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## EMPLOYEES READY TO OFFER DEMAND FOR EIGHT HOURS

**Committees of Trainmen's Brotherhood in Washington Asking for Raise**

## RAILROADS PLAN TO ENTER POVERTY PLEA

**Railroads Have But Thirty Days in Which to Make Their Reply, Though They Are Outspoken in Opposition to Proposed Demands of Their Employes.**

(By Associated Press) Washington, March 28.—Committees representing the engineers, firemen, conductors and trainmen's brotherhood are expected to present demands for increased wages to railroads throughout the United States next Thursday. The men will ask that the eight-hour basis be adopted for computing the pay for a day's work and that time and a half paid for overtime.

The demand will apply to all men in the service of the road, freight yards and hostling service. The pay of passenger employees already is based on a day or less than eight hours.

Although the railroads have 30 days in which to reply to the demands, officials here state they cannot possibly meet them with their present revenues. Presentation of the demands of the railroads in the southeastern territory will be made to the Southern headquarters here, the Seaboard Air Line at Norfolk, the Atlantic Coast Line at Wilmington, the Louisville & Nashville at Louisville, the Central of Georgia at Savannah, the Florida East Coast at Jacksonville.

## COLLEGES NEED BETTER FINANCIAL BACKING

Raleigh, March 28.—That an unduly large number of colleges are being conducted in North Carolina with insufficient financial support and consequent inadequate equipment and inefficient faculty, is the general conclusion advanced by Samuel P. Capen, specialist in higher education for the United States Bureau of Education.

Reports on the exhaustive investigation by Mr. Capen are being mailed out just now by the State Department of Education to the educational institutions and educators of the State with a view to stirring action which will raise the standards of the colleges and bring about better financing and general management.

Dr. Capen's report states that the conditions shown to exist in this State are not peculiar to North Carolina, but that it is none the less serious. He suggests that institutions not qualified to grant bachelors of art degrees should not be permitted to confer them and that schools that do not meet requirements for worthy conferment of the degree should not be permitted to call themselves colleges.

## OUR NAVY IS NOT AS STRONG AS GERMANY'S

Washington, March 28.—With the explanation that he "hated to say it," Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fiske, former aide for operations, told the House naval committee today that in fighting strength the United States navy was only about half as strong as Germany's. Reluctantly in response to questions he expressed the opinion that all things considered, the U. S. navy "could not be very far away" in an estimate of the comparative strength of the German and American fleets, although the German fleet did not cost any more.

The admiral declared that the navy was not getting value received for money expended and was only about 75 per cent of what it should be under a better system of administration.

Naval Contractor Emory S. Land testified that including boats, nearly completed and five at Panama, 14 submarines could be made available for war service immediately or within 30 days. Of the 18 submarines of the Atlantic fleet he said 13 were available.

## More Boy Babies Born.

The proportion of boy babies born in England and Wales during 1915 was the largest since 1884, apparently confirming a popular belief that more males are born during war time. For the quarter consisting of July, August and September, 1915, the number of males births to female was 1,055 to 1,000; in 1884, the ratio was 1,054 to 1,000.

The ratio of boy babies to girl has been increasing with every quarter. In the first quarter of 1915 the proportion was 1,052 males to 1,000 females, in the second quarter 1,043 to 1,000, and in the third quarter 1,055 to 1,000. Science can give no explanation of this phenomenon, contenting itself with declaring that there probably is some natural law at present hidden from us which is responsible.

## WOMAN SUFFRAGE AND LIQUOR MUST TAKE A LONG WAIT

**By Vote of 10 to 9, House Places Both Questions on Waiting List.**

## THE POSTPONEMENT IS TO BE INDEFINITE

**That All Matters Pertaining to Woman's Suffrage and Liquor Will Not Come Up at This Session Seems Indicated From Action Taken by the House.**

(By Associated Press) Washington, March 28.—The House Judiciary committee today voted 10 to 9 to postpone indefinitely consideration of all suffrage and prohibition proposals before it.

