

"ROCKY MOUNT  
LEADS THE WAY  
EVERY DAY"

# THE EVENING TELEGRAM

Fair Tuesday; Wednesday  
partly cloudy, probably  
showers.

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ROCKY MOUNT, N. C., TUESDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 9, 1919.

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## TROOPS ON GUARD ABOUT THREATENED JAIL IN KNOXVILLE

Fifty Men Held There in Connection With Recent Race Riots

### ANONYMOUS LEETER RECEIVED BY OFFICERS

Threats Have Been Made Against the Knox County Sheriff and Judge—Say Men in Custody Must be Released.

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 9.—A machine gun company of militiamen and an armed force of deputy sheriffs guarded the Knox county jail last night. Some will continue on duty until further orders.

This was as a precaution against a possible attack upon the jail in an effort to release the fifty men now in custody on charges growing out of the attack on the jail and the consequent rioting on Saturday night, August 30, when unsuccessful efforts were made to lynch a negro who it is alleged killed a white woman.

An anonymous letter has been received by Knox county officials in which threats were made against Judge Nelson and Sheriff Cate. The letter asserted that the alleged rioters are to be released from the jail.

## SENATE TAKES UP THE CUMMINGS BILL

Hear Representatives of the Railroad Brotherhoods Next Week

Washington, Sept. 9.—Consideration of the Cummings bill for private operation of railroads under government control with strikes and lockouts penalized was begun today by the Senate Interstate Commerce committee which de-railroad brotherhoods on the labor provisions, probably next week.

### AUSTRIAN DELEGATE TO SIGN TREATY WEDNESDAY MORNING

Paris, Sept. 8.—The Austrian delegation at St. Germain has informed the French peace mission that it has received notice that Austria has accepted the peace and that Dr. Karl Renner, head of the Austrian delegation, has been charged with signing the document.

Dr. Renner is now on his way to Paris. His signature will be affixed to the treaty at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

### Soldier Organizations May All be Amalgamated

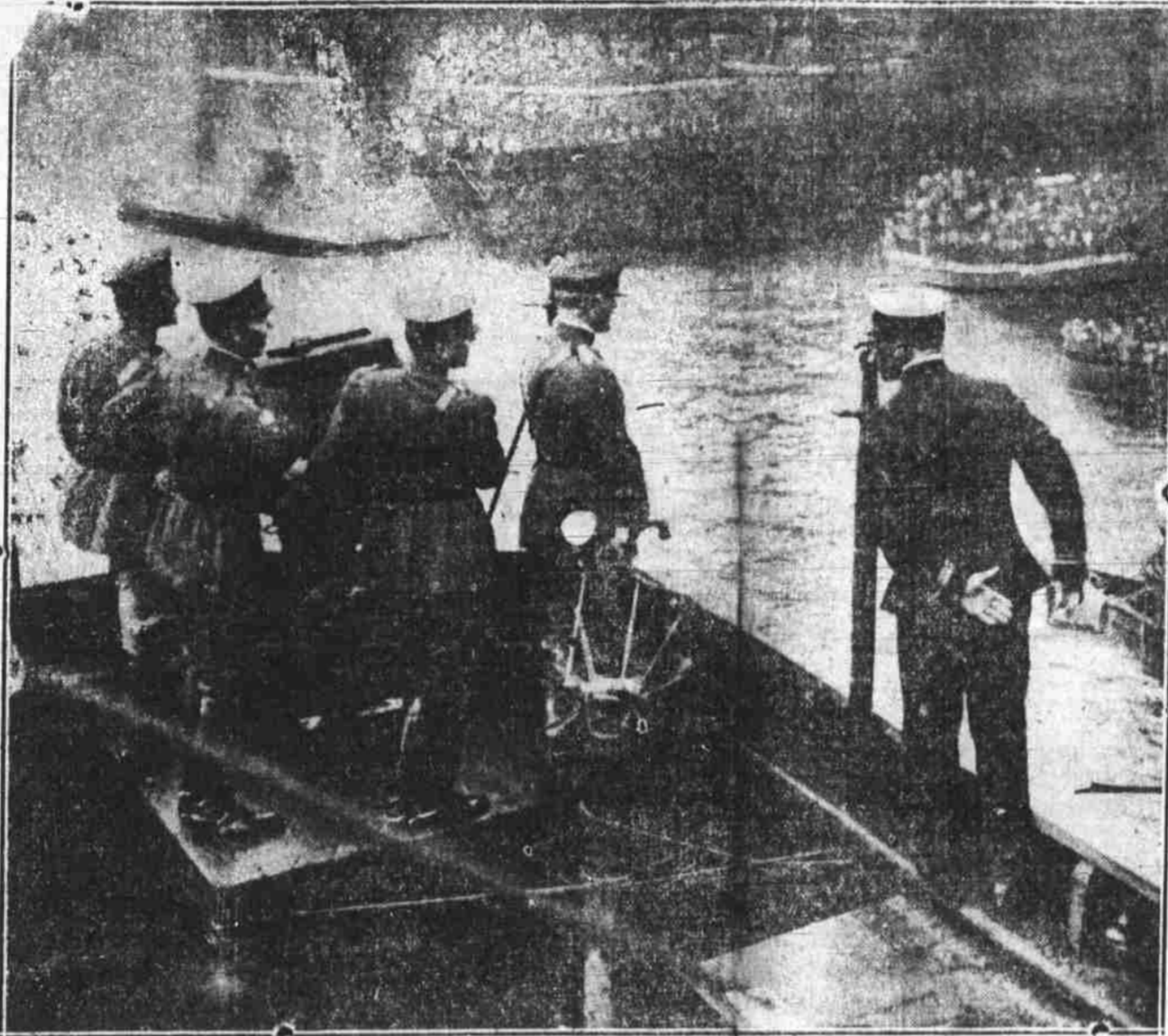
Columbus, Sept. 9.—Plans for combining into patriotic organization all soldier societies and organizations and auxiliaries are under way, according to Commander-in-chief Adams of the Grand Army of the Republic meeting here. Tentative plans, he said, called for the merging of the G. A. R., the Confederate veterans, Spanish War Veterans, Spanish war veterans and veterans of the world war.

