

The Weather Today North and South Carolina: Cloudy to partly cloudy Thursday and Friday; warmer Friday. Stage of river at Fayetteville yesterday at 8 p. m., 2.0 feet.

GOVERNMENT TO MAKE FINAL APPEAL AGAINST RAILWAY STRIKE TODAY

Union chiefs declare they are powerless to prevent walkout. Tell Board Only "Satisfactory Settlement" Can Stop Strike of Rail Workers. "BIG FOUR" HEARD Prepared Questions Answered in Such Manner as to Give Little Hope.

CHICAGO, Oct. 26.—(By Associated Press.) The government will make its final appeal to prevent the threatened general railroad strike tomorrow morning at 12 o'clock when presidents, general chairmen and executive committees of the five train service unions meet here at a conference reported to have been arranged at the instigation of the United States railroad labor board.

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Wants Reimbursement S. Carter declared a settlement should reimburse the men for the time since July 1 as a result of the strike. The other three questions asked the union leaders were: "Who, or what authority, in your organization can withdraw the order to strike or stop a strike?" "Suppose you, the chief executive of your organization or your executive committee, issued an order or a statement that the strike should not occur, do you not believe the strike would be prevented?" "Will you, as chief executive, use your authority and influence to see that the order of the board on the matter be obeyed?"

That the government contemplates proceedings against the transportation act was indicated by the questioning, conducted by Ben W. Hooper, representative of the public at the hearing. Hooper sought throughout his examination of the five union leaders to bring out in defiance of the July wage cut decision, but by including other questions, he sought to bring out that the transportation act which has all disputes "shall" be referred to the board for settlement.

Defend Joint Ballot The other leaders defended the joint ballot and asserted that all the other questions referred to all had a bearing on the frame of mind which led the employees to vote for a strike. The question of time and one-half hour overtime and of general revision of schedules were included in the discussion preceding the strike question proper on both the joint ballot and that of the individual leaders. While the union chiefs maintained that the strike was technically taken care of by the other questions, the board in any settlement, leading to the strike.

Questions of the union leaders brought out that the vote against the joint ballot had been returned on 23 roads by the conductors; on 14 roads by the engineers; and on three roads by the firemen. In a statement in court he said that when he reached Whitely farm, he discovered a truck load of tobacco covered with the farmer was standing guard, the man who was guarding during the night. The engineer's grand child charged chairman Edison was not giving the union a fair hearing, after he attempted to introduce the names of seven roads which, he said, violated the transportation act.

PRESIDENT ADVOCATES LARGER OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEGRO IN AMERICA

Tells Birmingham Audience Race Problem Must be Handled Courageously. SPENDS BUSY DAY MONDELL IS FIRM With Senator Underwood, Mr. Harding Receives Ovation in Magic City. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Oct. 26.—North and South, whites and blacks, were admonished by President Harding here today to put aside old prejudices and pretenses and set the face of the nation courageously toward a constructive and permanent solution of the race problem.

In a sweeping presentation of his views, which was given with vigorous manifestations of emotion by a crowd of several thousand whites and negroes, the President declared social equality between the races must not be considered a possibility, but that the black man must have an increased political, economic and educational opportunity if the American nation is to live true to its traditions of democracy.

The address, one of five delivered here by the President during the day's visit to the Birmingham semi-centennial celebration, was driven home with vigorous gesture and deliberate utterance as Mr. Harding seldom has employed since he became chief executive. He spoke with a manifest determination to drive his shafts to the heart of racial disagreement and to make the pronouncement one of the most plain-spoken of his administrative career.

Many Unable to Hear The crowd before whom he appeared was packed in the inadequate confines of Woodrow Wilson park and many thousands on the outskirts, apparently unable to hear, kept up a hub-bub which made his declarations inaudible to all but those who were close by. Repeated bursts of cheering swept the segregated sections of the park as negroes as they caught portions of the speech relating to political and economic opportunities. In the audience there were occasional faint applause as the significance of a phrase here and there was realized and pondered by those near the speaker.

Throughout the day the President insisted that his visit to the heart of the south was wholly non-partisan, and everywhere he went he was accompanied by Senator Underwood of Alabama, the Democratic leader in the day of the Republican club he asked Senator Underwood to stand at his side and shake hands with each of those in the line and in his innumerable halts to give a warm tribute to the statesmanship of the Alabama legislator.

The speech on the race problem was a carefully prepared deliverance, setting forth the President's view in a dignified and unemotional manner. In the Republican party to desert from "demagoguery" in making the black man a mere adjunct of Republicanism; warned the south that blacks should be treated as equals and that "natural segregation" might be the logical result of a properly applied policy.

Warns Whites Twice the executive departed from his manuscript, once to declare he was making his sentiments here in the south because he never wanted to say anything in one place he could not say in another, and again to point to the audience and warn that "whether you like it or not, unless our democracy is a lie, you must stand for that equality which gives the black man a just economic opportunity."

Fails in Effort to Regain a Throne



Ex-Empress Karl and Ex-Empress Zita. The former emperor and empress of Austria-Hungary who have been captured by the royal Hungarian troops. Admiral Horthy, shown below, is the Hungarian regent. The former empress is credited with having prevented the suicide of her husband since their imprisonment.

NOT WANTED LONDON, Oct. 26.—(By Associated Press.)—Under no circumstances will former Emperor Charles, of Austria-Hungary, be allowed to come to England. This was the answer today in official circles to a reported desire of the ex-emperor to accept exile in the British Isles and to take up life there as a country gentleman.