## HAS GROUNDHOOG BEAT ON TELLING THE WEATHER

Norfolk, Va., March 27.—If the forecast of George Storminger is correct, spring is here and here to stay. George has been calling the turn on the weather for several years and has never missed it. His method of announcing the arrival of spring is in wearing a straw lid and he made his appearance in such a top piece this morning. George is the first citizen to be seen on the streets with straw headgear and some of his friends have told him he was ahead of time.

## APPEAL AGAINST USE OF PLEASURE MOTORS

London, March 28.—The national organization committee for war savings has issued an appeal for economy in order to bring about an early victory. It will, from time to time, call attention to forms of spending which should most clearly be checked, as being wasteful and absorbing labor that could be put to better use. It protests earnestly against the use of motor cars and motorcycles for pleasure. It states, millions of money would be saved, and much work could be transferred to more useful channels. For example, the work of ships and men now employed in carrying oil and rubber for cars and cycles; men at docks and railway men, and so forth, employed in handling these cargoes and in work connected with the importation of motor cars and cycles; chauffeurs now engaged in driving and looking after motor cars; men now engaged in garages and shops all over the country, repairing and holding of tires used on cars and cycles.

They emphasize the fact that they refer only to cars and cycles used for purposes of pleasure, and they appeal to all owners to consider earnestly whether the use of their cars can be justified by any question of public utility or by real necessity. They cannot, the appeal concludes, with any effect ask the poorer classes to save, as long as they see well-to-do people enjoying an expensive luxury.

**Weather.** FOR NORTH CAROLINA: Fair tonight, with frost, Wednesday, fair, slightly warmer in west portion, with moderate west winds.

## COTTON MARKET

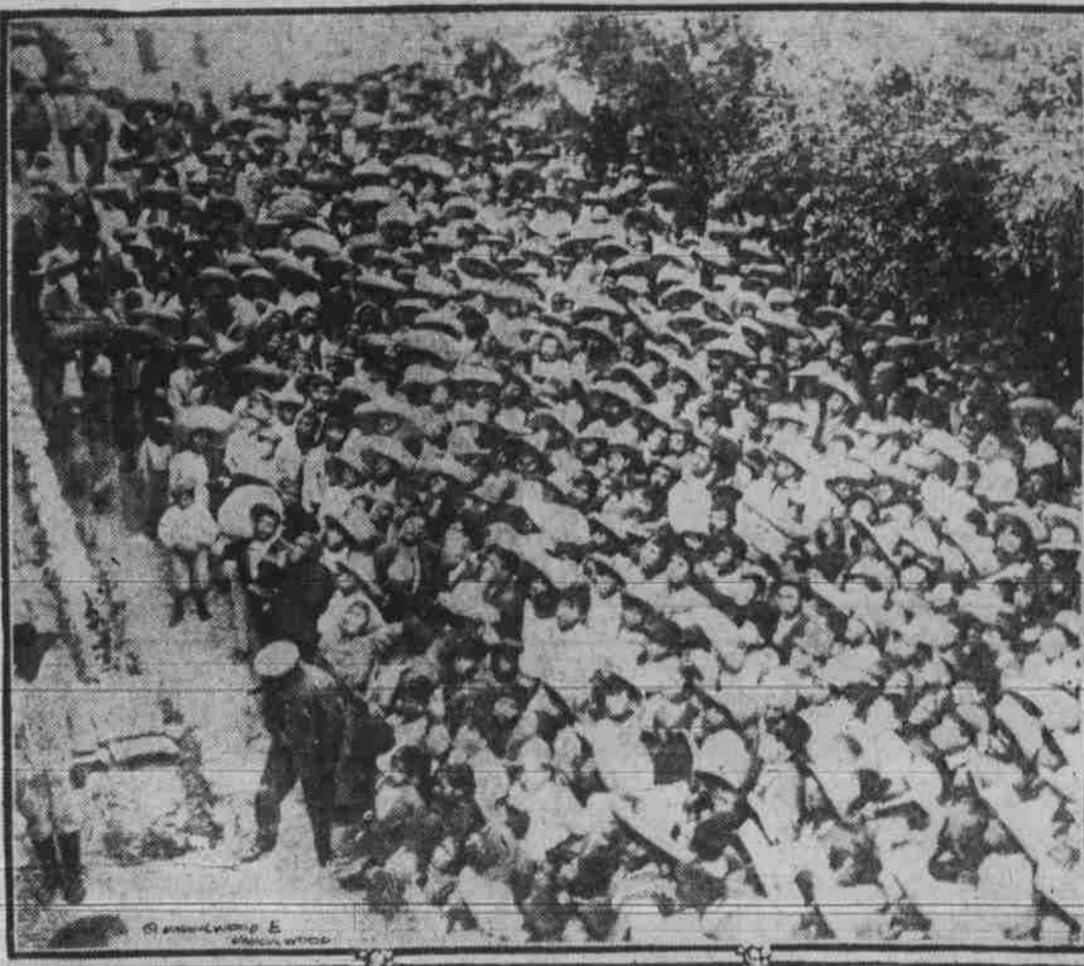
(By Associated Press) New York, March 28.—Cotton futures opened firm; May, 12; July, 12 1/2; October, 12 1/2; December, 12 1/2; January, 12 1/4.