### IN POLICE COURT

Six cases came up before Recorder K. D. Battle for disposal at the regular session of municipal court this morning. The docket was as follows: Elizabeth Love was arraigned on a charge of disorderly conduct and subjected to a fine of \$15. Claude Baker was arraigned on a similar charge and sentenced to a \$25 fine. Bond in his case was fixed at \$75. Clyde Sullivan was charged with boozing and sentenced to a twenty-five day term on the roads. Van Harvey, brought into court on a charge of assault, was forced to donate \$10 to the municipal coffers. On a second charge of being drunk and disorderly, Harvey was made to augment his contribution by an additional \$10.

George and Harry Brown were brought into court on a charge of having pilfered a cow. The probable cause was found in their case, and the two defendants were pushed over to Tarboro for trial before the superior court at Edgecombe.

## PERSHING BACK HOME AGAIN



Pulling into the dock on the great liner Leviathan, General Pershing returns the greetings of the challenging thousands; General Pershing figure is easily distinguished among the officers present on the bridge.

## SHIPPERS MEET TO FIGHT RATES

North Carolina Traffic Association is Organized at Raleigh Today

### OFFICERS ELECTED

Charles H. Ireland, Greensboro, Chosen President—Rocky Mount Man is on Board of Directors—Board Will Elect Secretary.

Raleigh, Sept. 9.—As the first step in the fight which North Carolina chambers of commerce, shippers, and business men generally intend to wage against the proposed 15 per cent rate increase from the middle west to the southwest affecting North Carolina, the North Carolina Traffic association was formed here today at a meeting of several hundred North Carolina business men held at the chamber of commerce.

Charles H. Ireland, of Greensboro, was elected president of the association; D. H. Dixon, of Goldsboro, first vice-president; G. C. Lovell, of Mount Airy, second vice-president and Howard White of Raleigh, treasurer.

The following were elected members of the board of directors: C. G. Morris, Washington, George S. Edwards, Rocky Mount; E. R. Overman, Statesbury; E. B. Wyatt, Durham; and W. M. Harrell, of Wilson; R. K. Norrow, Monroe, and D. U. Sanderlin, of Fayetteville.

