

RAIL PEACE IS DEFERRED

Southern Railway and the Strikers Disagree ON MEN'S DEMANDS

Chicago, Sept. 17.—With the shopmen's peace plan threatened by outbursts due apparently to misunderstanding and with the New York Central and the Southern railway announcing their failure to reach agreements with the strikers, roads participating in the Baltimore negotiations reported a rapid return to normal operation of their shops tonight.

Of the larger lines mentioned in connection with the memorandum of agreement adopted by the shopmen's general policy committee of 5, here Wednesday with the object of ending the country-wide strike through separate agreements with individual roads, the Rock Island and the New York Central had definitely announced a failure to reach an agreement and conferences of the Southern with union leaders had been no more successful as the strike entered on its 12th week.

In the case of the New York Central, a statement was issued by the road expressing a willingness to fulfill the memorandum of agreement reached at Baltimore at conferences between B. M. Jewell, head of the strikers and representatives of certain of the carriers, but it was asserted that representatives of the shop crafts "attempted to interject questions not mentioned in the text and clearly outside the agreement."

The same misunderstanding resulted in disturbances yesterday when strikers began to work here in the shops of the Northwestern and the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul. In some cases the men were reported to have demanded that non-union workers be dismissed and in others that their striking foremen be reinstated.

Today officials of the Northwestern announced that they expected 11,000 of the strikers to return to work tomorrow morning. This number would be in addition to the non-union men estimated to number about 60 per cent. of the normal force. More than 15,000 men were expected back on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul. At the same time railway executives who have refused to come in under the Baltimore plan, reiterated that they are in a fair way of recruiting full shop forces, and that the settlement talk had resulted in large numbers of men returning to work independently of any action taken by the union leaders.

Many of the non-settlement roads were said to have forces ranging from 75 to 100 per cent. normal. These roads have formed new organizations to support the striking shop crafts. Among the roads which have announced agreements with their shopmen independently of the union are the Santa Fe, Pennsylvania, Union Pacific, the Burlington, the Illinois Central, and the Chicago and Alton. W. G. Bierd, one of the two receivers for the Alton, issued a statement formally announcing the terms under which striking employees had been invited to return to work. It expressly stipulated that they shall return as "new employees."

The invitation is extended to all of the former shopmen "with the exception of those barred from re-employment by their own direct violation of rules or flagrant insubordination and such men as have been guilty of extreme violence during the period of the strike." The strikers were offered their former standing as "between themselves." That is, they were to take seniority rank beneath new men and those who refused to join the walkout.

According to union leaders the men on the following roads will return to work tomorrow: The Chicago and Northwestern, Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, Baltimore and Ohio, Seaboard Air Line and the Green Bay and Western.

Mrs. Harding Safely On Road to Recovery

Washington, Sept. 17.—Mrs. Harding, now safely on the road to complete recovery from her recent serious illness, probably will spend the recuperative period at the White House. It was said today by a person close to the executive family that President Harding also was said to have definitely given up his plans for a vacation this year. Early in the year preparations were made for an extended tour through the west and then to Alaska.

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

Charles N. Vance Dead Asheville, Sept. 15.—Charles N. Vance, a son of Zebulon B. Vance, United States senator and war governor, died Monday at Morganton. The body was brought here and placed in a vault to await the arrival of Col. Zeb Vance, brother of the deceased, who is on his way home after a trip to Japan. He is survived by one other brother, Thomas M. Vance, of Seattle. He married Miss Tate, of Greensboro, who died some years ago.

Baptized At 105 Casar, Sept. 16.—One of the most unique baptisms that ever took place in America was that of a Casar woman, Mrs. Susie Pruett, aged 105 years, who at this advanced age, professed religion for the first time and, although crippled and unable to walk as the result of a fall sustained four months ago, was baptized a few days ago by her friend, Rev. J. F. Weather, who is pastor of Pisgah and other Baptist churches.