The cotton market opened firm of an advance of 5 to 7 points today. As five months sold about 7 point net higher right after the call with May touching 12.02; July, 12.14 and October, 12.26. The advance was checked at 4 1/2 points from the best before the end of the first hour.

## STOCK MARKET

(By Associated Press) New York, March 28.—Further uncertain tendencies were manifested at the opening of today's market, although advances outnumbered declines. Gains of 1 to 2 points were made by Continental Can, International Nickel, National Cloak & Suit Co., and Philadelphia Co., while Crucible Steel and American Beet Sugar rose fractionally. South Porto Rico scored a new high record on its rise of 5 points to 105. Losses of a point were recorded by Mercantile Marine preferred and Maxwell Motors, while Baldwin and American Locomotive, as well as Western Maryland, were nominally lower.

## MEXICAN CROWD HEARS CARRANZA'S STORY OF VILLA INVASION



This photo, which has just been received from Mexico City, shows a crowd of Mexicans in Queretaro, the provisional capital of Mexico, listening to the Carranza government's report of Villa's depredations in Columbus, New Mexico.

## CARRANZA URGED MAKE EARLY REPLY TO AID IN THE CHASE

## BRITISH CONVERTED CRUISER GETS PRAISE

(By Associated Press) London, March 28.—The British converted cruiser Andes gets the credit for sinking the German raider, the Grief in the North sea February 29 in additional details of the battle published today. After the British armed merchantman Alcantara had engaged the Grief and been rendered helpless by a shell which shattered her rudder, one of her consorts, the Andes, appeared and made it impossible for the Grief to escape. The Grief was set alight and blew up with a terrific explosion.

## MRS. L. E. SUMNER DIES VERY SUDDENLY

Several scores of relatives and many friends in this city were last night gripped to learn of the sudden death of Mrs. L. E. Sumner, which occurred at her home on Hammond street, after an extreme illness of less than two hours. Mrs. Sumner at 6:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon suffered a stroke of apoplexy and never regained consciousness. She died at 8:30 o'clock last night. The deceased is survived by a grief-stricken husband, Officer L. E. Sumner, five sons and three daughters. The daughters, all of whom reside in this city, are Misses Mary, Lottie and Rachel. The sons, Messrs Bennie of Norfolk, Va., Lou, Alfred and Herbert, of this city, and Willie, of Goldsboro. The deceased was 49 years old and a member of well known and respected family of this section, numbering one brother, Captain Herbert Weatherby, and three sisters, Mrs. L. C. Jovner, of Elm City, Mrs. Lou Brown, of Hamilton, and Mrs. J. L. Bradley, of Edgecombe county.