The secretary of the association will be elected by the board of directors.

### Officials Try To Avert Detroit Strike Decision

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 9.—Government and labor organization officials are expected to reach Detroit tonight and tomorrow to confer with officers and the organization committee in an effort to reach an understanding that will avert the tie up of rail transportation threatened in this country and Canada by the brotherhood of maintenance of way employes and railway shop laborers in convention here.

### Cotton Producers From Big Buying Corporation

New Orleans, La., Sept. 9.—Cotton producers from ten southern states at a meeting here today decided to organize a buying corporation in every county and parish in the belt with the object of buying every bale offered, thus holding the staple until the market price is at a maximum.

## COURT IN SESSION AT TARBORO TODAY

Case Against Noel S. Avinger Slated for Hearing This Afternoon

With Judge W. A. Devin, of Oxford, presiding, the fall term of Superior court of Edgecombe county for the trial of criminal cases convened in Tarboro yesterday morning. Following the selection of a jury, a most able charge as to the laws of the state was delivered by Judge Devin.

The docket which faces the court is only a medium one. Several cases of significance to Rocky Mount people are slated to come up for disposal, the most important of which is the case against Noel S. Avinger, who is charged with shooting R. S. Gorham in this city recently. This case is receiving the attention of the court at the afternoon session today, and has attracted numerous Rocky Mount citizens, some of whom went in the capacity of witnesses, to the Edgecombe capital.

Besides the visitors as such, members of the local bar are attending the term as representatives of various parties concerned in some of the cases that will come up or have already been considered.

## STRIKE OF POLICE THREATENS BOSTON

State and City Officials Perfect Plans for Use in Case of Break

Boston, Sept. 9.—Conciliatory efforts were in progress with state and city officials and private interest completed plans for the protection of life and property in the event the policeman's strike planned here for tonight could not be averted.

The policemen voted for the strike after the suspension of 19 officers by Commissioner Curtis, who found them guilty of violating rules in joining the union. Union officers announced that more than 1,100 of the 1,600 patrolmen in the city were members of the union.

### ROUMANIA WILL NOT SIGN

Paris, Sept. 9.—The Roumanian delegation to the peace conference announced today that it would not sign the Austrian peace treaty, the signing of which by Austria and various other powers is set to take place at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

### AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR ARRIVES

Paris, Sept. 9.—Dr. Karl Renner, the Austrian chancellor and head of the Austrian peace delegation, who is to sign the peace treaty tomorrow for his own government, arrived in Paris from Vienna.

## MANY TOWNS WANT LOCAL FAIR FLIER

Feature of Lieutenant Runner's Flights Here to be Promptness

The services of Lieutenant Harry J. Runner, of "Falling a Mile in Flones," fame who is to fly here on Sept. 20, Oct. 1, 2, and 3, are very much in demand according to a recent communication from F. E. Young (Not Inc.) Under whose direction Runner's Southern tour is being arranged.

Merit alone is responsible for the success of this act and already he is acknowledged to be the producer of the cleanest cut act in personalities—Promptness is a Runner trademark and if it is advertised that—Lieut. Runner will "fall" at a certain hour, one has but to consult his watch and then scan the sky, and the ship with its daring pilot is there waiting for the perilous descent in flames.

The darink flier has just completed what was the most sensational exhibition ever staged at a Labor Day celebration in any town and the local secretary Mr. D. L. Christian has received a wire from the mayor of Delphos, Ohio, stating the criticism on his flying is beyond reproach and they have booked him already for a return engagement with a new act which he has in preparation for the coming year which promises to excel the one he is to stage here if such a thing is possible.

Perhaps a great deal of the element of surprise in this act, according to those who are up on the subject, comes from the fact that the machine never acts the same way twice, when the pilot puts it absolutely out of control before starting his fall and not even Runner himself knows just what is going to happen in the fall in question, air conditions alone being responsible and they are never the same from day to day—Flights such as these are seldom attempted by any but the most accomplished of pilots and it is even then very seldom that a man deliberately puts his machine out of control although he frequently read of accidents coming as a direct result of losing control.