Try Woman With Wine Fayetteville, Sept. 15.—Miss Adeline Ratley, 83 years old, a resident of the Cumberland Mill section of this county, faces trial at the next term of the United States District court in Raleigh on a charge of violating the prohibition law. Sheriff's officers and prohibition agents found 137 gallons of wine on Miss Ratley's premises, according to their testimony before United States Commissioner J. W. Tomlinson.

Not To Disband Rural Police Charlotte, Sept. 15.—That the rural police organization under the direction of the Mecklenburg board of county commissioners not to be disrupted or eliminated, but may be reorganized was the statement of members of the board here.

District Rotary Convention Durham, Sept. 16.—The annual district convention of Rotarians of the 37th district comprised of Eastern North Carolina and Virginia will be held March 5 and 6, in Petersburg, Va., according to a decision reached at the annual executive convention of the district, held in this city.

Material Witness Returns Wilmington, Sept. 16.—C. B. Holcomb, material witness whose absence caused a postponement of the trial of Herbert B. Dallas, Atlantic Coast Line assistant yardmaster, charged with killing Joe Southwell, locomotive engineer, here in July, has returned to Wilmington.

Killed In Electrical Storm Albemarle, Sept. 16.—In a wind and electrical storm here the two-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. John Burgess was killed. It was playing near a door, which blew against it, causing instant death.

Plenty of Room for Shopmen Charlotte, Sept. 15.—There will be room for the employment of all the striking shopmen of the Southern and Seaboard, together with those who have been employed to take their places during the strike, for several months in order to get the roads back to normal, in the opinion of some local officials of the companies who disclaimed Thursday the suggestion that any further difficulties would arise in connection with the problem of dismissing new employees and re-employing old men.

Alleged Murderer Captured Scotland Neck, Sept. 16.—Charlie Lawrence, a negro, accused of the murder early last March of Lieutenant Chappell, a veteran of the World war, is back in jail here. He was captured by two deputy sheriffs and a posse.

GOOD TOBACCO PRICE BUT QUALITY IS OFF

Reports From 22 Markets Show Over 18,000,000 Pounds Sold In August. At An Average of \$21.60

Raleigh, Sept. 16.—During the month of August reports were received from 43 warehouses operating in 22 markets in the state in 16 counties, compared with the 21 warehouses in three counties of Bladen, Robeson, and Columbus last year during August, the Department of Agriculture announces.

Owing to the difficulty in securing the names of warehouses operating both independently, and under the association management, the report does not include several that came in late, and some others that have failed to come at all. The majority of the tobacco placed on sale has been very light and of poor quality. Much of the grades offered are common, mostly tips, first primings, and common thin lugs. These have been selling for a very good average however, and the prices have advanced since the markets opened.

Continued wet weather is responsible for the poor quality this season. Several reports indicated poor quality and high order condition of deliveries. Best grades in the old belt. The summary of the report shows 18,159,580 pounds producers' tobacco sold during the month at an average of \$21.60, compared with 11,840,109 pounds in the three southern counties last year at \$13.56 per hundred. The total reported by the three counties during August this year was sold at an average of \$20.45 or \$6.89 per hundred more than the 1921 price.

SMYRNA NOW IS DESOLATE

Charred Bodies of Countless Victims Found

TURKISH BRUTALITY City Is Vast Sepulchre of Ashes With 25,000 Homes In Ruins, Dead and Dying Found Everywhere

Smyrna, Sept. 17.—Smyrna, which the Turks have called the eye of Asia, is a vast sepulchre of ashes. Only the shattered walls of 25,000 homes and the charred bodies of countless victims remain to tell the story of death and destruction unexampled in modern history. The ruins are still smouldering like a volcano which has spent its fury. No effort has been made by the Turks to remove the dead and dying. The streets are full of the bodies of those who sought to escape, for the most part women and children.