From the home this afternoon at 4 o'clock the funeral is to be conducted by Rev. M. B. Williford, pastor of the Primitive Baptist church, of which the deceased was a member. Interment will be made in the family plot at Pine View cemetery.

## SEABOARD TOURIST TRAIN DERAILED

Raleigh, March 28.—Seaboard passenger train No. 9 was derailed at Lemon Springs early today. Edgar Barbee, of Raleigh, the engineer, was slightly injured, but was able to continue his run after this engine was placed back on the track. Some of the passengers were injured.

## FUNERAL OF THOMAS J. PENCE IS TODAY HELD IN RALEIGH

(By Associated Press) Raleigh, March 28.—The funeral of Thomas A. Pence, secretary of the Democratic National committee, who died yesterday in Washington, was conducted here today, the 43rd anniversary of his birth from the first Baptist church with interment in Oakwood cemetery. Members of the Raleigh lodge of Elks of which Mr. Pence was one of the founders and a member, attended the funeral in a body, while Wake Forest college, of which Mr. Pence was an alumnus, also was represented. At the church the eulogies were read by a profusion of floral offerings sent to Raleigh by organizations and persons of national prominence. Cards bore the names of President Wilson, Attorney General Gregory, Secretary and Mrs. Tumulty, Senators Hughes, Overman and others.

## WAR SUMMARY

(By Associated Press) The infantry continues inactive before Verdun and even the notable artillery fire in that region east of the Meuse has slackened. The German guns have resumed a heavy fire to the west of the river, however. Bitter fighting is again taking place along the Austro-Italian front. Vienna declares that Russian activity in Galicia has slackened. British airmen have made a successful raid on the Turkish advance base 100 miles east of the Suez canal, according to reports from Suex, the aviators dropping bombs and doing extensive damage. London figures on the damage done since the inauguration of Germany's new submarine policy shows that in less than a fortnight, beginning March 15th, vessels with an aggregate tonnage of 70,000 have been sunk. One-third of this tonnage belonged to neutrals. Today the sinking of the British steamer Empress of Midland is reported, the crew was saved.

## SO MUCH MORE NEW EVIDENCE DELAYS THE COURT

(By Associated Press) New York, March 28.—Findings by the grand jury investigating the case of Dr. Warren Waite, have been delayed by the continuous discovery of new evidence. It may be the end of the week or even later, the district attorney said today before the grand jury reaches a decision. The prosecutor is said to have declared that he is satisfied with the evidence connecting Waite with the murder of his father-in-law John Peck, of Grand Rapids, Mich. Efforts are now being made to show that the young dentist's activities extended to a number of crimes.

## ONLY ONE CASE FOR CITY COURT HEARING

There was but one case for the attention of the Recorder at the morning session of the city court today and that was of a negro, Jolly Simms, who was charged with forcible trespass, submitted to the charge and paid a fine of \$10.

## YOUNG NEGRO UNCONSCIOUS IS FOUND BESIDE RAILROAD

Lumberton, March 28.—George McQueen, young colored man, was found last night at 11 o'clock at the west end of the Seaboard bridge just west of the town in an unconscious condition apparently having been hit a severe blow on the head. He was discovered by Engineer Rudy of the passenger, who reported the matter at the station. If struck by a train it must have been a freight running head of the passenger. McQueen died early this morning. Inquest will be completed tomorrow.

## SAYS THE MANCHESTER NOT GIVEN WARNING

London, March 28.—Two American citizens who were on board the steamer Manchester have made affidavits before the American Consul that the steamer was torpedoed without notice, according to a Central News dispatch from Queenstown today.

