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## RAILROAD STRIKES MAY BE PENALIZED

### PROSECUTION IS CONSIDERED FOR PENALTY AMENDMENT TO ECKHARTS LAW.

## PRESENT LAW IS INADEQUATE

### Public Opinion is Depended Upon by President to Provide the Penalty Without Resort to the Courts.

Washington.—Having in mind all eventualities, the administration is considering the alternatives in the event a strike should be persisted in by the Railway Labor Board. It is believed that the president will be called upon to adjust the law, for in fact the Eckhart law, which created the Labor Board, did not provide penalties for violations of its decisions. President Harding says that public opinion is the only thing that will be necessary to bring about a law that would be in harmony with the present law. He says that any other law which takes into account a possible violation by the railroad is a well defined violation of the law. The president's quarters are being pursued if, indeed, the law does not compel railroad companies to pay the wages of their employees. The president's quarters are being pursued if, indeed, the law does not compel railroad companies to pay the wages of their employees.

### J. T. Harris Was Electrocuted.

Raleigh.—J. T. Harris, former Ridgecrest merchant and brother-in-law of the late United States Judge Jeter C. Pritchard, was electrocuted at the state prison here for the killing of F. W. Munnish, philanthropist of Tuscaloosa, Ala., at Ridgecrest on September 2, 1920. Two shocks were required to produce death. Harris left no statement.

### American Consulates Threatened.

Paris.—Retaliatory measures in the event of the execution of the two Italians, Sacco and Vanzetti, convicted of murder in Massachusetts, are threatened against the American consulates in Paris, Bordeaux, Lyons and Marseilles in letters received at those consulates signed by communist organizations.

### Two Men Are Killed.

Marine City, Mich.—Two members of the crew of the steamer William H. Wolf lost their lives when the vessel burned opposite here and Capt. J. P. Hanson, who escaped by jumping from the deck of his ship into a small boat, suffered fractures of both legs.

### LaFayette Tree Listed.

Washington.—The American Forestry association announced that the famous LaFayette tree in front of Washington's headquarters at Yorktown had been given a place in the Hall of Fame for trees with a history.

### Crude Oil Again Advances.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—The fourth increase in the price of crude oil this month was announced here by the principal purchasing agencies at the opening of the market, an advance of 25 cents a barrel.

### Rise in Industrial Activities.

Boston.—There is a definite turning of the tide in the business and industrial activities of the country, Vice-President Calvin Coolidge said in a message to the Boston Chamber of Commerce.

### Alaskan Explorer Returning.

Seattle, Wash.—Capt. Harold Noice, known as one of the youngest of the sub-polar explorers, is shortly to return to his home after six years of exploration and adventure along the Arctic coasts of Alaska and Canada.

### 188 Tons of Sugar For Sale.

Tampa, Fla.—Approximately 188 tons of fine sugar will be sold here on Thursday, November 3, for cash to the highest bidder. The sugar was shipped to wholesalers by the Franklin Sugar company of Philadelphia.

## BREAD-LINERS OF NORTH COME SOUTH

### STATE LABOR COMMISSIONER REPORTS THAT LABOR IS TO BE HAD CHEAP.

## MANY ARE SKILLED WORKERS

### The Salvation Army at Raleigh Main Barracks for the Accommodation of Stranded Men.

Raleigh. Thousands of people are leaving the bread lines and soup kitchens of the northern cities and flocking to North Carolina in search of work. Labor Commissioner M. L. Shipman finds after an investigation into employment conditions, and most of them are willing to accept any kind of work at any wage. The Salvation Army in Raleigh maintains barracks for the accommodation of stranded men. On several nights the local post has been forced to turn away men who sought a night's sleep following their arrival here from the north. Conditions are reported to be similar in the other larger cities of the state. The commissioner said many of these people are finding employment in the state, employers accepting them because of their willingness to work for a small wage. In the crowds are many skilled workmen. The Raleigh office of the employment service has received numerous requests from these immigrants for assistance in finding jobs while some have called with the request for aid in getting further south.