Every building in the Armenian quarter has been burned, with the dead lying about. The bay, which covers an area of 50 acres, still carries on its surface the poor remnants of those who were massacred or sought to escape the ruthlessness of the fire. One water front holds thousands of survivors who fear death at the hands of soldiery; there are no boats to take them off.

One ship captain declined to take any of the wretched sufferers, but in contrast to his indifference Captain Walters of the American steamer Winona rescued 1,800 and took them to Piraeus. American sailors of the destroyer Litchfield snatched 450 orphaned boys from the pier and carried them safely to Constantinople. The jack tars slept on the iron decks or under torpedo tubes while the youngsters occupied their bunks. In all the acts of gallantry by the Americans at Smyrna there was none more inspiring than this.

While the orphans were being loaded on the Litchfield, H. C. Jaquith, director of near east relief, who came here recently from Constantinople, diverted the attention of Turkish guards, giving them cigarettes and talking to them in their native tongue. These guards are under strict orders not to permit the escape of any of the Greek or Armenian refugees, and on several occasions have shot to death fugitives endeavoring to reach outlying vessels by swimming.

Out of 300,000 Christians crowding the city prior to the descent of the Turks, only 50,000 have been evacuated. The Kemalist officials have informed the American relief workers that the return of the Christians to the interior meant certain death.

The director of the Armenian orphanage established by the American committee for relief in the near east, committed suicide by drowning in the presence of Mr. Jaquith, who is a director of that organization. Scores of others followed his example.

Dr. McLaughlin, president of the American college, was severely beaten by Turkish irregulars and his clothes and money seized. He limped by the aid of a crutch from the suburb of Paradise, seat of the college, and was taken aboard the British dreadnaught Iron Duke. He attributed his escape from death to the fact that he can speak Turkish and worked a ruse on the Turks.

E. M. Fisher and E. O. Jacob, director of the Y. M. C. A. were held up and robbed by Turkish soldiers, and when attempting to escape were fired upon. The shots, however, went wild and they reached a place of safety. A temporary American Consulate in charge of Vice-Consul Maynard B. Barnes has been established in a quay at the end of the town. The Stars and Stripes is the only foreign flag ashore; it is an inspiring sight amidst the ruins and desolation. The American destroyers Lawrence Edsall and Simpson are still here; the officers and crews have been practically without sleep for five days and are doing gallant work. The only American property which escaped destruction was the Standard Oil plant and two tobacco warehouses in the outskirts of the city.

The following Americans are now remaining in Smyrna: Major Clafin Davis; Dr. W. E. Post; G. B. Hulise; Chester Griswold; Cass Rex J. Moreman; C. J. Lawrence; S. L. Caldwell and E. O. Jacob. The following have left for Constantinople: H. C. Jaquith, Constantine Brown, Irving Thomas, Mark Prentice, E. M. Fisher, E. M. Yates, Messrs. Crawe and John, Miss E. A. Eyon, Miss S. Corning and Miss Way.

Would Extend City Limits High Point, Sept. 15.—Survey of the proposed extension of the High Point city limits has been completed and a map and description of the proposed limits will be delivered to the city council next Tuesday night. It was announced by Doctor Dred Peacock, city attorney, this morning. The survey was authorized by the council last spring following the grant of the state legislature of permission to call an election to extend the city limits.

Mistrial In Kidnaping Case Tarboro, Sept. 17.—The kidnaping case which has consumed nearly all the week of Edgecombe Superior court resulted in a mistrial. The case reached the jury at 3:45 p. m. yesterday and the jury, after staying out until 8 o'clock last night, reported that it could not agree. It is understood that the jury stood 10 to 2 to acquit all but two of the defendants, and 2 to 10 to convict all

BIG CROWDS AT SCHOOLS

Have Greatest Enrollment In History ENLARGE FACILITIES

Special Provision Made To Take Care of Greatly Increased Attendance—Many New High School Pupils

The most noticeable feature of the opening of a number of Guilford county schools last week was the greatly enlarged attendance, all previous enrollment records being broken.