## CABINET WOULD HAVE MORE EVIDENCE; SUSSEX TORPEDOED

## CLEVELAND HAS BAD APARTMENT HOUSE FIRE; THREE DEAD

**Waitress Says Masked Man Entered Her Room and Fired the Building.**

## THREE PERSONS DEAD SCORE OTHERS HURT

**Majority of Those Injured in Disastrous Fire Jumped or Fell From Windows of Building; Two Firemen Hurt While Rescuing Occupants of Apartment.**

(By Associated Press) Cleveland, March 28.—Two unidentified men and one woman were burned to death and fully a score of people were injured this morning at 2 o'clock, when flames swept through an apartment house here. The police are searching for a masked man who, according to a story as told by a waitress, entered her room on the third floor, bound and gagged her and set fire to the building. Most of those injured were hurt by jumping from the third floor. Two women are fatally injured while two firemen were injured badly in attempting to rescue residents of the building that they may die. Both fell from third-floor windows. The fire was under control before the building was destroyed.

## AN ABLE ADDRESS CLOSES CURRENT TOPIC SEASON

The fourth annual session of the Current Topics club was brought to a close with the meeting of last night when one of the largest attendances of the spring season heard ex-Senator L. V. Bassett on the relations of the working powers in Europe today and of some of the great conclusions that might be drawn from the greatest war the world has ever seen. The speaker's address showed marked study, and a profound search, while the address has been liberally commented upon by all who heard it as one of the ablest delivered before the club during, not only the present season, but any season in fact.

In rounding out its fourth year's work the local club, which draws its membership from the rank and file of our citizenship, has accomplished great good and at this time numbers a large membership than ever before in its history. The weekly meetings at the Y. M. C. A., the gathering about the banquet board, the perfection of the ideas of the brighter member of the Y. M. C. A. cause and it does much to cement that link between the business man and citizen and the Y. M. C. A. The Current Topics club the past year has been ably served by efficient officers who have as their guiding hand, Mr. M. V. Barnhill, the president of the club, though Secretary Finch of the Y. M. C. A., Mr. E. T. Fountain, of the program committee have lent time and effort that has done much for the success of the club.

## URGES CONSIDERATION OF RAIL LEGISLATION

Washington, March 28.—President Wilson wrote in Democratic urged consideration of the shipping bill and the resolution of the investigation of the operations of railway transportation and legislation.

The railway legislation included in the legislation program laid before the Democratic caucus last week.

## DIRECT AN INQUIRY AT GERMANY OVER ATTACK ON SUSSEX

**Secretary Lansing Will Ask If Central Powers Were Responsible**

## CABINET MEMBERS THINK TORPEDOED

**Though Furnished With All Reports That Have Come to State Department, the Conclusion That Boat Was Torpedoed Is Baseless; To Direct an Inquiry.**

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, March 28.—Secretary of State Lansing announced, after the Cabinet meeting today, that the United States would make inquiry of the German government whether any of its submarines torpedoed the Sussex. Members of the Cabinet said that evidence in the possession of the United States was not conclusive enough to warrant action at this time, and for this reason it was decided to make inquiry of Germany.

A majority of the Cabinet members said they believed the preliminary reports indicated that the Sussex was torpedoed, though later developments did not carry this belief.

The President and Cabinet members were furnished with all reports that had so far reached the State Department from diplomatic and consular representatives in France and England.

The United States has inquired of Germany, through Ambassador Grew, whether any of its submarines torpedoed the British channel steamer Sussex. Secretary Lansing announced at the Cabinet meeting today that he had been decided to make such inquiry and it was later learned that inquiry had been made and is pending in Berlin.

The present status of the communication is that of an inquiry—it has not advanced to the stage of a protest or a demand.

While Cabinet members declared the situation grave, they thought a break with Germany was not an immediate prospect. It was said, however, that if Germany admitted torpedoing the Sussex a situation would be brought about which was most serious. Cabinet members thought action would depend on Germany's reply. Should Germany deny that a German submarine attacked the Sussex, the American government would reach its conclusion from the evidence being collected by its diplomatic representatives.

Should Germany admit the attack, but claim the submarine commander exceeded his orders, officials thought that it would be evidence that it was impracticable that submarine commanders attempt to distinguish armed vessels from those that were not armed.

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