

**MINERS YIELD AND A GENERAL STRIKE HAS BEEN AVERTED**

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**Conference With British Coal Owners Agreed To. IT WILL BE HELD MONDAY**

**Government May Have Agreed To Wage Adjustment On National Basis. TURNS ON PUMPING POINT**

**James Cox Davis Is Made New Rail Head**



James Cox Davis, new director-general of the United States railroad administration. Mr. Davis succeeds John E. Parsons, who has been named to head the national railroad commission.

Unsettled Agreement Gives Liveliest Hope That Struggle, Which Would Have Swept Country, Has Been Averted.

The dispute throughout has been fruitful of surprises, and another one was sprung tonight, when, after conferences and interviews between the parties concerned lasting all day long, and when it was supposed that all efforts to move the miners had proved ineffectual, it was suddenly announced that the miners had yielded and that a conference with the coal owners had been convened for Monday to discuss the questions involved, white notices were sent to the mining districts urging abstention from any action that would interfere with necessary measures for the safety of the mines.

**LEADERS OF EUROPEAN SOCIALISM DETERMINED ON WORLD REVOLUTION**

**Their Conviction Is That Such a Move Is Inevitable.**

Whether the rumors that the government is willing that the wage question should be adjusted on a national basis may be held to explain the change in the situation is unknown. If, as Mr. Jones suggests, the government and mine owners have really agreed to an unconditional conference, that would be sufficient to induce the miners to yield the pumping point. In any case, the unexpected agreement gives the latest hopes that the struggle, which would have swept the country, will be averted.

**THE MENACE IS GROWING IS INCREASED BY SEPARATION OF SOCIALISM FROM CONTROL OF BOLSHEVISM.**

All prominent European labor leaders of Europe are unanimous that a world revolution is in the air. They are unanimous that a world revolution is in the air.

**DR. TAYLOR TESTIFIES IN THE ROSE WILL CASE**

Thinks Mrs. Ross Mentally Unsound If Statements In Hypothetical Question Are True.

Monroe, April 9.—Dr. Isaac Taylor, head of Broadland, testified at Morganton, testified in the Ross will case today that if the jury finds the statements set out in the hypothetical questions propounded by attorneys for the caveators to be true, Mrs. Maggie Ross was mentally incompetent to make a will in 1907 when she is alleged to have signed her last will and testament which the caveators are trying to have set aside. Dr. Taylor was called as an expert. Dr. H. D. Stewart, of Monroe, testified in answer to the hypothetical question and also of his own knowledge that he did not think Maggie Ross had sufficient mental capacity to make a will.

**JUDGE J. C. PRITCHARD IS NEAR DEATH'S DOOR**

Noted Jurist Dying in Asheville Hospital and Not Expected to Live Through Night.

Asheville, April 9.—Judge Jeter Conly Pritchard, president of the United States circuit court, is dying at the Mission hospital here. He is not expected to live through the night, and he has been given up that he can recover. Despite his extremely critical condition, and while unconscious, he developed pneumonia this afternoon. Messages are pouring in here from many sections of the United States expressing sympathy and sorrow at the distinguished jurist's condition.

**FORECAST BY STATES**

Washington, April 9.—Virginia fair and mild; North Carolina, Monday fair and cloudy, Tuesday, fresh to strong northwest and north winds; South Carolina, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, fresh northwest winds; Tennessee, fair Sunday and Monday, Tuesday, cloudy; Louisiana, Sunday partly cloudy, Monday fair and cool; West Texas, Sunday and Monday, fair.

**HOT RACE FOR MAYOR OF GOLDSBORO IS EXPECTED**

Goldsboro, April 9.—The hottest political campaign waged in this city for many years will take place in the primary election next Thursday. At the present incumbent announced his candidacy several weeks ago. Thursday next for the office, and on Saturday, W. B. Blackman also entered the race. Two other candidates are expected to make their announcements.

**KITCHIN IS NAMED BY HOUSE DEMOCRATS AS THE MINORITY LEADER**

Tar Heel Congressman Selected Without Opposition. TARIFF ISSUE COMES UP

Controversy Develops In Election Of Tague To Ways and Means Committee. OPPOSED A WESTERN MAN

Massachusetts Congressman, Who Voted Against Fordney Bill, Supported By Kitchin—Will Caucus Again to Decide Policy.

Washington, April 9.—Representative Claude Kitchin of North Carolina was today elected by the caucus of house Democrats as minority leader for the 67th Congress. There was no opposition to Mr. Kitchin who received the nomination for the speakership, but that is an empty honor with the Republicans in control.