### School Superintendent Protests.

Mr. C. L. Cates, superintendent of the Wadesboro Public Schools, does not favor the plan which has been suggested of having members of North Carolina colleges inspect the state high schools. "We protest," he says in a letter to Professor J. Henry Highsmith, state inspector of high schools, "that this plan, while it may satisfy the ambitions of some of the colleges, will not promote the best interest of the high schools."

### Full of Pep and Optimism.

While not overly large in numbers the North Carolina Good Roads association convention in session at Greensboro, is full of pep and optimism with the words accomplish and cooperate predominating in the speeches made during the first sessions of the convention. Speeches by the foremost men in the state on all road matters were the principal features, such veterans as R. A. Dougherty, T. C. Bowie, Frank Page, Charles Unham, W. B. Parham, and a number of others taking part in the discussions.

### Col. Cameron Feels Encouraged.

Col. Bennahan Cameron, who was in Washington recently in the interest of federal aid for road building, has returned to the state very much encouraged over the outlook for a road bill that will be substantially the same as the Bankhead bill, only it will carry an appropriation of \$75,000,000 a year instead of \$10,000,000. In view of the great cry for cutting down governmental expenditures, Colonel Cameron thinks a \$75,000,000 appropriation will not be at all bad.

### Want Lower Hotel Rates.

Mr. Burrell H. Marsh, of Winston-Salem, national and state chairman of the T. P. A. committee, is conducting a vigorous campaign for lower hotel rates in North Carolina. He has published several letters in the state press giving reasons why he thinks the hotels should generally reduce rates to \$1.50 a day without bath and \$2.00 a day with bath.

### White Is Commissioner.

Moses White of Cornelius, one of the more prominent republicans of the county, has received the appointment of revenue commissioner for this district and has already entered upon his duties.

### Matt Lynch is Paroled.

The judge and the solicitor both expressing doubt as to the defendant's guilt, and the jury petitioning Governor Morrison, paroled Matt Lynch of Rutherford county, who has served two years of a ten-year sentence for second degree murder.

Lynch was convicted in October, 1919. Judge James L. Webb, who sentenced him, has written the governor that he now doubts the defendant's guilt, which opinion, in part, influenced the governor's action.

## PAY HIGH HONORS TO BRITISH DEAD

### MEDAL BESTOWED BY GENERAL PERSHING, COMMANDER-IN- CHIEF, AMERICAN ARMY.

## ADDRESS BY GEORGE HARVEY

### Simplicity Marked the Presentation and Bestowal of the Medal, There Being a Brief Choral Service.

London.—Upon the simply inscribed slab in Westminster Abbey which marks the tomb of Great Britain's "unknown warriors" was laid the highest decoration within the gift of the American people. It was the medal of honor, voted by the congress of the United States in reaffirmation of the comradeship which united the United States and Great Britain in the world war. The official presentation was made by George Harvey, American ambassador to the court of St. James, who delivered a brief address as the representative of the American government and of President Harding. The act of bestowing the medal was performed by Gen. John J. Pershing, commander of the American armies in France during the great struggle. Simplicity marked the presentation and bestowal of the medal, there being only a brief choral service preceding these ceremonies, which were witnessed by a distinguished assembly.

### Masonic Dignitaries Here.

Washington.—Masonic dignitaries from all parts of the United States and guests from abroad, including Prof. Raoul V. Palermi, sovereign grand commander of the Dominion of Italy, and J. Alex. Cameron, sovereign grand commander of Canada, were here for the opening session of the biennial meeting of the supreme council of the 33d degree, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction.

### 57,000 Motor Trucks Ready.

New York.—A fleet of 57,000 motor trucks, or as many of them as are found necessary, will be mobilized in the event of a protracted strike, to bring New York its daily supply of 1,500 carloads of foodstuffs, Health Commissioner Copeland announced.