Dakota Priest Assassinated By An Unidentified Caller

Aroused Early Yesterday Morning Ostensibly to Administer the Last Sacraments to a Dying Man, Father Belknap is Lured to Violent Death on Lonely Road Near Lead, S. D.

LEAD, S. D., Oct. 26.—The body of Father A. E. Belknap, rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral here, was found today on "Poor Man's Gulch Highway," near the city limits of Lead. A bullet from a large calibre revolver had pierced his heart. The priest had been lured to his death by a man who a few minutes before had appeared to Father Belknap to come with him to administer the last sacraments of the church to a sick man.

The identity of the man who called for the priest was obtainable, authorities say. An examination of Father Belknap's automobile indicated it had been tampered with, according to the findings of the coroner. A large bruise on the back of the priest's head indicated he had been struck from behind with a blunt instrument.

HADLEY TO DIE IN CHAIR FOR MURDER OF WIFE

Virginia Doctor Receives Verdict of Jury With Perfect Self-Possession. RICHMOND, Va., Oct. 26.—A verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree was returned by a jury in Henrico county circuit court here this afternoon in the case of Dr. Wilmath A. Hadley, former United States army surgeon, who was charged with the murder of his wife, Mrs. Sue Kathleen Tinsley Hadley, whose body was found in the James river near here about three years ago.

The verdict was returned after the jury had been out less than forty minutes. The verdict carries with it a sentence of death in the electric chair at the state penitentiary here. Dr. Hadley, who stood up while the foreman of the jury rendered the verdict, received it without a tremor. Mrs. C. J. Hadley, the aged mother of the now convicted physician, who had come from her home in Friendship, Va., was not in the courtroom when the jury rendered its verdict.

SOUTH FLORIDA STORM DAMAGE IS ESTIMATED AT SEVERAL MILLIONS

Handsome residential Section of Tampa Left a Scene of Desolation. SOME LIVES LOST Many Narrow Escapes and Thrilling Rescues Reported in Storm Area. Five Known to Be Dead In Tampa and Vicinity.

TAMPA, Fla., Oct. 26.—Five persons are known to be dead in this city and St. Petersburg, across Tampa bay, as the result of yesterday's storm, which caused a local property damage estimated at between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000. The storm was the worst that has struck this section since 1841. The known dead of Tampa are: Jimmie J. Jarron, killed by live wire Tuesday. Mrs. J. D. Wilder, drowned today. Louis Voire, drowned Tuesday. At St. Petersburg there were two known deaths: F. C. Wolfe, 18, was rushed when a roof was on him. J. W. McLean, 75, died of excitement while closing the windows of his home.

The entire water front of St. Petersburg was washed away, but as yet it is impossible to gauge the extent of the damage there. The some 150 residents of Passanigle were saved, though the island was damaged to the extent of approximately \$100,000. LAKELAND, Fla., Oct. 26.—South Florida spent today in recapitulating the damage estimated to run well into millions of dollars caused by the gulf hurricane which tore northeastwardly across Florida's peninsula yesterday.

At times attaining a velocity of 70 miles an hour the gale wrought destruction to smaller obstacles in its path, but only in a few instances destroying property, causing a loss of life. While there have been only three or four isolated cases of deaths from the storm it is feared the clearing away of the debris in Tampa's wrecked portions might add to the list.

Along the water front large sections of the seawall were swept away and parts of streets were washed into the bay. Houses immediately adjoining the boulevard were crushed by the gale without apparent resistance. Sunset Beach, a popular resort of Tampa, was completely destroyed. The houses were washed away and the white sands of the beach now show no vestige of ever having been inhabited.

The damage in Tampa was more fortunate than the outskirts of the city. Proper being confined to the breaking of glass windows, the tearing away of awnings and the unroofing of buildings. A warehouse occupied by the Gulf and Southern steamship company was destroyed and was part of the Mallory line docks. Here and there throughout the city are stranded street cars, the victims of the sudden falling of the city's power plant. Telephone and electric light wires hang in a tangled mass, giving little hope of an early resumption of service.

Conservative estimates place the damage in Tampa proper at \$3,000,000. The storm traveling north appeared to concentrate its full force on Ybor City, the Latin quarter. Nearly 500 houses were wrecked in that section. In the Palmetto beach section approximately four square miles of ground were inundated. Men and children in this section were rescued by a band of forty volunteers and carried to safety in the highlands of the city. All the dwellings in the Palmetto section were completely demolished and it is feared that some of the rescuers may have perished as boats brought in play were swept out from shore and wreckage later gave mute evidence.

Roofing Torn Away To go back to Thor City, large sheets of tin roofing were torn from the roofs of business buildings and hurled several hundred feet against houses to break windows. Among the business houses being seriously damaged in this section were the National Biscuit company, Peninsula Paper company, C. H. Moorehouse, Cumberland and Liberty mill company, J. Q. Brantley company, The Consolidated company, Overly and Owen company, Lucas Brothers, Jackson Grain company, Perkins and Sharpe and a number of smaller Cuban industries. The anxiety felt for the safety of some 300 students of Southern College at Clearwater beach was relieved this afternoon when messengers reached Tampa stating that all the students were taken across the bay into Clearwater early Tuesday. Fifty automobiles from Clearwater negotiated a long bridge while the storm was breaking. The students and members of the faculty fled with only their immediate possessions. Several of them were taken to Grey Moss Inn at Clearwater, and it is reported some slight injuries were sustained when that inn was struck by a high wind.