

News From Textile Strike; Other Raleigh Comment

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Raleigh, N. C.—Thirty-six units of North Carolina National Guard has been called out on active duty to the end of last week, embracing about 2,200 men, all after instance by local officers who showed that local conditions in mill areas had gotten out of their control. In no cases were troops sent when workers had gone on strike voluntarily, but, as Governor Ehringhaus has adopted a policy, only to those areas in which mills have been stopped by flying squadrons from other sections who forced workers desiring to work from running mills. The Governor insists that when the majority of men in a mill desire to work, their right to do so will be protected.

While there had been many instances of intimidation and threats, only in a few cases has there been actual violence, the most noticeable being the explosion of dynamite both at Fayetteville and Burlington, and minor bayonet pricking by guardsmen to keep strikers back in Concord.

Belief now is, based on statements of labor leaders, that the flying squadrons will stop their activities, leaders claiming they will direct their activity to organize workers in mills now running and not organized. In that case, the textile strike, started on Labor Day, is expected to settle down to an endurance contest between striking employees and employers.

However, many observers are not so hopeful, and fear that there will be further trouble, possibly even bloodshed, before the strike comes to an end.

Governor Ehringhaus asks that the attention of the public, as well as the striking employees, be called to the definition of "peaceful picketing" given by the U. S. Supreme Court, hoping that understanding will prevent trouble. It is:

"In going to and from work, men have a right to as free a passage without obstruction as the streets afford, consistent with the right of others to enjoy the same privilege. We are a social people, and the accosting of one by another is an inoffensive way and an offer by one to communicate and discuss information with a view to influencing the other's action are not regarded as aggressive or a violation of that other's rights. If, however, the offer is declined, as it may rightfully be, then persistence, importunity, following and dogging become unjustifiable annoyance and obstruction which is likely soon to savor of intimidation. From all of this the person sought to be influenced has a right to be free, and his employer has a right to have him free. U. S. Supreme Court's decision in case of the American Steel Foundries vs. Tri-City Central Trade Council.

POTATO MEETING

The potato situation in North Carolina will be considered at a meeting to be held in Washington September 20th, called by Congressman Lindsay Warren. Governor Ehringhaus urges all interested in potato growing to attend. He has been active for a year in efforts to bring some relief to potato growers and hopes that at this meeting some definite progress can be made. He plans to be at this meeting, unless prevented by unexpected developments.

JEFFRESS IMPROVED

E. B. Jeffress, chairman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, was reported as being slightly improved in a Richmond hospital after a brain operation some two weeks ago, following a stroke of paralysis in his Greensboro home. Mr. Jeffress has been unconscious since the stroke, but was reported as being some stronger. The Highway Commission, meeting last week, decided to continue to act as a unit on matters before that body in the absence of Chairman Jeffress, in the hope that he may be able finally to return and resume his work.

STATE FAIR IN OFFING

Extensive preparations are being made for the annual North Carolina State Fair to be held at the fair grounds near Raleigh October 8-13, under direction of Norman Y. Chambliss of Rocky Mount, and George Hamid of New York, who gave such a successful fair last year. Premium lists of more than \$10,000 have been prepared and unusually large and fine exhibits are expected, following such a successful season in the State in most farm products. The operators promise excellent entertainment features and splendid races.

WELFARE CONFERENCES

"Some present-day problems in the changing social program" will be the theme of six annual district welfare conferences to be held at as many central points in the State in October under joint auspices of the State Department of Public Welfare and the State Association of county welfare superintendents. Dates and places for the six conferences are announced by Mrs. W. T. Bost, State Commissioner of Public Welfare, as follows: Western, at Newland October 10th; Northwestern, Winston-Salem, October 11; Southwestern, Rockingham, October 12; Northeastern, Elizabeth City, October 16; Central,

Nashville, October 17; Southeastern, Southport, October 18.