The Democrats postponed until next week the outlining of a party policy on the tariff. Another caucus will be called to consider that. The caucus today, nevertheless, developed a small tariff controversy when Representative Tague, of Massachusetts, was elected to the Democratic vanguard on the ways and means committee, defeating Representative Hayden of Ohio.

**VERDICT OF GUILTY IS RETURNED AGAINST 36 MEN IN EXPRESS CASE**

Are Convicted On All Five Counts Of the Indictment. BE SENTENCED APRIL 30

Tried On Charge Of Conspiracy To Rob American Railway Express Company. SEVERAL ARE NOT GUILTY

Sixty-Four People Were Indicted, Four Of Whom Were Never Arrested. Maximum Sentence Is Two Years or \$10,000 Fine.

Macon, Ga., April 9.—After deliberating for 28 hours a jury in federal court late today returned verdicts of guilty on all five counts of the indictment against 36 persons accused of conspiracy to rob the American Railway Express company of property valued at \$1,000,000.

The maximum sentence is two years in penitentiary, or a fine of \$10,000 or both. Judge Evans told the jurors that they were exempted from jury service for four years. Immediately after the verdicts were returned, they began to carry away the great mass of evidence.

Those found guilty are: C. R. Baker, baggage-master, Albany, Ga.; W. W. Barber, messenger, Albany, Ga.; O. B. Baldwin, flagman, Albany, Ga.; Henry Barlow, news butcher, Macon, Ga.; E. E. Brantner, messenger, College Park, Ga.; R. C. Channey, express agent, Hartford, Ala.; Walter Critt, negro porter, Macon, Ga.; Charles H. Dunning, express agent, Oglethorpe, Ga.; Troop Floyd, negro porter, Macon, Ga.; William Hackney, baggage-master, Montgomery, Ala.; King Hardy, conductor, Macon, Ga.; J. O. Johnson, transfer clerk, Smithville, Ga.; W. V. Kimbrell, baggage-master, Warrington, Ga.; E. J. Langford, messenger, Albany, Ga.; J. C. McArthur, messenger, Americus, Ga.; N. T. McKinnon, conductor, Dothan, Ala.; Dan McLendon, conductor, Florida, Ala.; H. S. McMillan, messenger, Montgomery, Ala.; C. F. McMillan, messenger, Woodward, Ala.; W. G. Nixon, agent, Ozark, Ala.; H. C. Morris, flagman, Albany, Ga.; J. C. W. Pierce, messenger, Macon, Ga.; J. N. Smith, conductor, Macon, Ga.; L. Smith, flagman, Albany, Ga.; M. Stovall, messenger, Union Springs, Ala.; H. K. Jarner, messenger, Hampton, Ala.; Ed Knox, negro, express helper, Arlington, Ga.; H. H. Becker, messenger, Macon, Ga.

Those found not guilty are as follows: Charles Burgess, garage proprietor, Florida, Ala.; Will Diggers, brakeman, Florida, Ala.; E. H. Hall, conductor, Albany, Ga.; E. Knight, baggage-master, Macon, Ga.; W. M. Moore, conductor, Macon, Ala.; B. H. Rodgers, transfer man, Albany, Ga.; M. H. Sheppard, depot agent, Albany, Ga.; W. J. Simpson, agent, Union Springs, Ala.; M. E. Strickland, messenger, Union Springs, Ala.

Not guilty by direction of Judge Beverly D. Evans, U. S. circuit court, Florida, Ala.; J. M. Gibson, porter, Florida, Ala.; W. P. Hays, messenger, Florida, Ala.; W. H. Harrison, messenger, Florida, Ala.; J. E. Hendrix, messenger, Florida, Ala.; J. E. Hendrix, messenger, Florida, Ala.; J. E. Hendrix, messenger, Florida, Ala.; J. E. Hendrix, messenger, Florida, Ala.

Day of Bolshevism Will Come. The Bolshevism will come. The Bolshevism will come. The Bolshevism will come. The Bolshevism will come. The Bolshevism will come. The Bolshevism will come. The Bolshevism will come. The Bolshevism will come. The Bolshevism will come. The Bolshevism will come.

**FAMILY OF 15 HOLLANDERS ADDED TO U. S. POPULATION.**



At the gates swing wide on Ellis Island, N. Y., recently and let the Feyen family into the United States the population of the country was increased by 15. They were from Holland. No nation can beat the Dutch in this wonderful matter of human productivity. But it is well to state that the Feyen family beats even the Dutch record of Feyen, head of the house, shown at the extreme right, top row, is 45. Diana, his wife, just 32, and radiant with health, is shown in the center holding the baby.

**Two Blairs Seek Job As Revenue Commissioner**

One From North Carolina and One From Virginia, With the Virginian Apparently Having the Better Chance of Appointment—Morehead-Linney Faction Going Ahead With Patronage Matters Without Consulting Butler.