Lieut. Runner has been given up for a "lost bird" dozens of times to use the parlance of several overseas flyers that have witnessed the antics of this intrepid aviator, and these fellows are the ones that have become hardened to seeing their companions fall every day along the battle lines.

The interest here is acute and big crowds will no doubt be attracted daily for the exhibitions of the young man who lives on thrills and aerial acrobatics.

Hammond, Ind., Sept. 9.—Fire strikers were killed and 15 wounded by a strike between 1,200 German employees to take such action as they deem best.

## RICH KNOXVILLE MAN IS MURDERED

Leroy Harth, President Imperial Motor Co., Mysteriously Shot

### POLICE WORK ON CLUE

Make Search for Woman Who is Believed Guilty—Harth's Automobile Found Near by—Death Occurred on Porch.

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 9.—Leroy Harth, president of the Imperial Motor Co., and a wealthy young business man of this city, was mysteriously shot last night and died on the porch of a farm house in which he took refuge.

Today the police are searching for a young woman whose name it is said, Harth uttered as having been his assailant. Harth's automobile was found near the scene of his death and the police theory is that he and the woman left the car and that the shooting followed and that Harth ran to the farm house for help.

Harth was the son of H. A. Harth, a wealthy business man of this city and formerly of Columbia, S. C.

## CONGRESS SETTLES PROHIBITION BILL

Webb and Overman on Committees to Settle all the Disputes

Washington, Sept. 9.—Representative Voistead of Minnesota, and Morgan, of Oklahoma, Republicans, and Representative Webb, Democrat, of North Carolina were today appointed managers for the house in the organization which will settle disputed provisions of the prohibition enforcement bill.

The Senate is represented by Senator Stern of South Dakota, and Nelson, of Minnesota, Republicans, and Senator Overman of North Carolina, Democrat.

### Want Conference Set Before Next Tuesday

Washington, Sept. 5.—The president was asked in a telegram sent him today by Samuel Gompers the president of the American Federation of Labor and the committee of steel men to say whether a conference would be arranged before next Tuesday when the President of the 24 international unions in the steel industry will meet here to take such action as they deem best.

## MINE STRIKE ON IN PENNSYLVANIA

Fourteen Thousand Miners go on Strike in Lackawanna County

### SUPPORT OTHER MEN

Say Company Discharged Men Who Refused to do Emergency Work—Request of the Board is Unheeded.

Seranton, Sept. 9.—Fourteen thousand employees of the Delaware Lackawanna and Western Coal Company in its mines within Lackawanna county today obeyed the strike order of their grievance committee.

They went on strike in support of the company's miners at Archbald who are protesting against the discharge of those who refused to do emergency work at miners' wages. The men have further grievances.

The conciliation board's action requesting the men to return to work at once had no effect.

## CONFERENCE MEETS ON RATE QUESTION

Local Shippers Join Others of State in Raleigh Session

Much interest is being manifested locally in the conference of state shippers and manufacturers in Raleigh today at which a definite and concerted plan of action will be adopted to combat the proposed fifteen per cent increase of freight rates from official classification territory to points in North Carolina and other Southern states and to work towards a general adjustment of all rates on a basis of those enjoyed by the Virginia cities.

Fully three hundred representative men from all sections of the state are expected to attend the meeting which has been called by President A. L. Baker, of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce. Among this number, Rocky Mount will be well represented, several prominent jobbers and shippers of this city, notably Messrs. R. E. Hales, W. G. Weeks, A. W. Gill, M. D. Mann and probably others, being in attendance. Mr. L. H. Duneson, secretary of the local chamber of commerce, who has been one of the leading factors in bringing about the fight, is likewise present.

The various chambers of commerce of eastern Carolina have already launched the fight against the proposed increase and are holding the conference today to arouse the support and earnest cooperation of their constituencies and the shippers affected. A committee from these industrial organizations, consisting of Secretary Duneson, of the local chamber, Secretary Beyman, of the Raleigh chamber, and Secretary King, of the Fayetteville chamber, has just returned from Washington where it collected data on the situation, secured J. H. Fishback, a prominent rate expert, to uphold the cause of the Carolina cities, and arranged for the hearing to take place before Commissioner McCord of the Interstate Commerce Commission, September 15.