TOBACCO PRICES DOUBLED

Tobacco markets in North Carolina sold 55,419,012 pounds of tobacco during the month of August for an average of \$25.47 a hundred pounds, more than twice the \$12.87 paid in August last year, in which month 40,376,997 pounds were sold. This does not represent a full month's sales, as markets on the South Carolina border during the month and the eastern bright belt later. Central markets opened some two weeks ago and Piedmont markets are yet to open. Prices in August last year were those paid before the parity agreement was reached as the result of the insistence of Governor Ehringhaus with AAA folks and tobacco manufacturers on several trips to Washington. The August average this year is being maintained on the markets that are now open, thus far in September.

COTTON CROP LARGE

The cotton crop in North Carolina is estimated as of September 1st to amount of 325 pounds an acre, a poundage not exceeded since the appearance of the boll weevil in 1924, and almost equal to the all-time record of 342 pounds in 1911, the State-Federal crop reporting services report. The State's record crop was 1,208,000 bales in 1926, produced at an average of 320 pounds to the acre. The crop this year will approach that figure, although the acreage had been cut about one-third in the past few years. The Governor Gardner program of larger production on smaller acreage is being achieved. Boll weevil damage started about August 15th, but unless the ravages increase, the proportion of the cotton ruined by these pests will be small. North Carolina is expected to produce more cotton than is allowed under the Bankhead bill, while the nation's will be less than is allowed, it is now indicated.

"DUCK STAMPS"

"Duck stamps," costing \$1 and available at postoffices, are now available for those who wish to hunt migratory waterfowl in North Carolina this season. The "duck stamp" is to be pasted on the State hunting license, which must be presented when applying for the new stamp. This stamp is a tax imposed by the Federal Government on hunters, the proceeds to be used for the purchase of refuges and protection of migratory waterfowl. One such purchase has recently been made in North Carolina, the 49,000-acre tract embraced in Lake Mattamuskeet, Hyde County.

YADKIN FLOATS BOND ISSUE

Yadkin County recently voted \$140,000 in bonds for an extensive program of new school buildings and additions to others, by a majority of 1,600, about two to one against the registration. The money will be borrowed from the PWA and a grant of about \$42,000 will be made, in addition. This is the first time in the history of North Carolina that a county-wide election for a county-wide school building program has been voted, State Superintendent A. T. Allen says. It has been done by county commissioners before, but never by a vote of the people, he said.

LICENSES MUST BE PAID

Professional men and artisans, some of whom have been "getting away with murder" by not paying the annual license tax required of the State, are now in a fair way to lose their licenses to engage in their professions under renewed activity of the State Revenue Department. Groups in several towns and cities have been and are being cited to appear before a Superior Court judge to show cause why their licenses should not be revoked, for failure to pay the tax. In case of lawyers, it is now determined that there are close to 2,500 practicing in the State, while only about 1,800 paid the license for 1932, records show. Some of the other professions also show larger numbers that pay the tax, which is \$25, but if a lawyer makes oath he did not receive more than \$1,000 the previous year from his profession, he is allowed license for half price, \$12.50. Forty-two per cent of all lawyers in the State paid the half price in 1932.

The revenue department under its reorganization is going after delinquents. Those listed as being required to pay this professional license are attorneys, physicians, dentists, veterinary surgeons, osteopaths, chiropractors, chiropodists, oculists, opticians, optometrists, all healing art practitioners, for pay, all kinds of engineers and architects, public accountants, photographers, real estate, rental, leasing and loan agents, also licensed morticians, who pay \$10, however. Private detectives also pay \$25. It is a sort of double teaming on lawyers, who can be disbarred for not paying the State tax and also the dues of \$3 a year to the North Carolina State Bar.

TO DROP FERA WORKERS

Unemployed workers on relief rolls will be dropped from these rolls if they turn down jobs offered them because they can receive larger pay from the FERA, Mrs. Thomas O'Ber-

Bunch of Grapes Weighs 112 Pounds



PANOMA Calif. . . . Above is shown one of the prize bunches of grapes exhibited at the Los Angeles County Fair by Grape-Princess, Miss Bee Connor. The bunch of grapes shown in the photo weighed 112 pounds.

