Much as Five or Ten Millions at One Time

ASKS SMALL SUMS

Can Get Money at 6 Per Cent and May Be Able to Sell 5 Per Cent Bonds

By JULE B. WARREN RALEIGH, May 31 .- Bankers from various sections of the state have been in the city today for the purpose of about letting the state have from five to ten million dollars at six per cent for use in making initial payments on the new building program, for roads

The council of state, however, is not anxious to make a loan of this size money. If the state banks can make the loan of a smaller amount, the council will be interested in the proposal, but the initial suggestion of the bankers has been that the loan be five

or ten million dollars. The council of state and the governor do not want to borrow such a large 'amount of money for the very simple reason that they do not need so much during the next few months, and on which they will have to pay interest. The council is sticking to its original resolution about the short term loans. That is, they prefer to make

the loans in small amounts every few months rather than get all the money at once that will be spent during the year. It will save interest charges, for under the policy adopted by the council. the state will not have to pay interest on any large amounts of money, and If the North Carolina bankers are unable or unwilling to make the loans

on the basis suggested by the counci have assurances that the money in amounts ranging from a million dollars up or down can be secured from New York at six per cent interest and with no conditions tied to the loan about leaving any amount of deposit for any stipulated length of time. With every-The jury was out 35 minutes and thing equal, the council, of course, prefers to do business with the home folks, but it is going out of the state to get the money if interest charges can recommendation for mercy. E. Marvin be saved or the conditions are more

Several meetings of the council of state have been held during the past few days, and the second meeting of the day was held this afternoon for the purpose of still further discussing the various propositions that have been made to lend the state money.

The council and governor are anticipating the needs of the highway commission, pending receipt of the automobile license money during the next three months; the work at the various state institutions which will be under contract during the next few months, and the permanent building programs for the university and colleges.

The conference of bankers and financiers has not shown that a five per cent bond can be sold, but it has dem onstrated that the policy adopted by the state several months ago, following the visit of Treasurer Lacy and the governor to New York, was right. The money market is improving generally and there is more money available now of his invalid wife and then sent an- in conditions and believe that in the other crashing through his own head not distant future it will be possible

TWO KILLED AND 18 HURT

WASHINGTON, May 31 .- Two men were killed and 13 others injured, four of the residence, that of Mrs. Davis probably fatally, by the explosion toclothed only in a gown, while the hus- day of a bomb at the Aberdeen, Md. band was fully dressed except for a army proving grounds during prepar-ations for airplane bombing experi-Solicitor Hayden Clement, who in- ments, according to official reports telvestigated, believes that the tragedy ephoned the war department tonight occurred between the hours of 1 and by Maj. William Borden and Capt. Claudius H. M. Roberts, special 'nves tigators sent from here to report and for eight years. Apparently there had ascertain the cause of the explosion. The dead are Private Allen A. Sharthe cause of the tragedy remains a man, 140th air squadron, and E. H. Grinnel, of the same organization.

POLES AND GERMANS KILLED ANNABERG, Silesia, May 31.—(B) ssociated Press.)-Fifty Poles WASHINGTON, May 31.-Thorough 15 Germans were killed and a total of

> PAPER MILL WORKERS NOT DECIDED ON ARBITRATION

ficer said.

TRY WIFE FOR MURDER

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., May 31.—The trial of Miss Ethel Knot, charged with the murder of her husband, was started to the murder of her husband, was started to the first of be Levergne, air at the close of two private contents to the ferences of officials of the International Brotherhood of Paper Makers and the International Brotherhood of Paper Mill workers to the murder of her husband, was started that on the trip down be had noticed lack of balance of the land delegates from each of the shops to the strike of approximately. plane and at times it appeared out of control of the pilot.

The air service board made public today its findings in the investigation. The accident in the opinion of the board was absolutely unavoidable.

The had noticed lack of balance of the shops affected by the strike of approximately 40,000 paper mill workers in the United States and Canada, were that it might be several days before a decision is reached regarding a proposal of 10 paper manufacturers to arbitrate the labor trouble.

SMALL BLAZE ON STEAMER