Following the meeting today, when the shippers of the state will be lined up behind the industrial and commercial organizations, this committee, augmented by Secretary Barlow, of the Wilson chamber, will again hurry off to Washington, where the hearing is slated to take place, and exert all possible pressure to bring the seat of the fight to Raleigh, having Commissioner McCord come there and hear the case. Undoubtedly, if the fight is waged in home territory, the Carolina cities, including Rocky Mount, will have a much better chance of winning out and securing a readjustment of the present discriminating rates in favor of the Virginia points.

### COTTON MARKET

New York, Sept. 9.—The tropical storm threat caused some further covering at the opening of the cotton market today, but first prices were 10 to 27 points net lower in response to disappointing cables, and active months soon sold 40 to 50 points below last night's closing. There was further Southern selling on the decline to 28.65 for September, and Liverpool was also a seller here.

### COTTON

New York, Sept. 9.—Cotton futures opened steady, October, 28.50; December, 28.50; January, 28.50; March, 28.50.

## MINNESOTA PEOPLE EXTEND PRESIDENT A GLORIOUS OVATION

Presidential Party Welcomed by Governor and Twin City Mayors

### GUARDSMEN FORCED KEEP BACK THE CROWD

President Arrived at Minneapolis Capital at Nine o'Clock—Makes a Speech to Joint Session of State Legislature.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 9.—President Wilson's special train arrived at St. Paul at 9 o'clock. The President was officially welcomed to Minnesota by Gov. J. A. Burnquist and to the Twin Cities by Mayors of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

President and Mrs. Wilson received an ovation when they stepped from the station a few minutes later. The streets around the station were patrolled by Minnesota national guardsmen. The President's party was immediately driven to the state capitol where Mr. Wilson will address a joint session of the state legislature at 10 a. m.

The cost of living, President Wilson told the Minnesota legislature today, is largely due to "a world situation growing out of the sacrifices and waste of the war."

Back of that added the President lay the fact that the world had not yet learned what the peace status would be. "The world is not going to settle down," said he, "until it learns what part the United States is to play in the peace."

He continued that this was the only nation that would have enough free capital in the near future to rehabilitate the world economically. The legislature which began yesterday an extraordinary session to consider the high cost of living and other subjects gave the President an ovation upon his arrival.

He was introduced by Governor Burnquist who said Minnesota hoped there would be some arrangement to prevent future wars. The President congratulated the legislature on its ratification yesterday of the Federal woman's suffrage amendment. First of all Mr. Wilson said it was the nation's duty to get the commerce of the world going by the establishment of peace. After that he continued, there was a tonnage agreement that must be made unhampered among other things by railroad facilities in this country.

Having established a world settlement economically, Mr. Wilson declared it was imperative that there be an arrangement that "nobody monkey with the peace settlement." Turning to the question of labor and capital the President said that laboring men everywhere were dissatisfied with their relations to their employer. That was true in the larger measure abroad than in the United States. But trying to the peace provision for an international labor organization, Mr. Wilson said there was a way to bring a definite solution to the problem. He asserted that in this solution the United States was expected by the world to set the standards and lay down the principles.

As a basis for the solution, the President suggested that the interest of labor and capital must be recognized as identical and the two ought to be reasonable enough to get together. When it was realized that labor was not a commodity and co-operation had not been established, production would increase by "leaps and bounds" and that would be one element in reducing the cost of living.

### STOCK MARKET

New York, Sept. 9.—Aside from normal recessions in United States Steel and several of the popular oils, leading stocks moved to substantially higher levels at the opening of today's market. Shippings and equipments made initial gains of 1 to 2 points, but these were eclipsed by a 10 point jump in Crucible Steel and briq rallies in Mexican and Pan American petroleum. Motors and their specialties also contributed to the strong undertone. Before the end of the first half hour Crucible extended its lead to 17 points, Baldwin Locomotive meanwhile advancing 7 points with a sharp rebound in United States Steel and affiliated shares.

London, Sept. 9.—Occupation of Petrograd on the Iashin river about 175 miles west of Omsk by Bolshevik forces is claimed by a Petrograd source.