Greatest congestion prevails at Bessemer school, according to Thomas R. Foust, county superintendent of education. An additional teacher was provided at Bessemer. Crowded conditions also obtain at Summerfield, where certain rearrangement of work to cope with the great enrollment was added necessary. At Springfield a teacher was added because of the heavy enrollment. There are now seven teachers at Springfield, where six were employed last year. The seating capacity is being enlarged at a number of schools in order to take care of the greatly increased attendance.

Osceola, Monticello and Alamance schools opened this morning and Pleasant Garden will open next Wednesday. Increase in the number of high school students is especially noticeable, reports show, this being especially true at Gibsonville. Construction work is in progress at a number of schools, notably Gibsonville and Pleasant Garden, but the new buildings will not be ready until early in 1923, it is believed.

On the whole a highly successful year in the various county schools is anticipated. Many shorter term schools will open about the first of October. The first teachers' meeting of the new year will be held on Saturday morning, October 14, in the teachers assembly room, county courthouse, Superintendent Foust announces.

FIND BODY OF RECTOR AND WIFE OF SEXTON

Victims of Bullet Wounds Located Under Apple Tree In Lonely Lane. Sexton Talks Freely

New Brunswick, N. J., Sept. 17.—Rev. Edward W. Hall, rector of the Protestant Episcopal church of St. John the Evangelist, and Mrs. James Mills, wife of the sexton of the church, were found dead from bullet wounds Saturday under an apple tree in a secluded lane in Somerville township. The two had been missing from their homes since last Thursday night.

Coroner R. M. Long, of Somerset county, declared it a case of double murder. He said the two had been dead at least 36 hours before the bodies were discovered, and was emphatic in stating that he believed that the shooting did not occur in the rustic lane. No weapon was found near the bodies, which were lying about a foot apart. Near the woman's side, however, the exploded shell of a .32 caliber bullet was found.

The woman had been shot between the eyes. Marks of clinched fingers bruised the left arm. The body of the rector bore three bullet wounds. One was over the left eye and two in the neck. Scattered in the great profusion about the man's body were cards and letters taken from his pockets.

Mills was questioned by the authorities and gave an account of his wife's movements up to the time she left her home on Thursday night. He is not being held. Police tonight were stationed about the Hall home, permitting no one except officers of the law to enter or leave the house. Officials said the guard was maintained "to see that no one molested Mrs. Hall," who, they added, "was prostrated."

Mills said that on Thursday night, shortly after 7 o'clock, his wife received a telephone call, which she told him came from "Henry's," the neighborhood grocery store. Turning from the phone, Mrs. Mills, he said, went upstairs where he heard her moving about in her room for nearly half an hour. When she appeared again she was wearing one of her newest street dresses and her newest hat.

"Naturally, I asked her where she was going," Mills is reported to have said, "and she told me that if I really wanted to know, I could follow her and find out."

Playing on the front steps as she went out was Mrs. Mills' 16-year old daughter, Charlotte. In answer to her question from the girl, the mother is said to have replied she was "going out for a little while."

Saturday Raymond Snyder and Pearl Bahmer went to stroll in Rusey lane, a quaint way, known by young swains of the countryside as Lover's lane. The apple tree midway down the lane was the objective of their stroll. And there they found the bodies of the rector and the sexton's wife.

Robbers Secure Safe High Point, Sept. 15.—Unknown robbers broke into a gasoline filling station here last night and made away with a small iron safe, carried about five miles out in the Winston-Salem road, broke it open and removed \$155 in cash, leaving the remains of the safe and its other contents by the side of the road. No arrests have been made. It is believed that the safe was carried away by truck.

NEWS OF THE NATION

Increased Cotton Consumption Washington, Sept. 16.—Cotton consumption during August amounted to 527,040 bales of lint and 60,825 bales of linters, compared with 458,059 of lint and 55,424 of linters in July of this year and 467,059 of lint and 52,106 of linters in August last year, the census bureau announces.