The Week in Washington

Washington, D. C. — President Roosevelt's hold upon the affections of the American people does not seem to have diminished, to judge from reports brought back to Washington by political scouts of both parties.

Even those in and out of his own party, including many rock-ribbed Republicans, who never have voted and never will vote the Democratic ticket, admit the charm of the man and concede the effect of his personal magnetism not only upon those who meet him face to face, but even when it is projected over the radio. There is no question that Mr. Roosevelt's voice is the most persuasive that has ever spoken into a microphone, while his cheery smile wins the personal regard even of those who are most bitterly opposed to the course of his Administration.

For that reason, most of the criticism of the Administration so far has been directed at its acts and methods, and aimed ostensibly at the President's subordinates, usually with the explicit reservation that no personal criticism of the President is intended. And that state of affairs probably will continue even though some conservative Democrats desert the standard of the Administration.

Predict Party Division
Out of this peculiar situation some astute observers here believe that a new party line-up is definitely on the way. Some even go so far as to predict that the major party division in 1936 will be between a "Roosevelt Party" and a "Constitution Party," by whatever names they call themselves.

Indications which give color to this idea of a new party line-up in American politics are many. There is, for example, the coalition of Republicans and Democrats in the new American Liberty League—whose leaders, incidentally, profess the usual personal friendship for Mr. Roosevelt, while setting up an organization that cannot be anything but opposed to the Roosevelt program. There is the recent resignation of Lew Douglas, Director of the Budget, latest in the series of resignations of conservative-minded men from their Administration posts. Mr. Douglas openly avowed his lack of sympathy with the Treasury's system of bookkeeping, which Secretary Morgenthau described in his recent radio address, whereby one set of figures is used to show that the campaign pledge to reduce the Government's expenditures has been kept and another entirely different set of figures is produced to cover the amounts of the heavy increase in the National Debt and the disposition made of the funds so borrowed.

The Treasury Report

According to Mr. Morgenthau, the \$6,000,000,000 increase in the debt is actually only \$4,400,000,000, because the Treasury has \$1,600,000,000 of the money still on hand, without counting the "profit" of \$2,800,000,000 arising from the devaluation of the gold dollar. And much of the borrowed money has been re-loaned through the R. F. C. and other agencies.

Republican speakers in the current Congressional campaigns are beginning to make use of the Douglas resignation and the Morgenthau figures; with what effect remains to be seen. Beyond doubt, in the more conservative parts of the nation, a reaction against the Administration is setting in, but that this will result in the return of a Republican majority to the new Congress is not expected by even the most ardent devotee of the G. O. P. And any Republican gains are likely to be offset by the election of some radical members from the Central West and parts of the South, who will demand that the Federal

ry, State director, announces, quoting a statement from Col. Joseph Hyde Pratt, division engineer. If the pay they get from jobs they take is less than FERA scale, then they will be allowed the difference, but they will be dropped entirely if they refuse jobs, even at smaller pay. Mrs. O'Berry states. These workers are supposed to supply local agricultural and other labor needed, the State director said. The FERA jobs are created only when other jobs are not available, and workers are warned to take any jobs that are available.

the other day, there are no secrets in Washington.

The dilemma is whether to recognize Sinclair as a Democrat, and thereby put the seal of Administration approval on a program which out-deals the New Deal, or to disclaim him, and thereby alienate the radical element upon whose votes the Administration is counting heavily. The general opinion here is that the conservative Democrats of California will throw their strength to the Republican candidates for Governor and Congress, which may upset some-

what the hopes of further Democratic gains from the Pacific Coast.

A more immediate worry is the general labor situation with strikes increasing in number and seriousness and the Administration trying to figure out whether it would be better politics to put all strikers on the relief rolls or to tighten up on its relief program.

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