### Volunteer Crew ready.

Morristown, N. J.—The volunteer crew of wealthy business men, who operated the "Millanair Special" on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad, bringing commuters to New York during the 1920 railroad strike, are ready again for service.

### Coal Miners Return to Work.

Pittsburg, Kas.—One thousand coal miners of district No. 14, who have been idle since Alexander Howat and August Dorchy went to jail, returned to work, according to an announcement at the headquarters of the operators' association.

### U. S. Senator Injured by Auto.

Washington.—Senator McKellar, of Tennessee, was knocked down and run over by an automobile while crossing Pennsylvania avenue in front of the White House. He received cuts about the face and bruises, none of which were serious.

### Gore's Continued Improvement.

Washington.—Continued improvement in the conditions which have made former Senator Thomas P. Gore, of Oklahoma, sightless since early youth, was reported by a specialist who has been attending the senator.

### Cashier is Arrested.

Davis Junction, Ills.—L. N. Copeland, cashier of the Hanover Union State Bank, of Hanover, Ills., was arrested here charged with the embezzlement of more than \$120,000 of the bank's funds.

### Turkish Forces Driven Back.

Athens.—Turkish Nationalist forces on the northern end of the battle zone in Asia Minor have been driven back following a serious attack on the Greek night wing, says an official statement issued here.

### Pershing Arrives in London.

London.—General Pershing, who comes to London to take part in the ceremonies attending the laying of the congressional medal on the tomb of Britain's unknown soldier, arrived here from Paris.

## CONDENSED NEWS FROM THE OLD NORTH STATE

### SHORT NOTES OF INTEREST TO CAROLINIANS.

### Chapel Hill.—Attendance records at the university are broken by this year's registration. Fifteen hundred and eighty-three students have been entered on the rolls.

### Raleigh.—Stealing an automobile which was parked along the roads on which they were working, Ernest Lilius and Dock Hendricks, white convicts, made their escape from a road force near Cary, eight miles west of here.

### Wake Forest College.—Being truly glad that they hail from Buncombe county and the mountains of western North Carolina, 18 young men met in Wingate Memorial hall and organized a Buncombe county club.

### Winston-Salem.—Rev. J. F. McCuiston has accepted a call to the pastorate of Friedberg church to succeed Rev. H. B. Johnson, who recently resigned, having accepted a call to Fries Memorial church, in this city.

### High Point.—E. C. Grissom, one of the oldest and most highly esteemed men in this section of the county, died at his home, two miles east of High Point. His death followed an illness of three weeks. Mr. Grissom was nearly 95 years of age.

### Danville, Va.—B. Frank Mebane, a well known resident of Spray, N. C., is at Edmunds hospital, where he was brought suffering from a badly wounded arm, the injury being sustained when a doublebarrelled shotgun he was using exploded.

### Mooresville.—Mrs. Anne Freeze, widow of the late Jacob Freeze, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John T. McNeely, with whom she had made her home for a number of years. Had she lived until next Thursday, October 20, she would have been 91 years old.

### Asheville.—Official endorsement of the national chimes memorial by the national convention of the American Legion in Kansas City will be asked from the Asheville chapter of the Legion auxiliary.

### Wadesboro.—H. B. Allen, a prominent and progressive business man of this city, is erecting a big roller mill. The mill, when completed, will cost about \$35,000.

### Winston-Salem.—Fred Easter, while visiting a girl friend in Surry county, was shot and killed and a cousin named Easter is being held by the police in connection with the killing, police announced.

### Wilson.—Joe Deans' general store, near Contentnea church, Old Fields township, was destroyed by fire. The store and stock was a total loss with no insurance. The supposition is

### that the store was robbed and then burned.

Greensboro.—A large number of good roads fans from all parts of the state were on hand to be in attendance at the first session of the annual convention of the North Carolina Good Roads association.