Booze and Gold On Boat New York, Sept. 16.—The two-masted schooner H. M. Gardner, was brought into port Thursday by the "Dry Navy" boat Taylor and 100 cases of liquor and \$56,000 in gold was taken to the custom house. The Gardner was seized last night off Scotland Light.

Pray Over Muscle Shoals Washington, Sept. 14.—Acting Chairman McKeanie, of the house military committee, put into the Congressional Record today the text of a prayer signed by 220,000 citizens of the Southern states urging Congress to act speedily on Henry Ford's offer for lease of the Muscle Shoals nitrate plant.

Narrow Escape In Explosion Birmingham, Sept. 15.—The lives of William G. Brabazon, assistant foreman of the planing mill of the Louisville and Nashville shops at Boyle, a suburb, John Brabazon, Miss Margaret Brabazon and Mrs. Mary Mann were endangered last night when a stick of dynamite was thrown on the front porch of their residence. The explosion wrecked the front entrance of the house, but all members of the family escaped injury.

Missing Girl Returns Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 16.—Miss Nina Parrish, 16, has been returned to her parents after a disappearance of five weeks during which time she stated she lived in disguise at intervals within a block of her home. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Parrish, of 204 Haynes street.

Store Burns Third Time Sandersville, Ga., Sept. 15.—Loss estimated at \$60,000 resulted from a fire here early this morning which destroyed the dry goods store of Sam Goodrich. The origin is unknown. This is the third time this store has burned, but was not occupied by Goodrich in previous fires. A small amount of insurance was carried.

Railroaders Sign Peace Pact Baltimore, Sept. 16.—A peace pact generally known as the Baltimore plan, was signed here Friday afternoon by Charles W. Galloway, vice-president of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad and representatives of the striking shopmen employed on the Baltimore and Ohio. Practically all of the striking Baltimore and Ohio shopmen are expected back to work within 10 days.

Would Probe Veteran's Bureau Washington, Sept. 16.—Congressional investigation of the conduct of the veterans' bureau was proposed in a resolution introduced Friday by Representative Bulwinkle, Democrat, of North Carolina, who served as an officer with the American forces overseas during the World war.

Hear Injunction Plea Chicago, Sept. 16.—The government completed its plea for an injunction against the rail strikers Friday and rested its case. Judge Wilkerson adjourned court until Monday, when attorneys for B. M. Jewell and John Scott, president and secretary-treasurer, respectively, of the railway employes department, American Federation of Labor, will open the defense.

Kilauea In Eruption Honolulu, Sept. 16.—Kilauea volcano today burst out in great activity with the lava lake fountaining flame and reflected a brilliant glow above the crater. Messengers telling of the volcano's activity were received here from Hilo.

HENRY FORD STRIKES AGAINST COAL PRICES

Approximately 73,000 of His Workers Out of Jobs For Indefinite Period—Others Follow Suit

Detroit, Sept. 15.—Henry Ford's industrial strike against what he charges are excessive coal prices was in full swing tonight and approximately 73,000 of his workers in the Detroit district were out of jobs for an indefinite period. Thousands of others in assembling plants throughout the country also were ordered to lay down their tools. In addition, a score or more of small industrial concerns here dependent upon the Ford Motor company for orders were preparing to close. These employ upwards of 300,000 men.

The Highland Park and River Rouge plants of the Ford Motor company, employing about 60,000 men, were deserted tonight save for a comparatively small force that will be retained to keep the ovens warm.

Although many of them were smiling, the majority of the Ford workers who passed through the gates of the Highland Park plant after turning in their tools today, expressed concern over the shutdown. Their foremen had handed down to them advice from Mr. Ford to buy as little coal as possible and to cut their living expenses to a minimum. Many of the workers were met by wives and children eager to learn how long the heads of the families would be unemployed.