Washington, April 9.—Two rival Republican organizations, each boasting a man named Blair for commissioner of internal revenue, today had their pleas and endorsements before President Harding and Secretary Mellon.

The North Carolina Republican organization, from John M. Morehead, down, is urging the appointment of David Blair, Winston-Salem. The Virginia Republican organization, including the state chairman and Representative Stemp, the national committee, are behind Robert F. Blair, of Wytheville. A delegation of Old Dominion Republicans called at the White House this week and urged President Harding to name the Virginia man.

John M. Morehead returned to North Carolina tonight after putting in a final plea for the recognition of David Blair. He and his delegation saw both the President and Secretary Mellon. On a previous visit Mr. Morehead had put in a word for his protégé.

Of the two Blairs, however, report today was that the Virginian has the better chance. Secretary Mellon is said to have recently made inquiries in various quarters regarding the capabilities of Robert Blair and he is believed to be in the list of two, his appointment will be made. Others strongly endorsed for the position of commissioner of internal revenue are Jos. J. Edward, Clifford, of Chicago. The former is an oil and gas magnate, the latter an investment banker.

President Harding is expected to announce the appointment of a commissioner. Mr. Williams has been ready to vacate his office for several days and that he is expecting an early release from his duties. Mr. Morehead said that he filed more than a month ago.

Mr. Morehead asked to be excused from commenting upon the chances of his candidate for the commission. He said it was an open field and a fair contest and there was nothing to be added to the endorsement he had filed. Mr. Morehead said he did not think he should say whether he was hopeful or not hopeful over the outlook.

No other patronage matters were taken up on this visit to Washington. Mr. Morehead said, and he did not disagree with treasury department officials, the establishment of another collection district in the west and when they get ready to go after the territory in earnest they will have the support of the Senate. Senator Overman believe that the amount of federal taxes paid in North Carolina justify a western collection district and the chances are regarded as fair for its establishment.

In addition to the endorsement of Mr. Morehead and Mr. Linney, David Blair's appointment was also urged by a delegation comprising J. W. Cannon of Concord, largest in-law of Blair, and one of the largest taxpayers in North Carolina, J. H. Pries and James A. Gray of Winston-Salem, A. J. Frasier and Stuart Gramer, of Charlotte.

Butler Being Ignored. Apparently the Morehead-Linney faction are going ahead in patronage matters without paying attention to the wishes of Senator Marion Butler and his following. They are not consulting Mr. Butler and it seems they are trying to back him off the boards of the state Democratic party. Mr. Butler arranged his conference with the president, but says he probably will have something interesting to say within a week or so.

The next North Carolina appointment will be a prominent one. President Harding asked the reported plan to appoint a new man as register of the treasury. Influential groups among members of other delegations, including North Carolina, indicates that a number of other appointments will be made in the near future. It is expected that the new appointments will be made in the near future. It is expected that the new appointments will be made in the near future.

**COMMISSIONER WADE REOPENS HIS ASSAULT ON INTERNATIONAL OIL**

Tar Heels Lost Many Millions In Fake Oil Stocks. HALF BILLION LAST YEAR

Federal Government Proceeds Too Slowly To Give the People Protection. PONZI IS ONE EXAMPLE

Declares His Attack Not Aimed At Beasley and Williams But At the Company Theoretically Represented by Bank Examiners Named.

Raleigh, April 9.—Insurance Commissioner Stacey W. Wade today shoots away with thousands of other millions based on the million of these stocks company which advertises its highly refined products, E. C. Williams and Roland F. Beasley, quite as highly as it touts crude oil.

Mr. Wade, evidently does not think Mr. Beasley's statement plenary and overwhelming. The insurance commissioner advertises to the fact that half a billion was lost last year in fake stocks and the \$125,000,000 additional was traded in liberty bonds for worthless certificates not worth the parchment on which they were written.

Nearly half a million of these stocks was found in Wake last year. One bank in this community went broke and its cashier killed himself. The stuff sold in this community was not the International Petroleum company oil, but one of the pieces of merchandise offered, Mr. Wade says the fact that the federal government supervises the Texas company which now has Mr. Beasley and Mr. Williams is no guarantee that people will not get a fleecing before the government gets on the job. He says: "My action in this matter was prompted by an earnest desire to protect the people of North Carolina against a repetition of the disastrous financial results that followed the big stock exploitation campaigns of 1919 and 1920. My attack was launched against the company itself, and not against the two small fellows, North Carolinians whose names the company is using so freely."

**DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF DOWDS GET IN COURT**

Mrs. W. C. Dowd Asks Court To Make Inoperative Deed Signed By Her For Husband. ALSO ASKS SUBSISTENCE

Charlotte, April 9.—Two complaints have been filed by Mrs. Ellen G. Dowd with the clerk of the Mecklenburg Superior court, one against W. C. Dowd and the News Publishing company, asking that the court make inoperative a deed signed by Mrs. Dowd conveying the property at the corner of Church and Fourth streets to the News Publishing company, the other against W. C. Dowd in which the plaintiff asks the court to make provision to secure her necessary subsistence. The complaints were signed by Tillet and Guthrie, attorneys for the plaintiff.

In the complaint against Mr. Dowd and the News Publishing company the plaintiff alleges: "While the plaintiff was in the office of the defendant, in the Charlotte News building, her husband informed her he wanted her to sign a paper; that he informed her when she asked the nature of the paper, he said she did not, but at her husband's request; that the same day the defendant informed her that the instrument conveyed the real estate to the News Publishing company and she signed the paper voluntarily and she conveyed all interest in the property, that he had secured her signature. That the defendant was the owner of practically all of the stock of the News Publishing company; that he was president and general manager and managed the instrument; that he conveyed it exclusively as his individual property; that the recitals in the certificate of the party examination are erroneous and untrue.

Allegation is made that the instrument had no legal effect, no rights, but that it is a cloud upon her contingent right of dower; that the defendant is claiming that by reason of her signature to the instrument she conveyed all interest in the property. As a result of these allegations, the plaintiff asks that the court adjudge the deed as inoperative to convey or transfer any rights which the plaintiff may have in the property.

In the other complaint of Ellen G. Dowd against W. C. Dowd the plaintiff alleges that the defendant separated himself from her and failed to provide her any subsistence whatever; that the defendant is a man of large means and enjoys a large income and that as his wife she is entitled to have secured from his property necessary subsistence according to his means and condition in life and asks that the court make such provision as is necessary to ascertain what property he has and his income and make the necessary provision for her subsistence.

In answer to the charges filed with the court of the court of Moore by Mrs. W. C. Dowd against W. C. Dowd and the News Publishing company, Mr. Dowd expressed the opinion that the proceedings had not reached a state which justified newspaper publication, except for the gratification of gossip and scandal mongers.

Mr. Dowd stated further that while keeping in mind the publication of charges that he knows to be absolutely untrue he said he prefers to pursue this course at the present time and ask the public to withhold its judgment until he has the facts brought out in open court.

**UNKNOWN NEGRO BOY DROWNED**

New Bern, April 9.—An unknown negro lad was drowned in Neuse river yesterday afternoon near the city of New Bern. The boy, who was about 10 years of age, was seen by a group of boys while playing attempts to rescue the boy were unsuccessful until the boy was dead, when the body was pulled out of the long pole. No inquest has been held yet.

Commissioner Wade reopens his assault on International Oil. Tar Heels Lost Many Millions In Fake Oil Stocks. Half Billion Last Year. Federal Government Proceeds Too Slowly To Give the People Protection. Ponzi is one example. Declares his attack not aimed at Beasley and Williams but at the company theoretically represented by bank examiners named.

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Two kinds of appeal. The commissioner objects to the dual appeal of the company. There is one form to reach the business-like lawyer, another to catch the ignorant wealth of the school teacher and those of that type, he says. Many of these legal letters come to the office here. It was through attorneys who mailed these forms to the department that the ignorant wealth discovered the campaign. The vice-president of the company is E. C. Williams. He doted on his Tar Heel bond. He practiced law 20 years in the state, he says. Lawyers find it difficult to place him, but former Insurance Commissioner James R. Young recalls former efforts of Mr. Williams to get into North Carolina, the state he loves so well. "Dear Sir: Having practiced law in good old North Carolina for 20 years, and having a personal acquaintance with many of the legal brethren, I feel no hesitancy in intruding upon your time for a few moments to tell you something about the great oil business of Texas which has grown to such enormous proportions and which is still growing. "During the war I served the United States as special agent of the war trade board, at the port of Laredo and thus came in intimate contact with the business and social life of this great section of our country. When the government's service came to a close the oil business of Texas was gripping the country, and I went into it like many other eastern men whom the war had brought to this section. For two years I have been connected with all phases of the business, and I have seen my ambition to establish an oil company as safe, sound and conservative as a North Carolina bank or manufacturing enterprise, but one of vastly more profit. I am happy to see that many of the companies and the oil producing business is being to a great extent taken over by such sound and carefully managed men of the smaller communities. The International Petroleum company of Texas, of which I am vice-president, is now completing its refinery at El Paso. The plant will be marketing gas and other products as soon as the contractors (Continued on Page Four.)