### Lillington.—The Harnett county republican executive committee met here and received the resignation of John Allen McLeod, who is moving to Gastonia, where he will continue the practice of law.

### Rocky Mount.—Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the cotton gin on the farm of T. Perry Jenkins, near Tarboro, Edgecombe county, together with more than 50 bales of cotton and a quantity of seed stored there. The loss is estimated at \$12,000.

### Middlesex.—For convenience, safety and utility Middlesex is soon to have the best school building in Nash county. The plans are along a new type of school house construction which has recently come into popularity.

### Davidson.—It is with deep sorrow that the news has been received here of the death of E. E. Ratchford, of Carlisle, S. C., who was killed when a train struck an automobile in which he was riding at a dangerous grade crossing near his home.

### Durham.—Trinity college has completed an arrangement with the New York public library whereby Trinity gets a duplicate set of the works on South America, in exchange for a duplicate set of works on North Carolina history.

### Kinston.—That many mild cases of influenza are occurring in this part of the county, reported from a number of localities, is admitted by medical men. No alarm has been occasioned, and few cases have been of a serious nature.

### Kinston.—The total of tobacco sold on the Lenoir county market during September, 6,741,728 pounds, will be exceeded by October sales, warehousemen and buyers here estimate. They expect a difference of two million pounds.

### No Gold at Rainbow End.

There is no gold at the end of the rainbow, declares Insurance Commissioner Stacey W. Wade, in a statement denouncing the "Oyster Growers' Cooperative association," heralded to the prospective investors in a two-page advertisement in the News and Observer. Mr. Wade warns the public to have nothing to do with the thing, and points out that he is unable to take any other action since the concern does business through advertisements and the use of the mails rather than by licensed agents.

### British Citizen is Released.

Washington.—The release of Thos. J. Steel, a British citizen, resident in the San Pedro de Maricao district of Santo Domingo, by "patriots" September 23 was effected by the prompt action of a detachment of United States Marines.

## NATION CONFRONTS EDUCATION CRISIS

### THE PRESIDENT DELIVERS AN ADDRESS BEFORE ALUMNI OF WILLIAM AND MARY.

## IS GREAT NEED FOR TEACHERS

### "Only Through Ever Expanding Facilities Can We Turn Out a Product of Disciplined Minds."

Williamsburg, Va.—Declaring the nation confronts an "educational crisis" through lack of teachers and public school facilities President Harding appeared in an address here for patriotic support of an educational system commensurate with national resources. Mr. Harding spoke before a gathering of students and alumni of the College of William and Mary. "It is no exaggeration," said President Harding, "to say that the nation confronts an educational crisis in every corner of the land from town and city, comes the same: that the housing capacity for our public schools is inadequate; that of thousands of pupils have no place for their studies; that teachers cannot be listed in sufficient numbers, and that school revenues are insufficient. It may be said that, in this realm of education, we have been drawing on our capital, instead of spending the annual increment only; we have been taking the teachers away from the schools, and leaving a constantly increasing deficit in our capacity to turn out that product of disciplined minds which only can be insured through ever expanding facilities."

### Bandit Rifles Express.

Moose Jaw, Sask.—A lone bandit held up the Dominion express messenger on the Vancouver-Toronto express between Swift Current and Moose Jaw, rifled the safe and deposited from the moving cars.

### Six Nurses Are Poisoned.

Chicago.—An exhaustive search for the sender of a bundle of candy, responsible for the poisoning of six nurses at the West hospital, was being conducted by postoffice inspectors.

### Insurance Companies Fined.

Jackson, Miss.—Chancellor V. Stricker issued a decree in the Fifth county chancery court imposing a fine on the fire insurance companies for their doing business in this state without licenses valued at \$9,500,000. Athens.—The Georgian government received a vote of confidence from the national assembly in spite of the threats of the opposition. The government incurred no real danger.

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