COUPLE HELD UP ON ROAD

Men Said to Be Ku Klux Klansmen

AND WOMAN RETURNS Said to Have Given Name As Margaret First, Later As Webb—Man Said to Be Jenkins

The identity of the woman, who with a man companion, said she was held up on the highway in the corporate limits of Taylorsville last Thursday night, and subjected to indignities by masked men who told her they were members of the Ku Klux Klan, has not yet been determined, nor has that of the man who was alleged to have been spirited away by the mysterious band.

In Greensboro Saturday the woman said she was Mrs. Charles E. Webb and that the man who was kidnapped was a Mr. Jenkins, of Winthorpe at Taylorsville, according to information from that town, she gave her name as Miss Margaret Smith, said that she was then or had been a clerk in Meyer's Department store, Greensboro, and that the man who was with her and who was kidnapped was a Mr. Jenkins, of Winston-Salem. At Meyer's it was said no woman of that name had been employed here.

For about three weeks the woman had been living in a room at the home of Rev. H. O. Nash, 202 South Ashe street, this city. Mrs. Webb had come to the Nash home, the Nashes said, she asked for a room for herself and husband and obtained it. It was presumed that the man was on the road most of the time, although several times he had come to the Nash residence to see his wife. The woman giving her name as Mrs. Webb paid the room rent, it was stated. She said that her husband traveled for the Baker-Thompson Lumber company, of Raleigh, but investigation showed that no man by that name had been connected with the company.

On the other hand, inquiry at Winston-Salem disclosed that a man named S. L. Jenkins lives there, being connected with the Trade Street Bargain house. Winston-Salem policemen said that Jenkins left the city some time Thursday and returned Friday or Saturday.

The story of the alleged kidnaping of the man and temporary abduction of herself as related by Mrs. Webb and Miss Smith, is substantially as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Webb left Greensboro early Thursday afternoon. They ate supper in Statesville and left for Taylorsville, intending to spend the night at Lenoir. When they went through Taylorsville they were followed by some men in an automobile, which had no lights and no license number. Suddenly six or seven men jumped from the dark car, surrounded the other machine, and pointed pistols in the faces of Mr. and Mrs. Webb, ordering that the lights be extinguished.

One of the men grabbed Mrs. Webb and dragged her from the car; a cloth was tied over her eyes and another cloth was placed over her mouth. She thought Mr. Webb was blindfolded and gagged. She was placed in the other car. "Drive like hell," one of the men said, and with Mrs. Webb in the car the party proceeded along the highway. Three men were with her, she said, two of them masked and they used profanity freely. The men told her that her husband would be punished. Mrs. Webb told the men she was a Mason's daughter and exhibited a Masonic pin, which seemed to impress the men. Finally the men told her to go back on the first train to Greensboro, "and if you tell anybody you'll be killed." They drove her back to Taylorsville, where early the next morning she boarded a train and returned to Greensboro. She had no idea, she said, as to what became of her husband or his car.

Subsequently the woman said she was advised by telephone by a lawyer in Winston-Salem that her husband was safe and would soon return. The woman appears to have left the city.

Klansmen On Parade Here Thursday Night

Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, numbering 200, paraded through the streets on Thursday night shortly after 8 o'clock. The members of the organization appeared in robes and hoods, their identity being concealed. Two horsemen, one of whom bore the cross of fire, headed the procession. The parade was staged without advance notice. With the exception of one closed machine, all the automobiles were hummerless, so far as the crowd was concerned, the license numbers being covered with paper.

Among the emblems displayed by the klansmen was a large American flag. Numerous placards were carried and they included the following inscriptions: "Greensboro Must Be Clean," "He Who is Innocent Need Have No Fear," "100 Per Cent. Americans," "Separation of Church and State," "Protection For Pure Womanhood," "Keep the Bible in the Schools."

Big Bank Merger

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 16.—Merger of the Central Bank and Trust corporation and its two subsidiary local banks with the Citizens and Southern bank was announced here late today.