

# THE ROBESONIAN

ESTABLISHED 1870.

Country, God and Truth.

SINGLE COPIES 5 CENTS.

VOL. XXXV, NO. 42

LUMBERTON, NORTH CAROLINA, FRIDAY, JULY 15, 1904.

WHOLE NO. 1945

## STRIKE OF PACKERS.

### Forty-Five Thousand Men Are Now Out of Work.

#### It May Equal the Coal Strike in Its Great Inconvenience—The Strike Is the Result of a Disagreement Over Wages

Chicago, July 12.—As the result of a stubborn disagreement, chiefly over wages for unskilled labor, one of the most extensive strikes in the history of the meat-packing industry of the United States began today in Chicago. Kansas City, Omaha, St. Joseph, Mo., and other cities where large packing plants are located. If prolonged, the strike is expected to cause widespread inconvenience, possibly equaling the anthracite coal famine of two years ago.

The unanimity of the strike was complete. More than 45,000 employes are directly involved. In Chicago alone 18,000 men are on strike.

The effect of the strike upon the food supply of the country, and the price of meats is being earnestly discussed, notwithstanding the announcement that the packing houses, contrary to somewhat general expectation, will continue operations without any close down, employing whatever help may be obtainable. How much alleviation in the furnishing of supplies to the public this course may afford is a matter of wide variation of opinion.

The walkout here was started by the employes of the killing departments at the various packing houses. The killers were followed by the workers in other departments, as fast as the current work left by the slaughterer could be cleaned up. Thus as the workers in each department disposed of their part of the work, they threw off their aprons and departed. This consideration was shown the packers, the labor officials announced, because it was not the desire of the men to cause the employers any financial loss as a result of neglecting meat that was on hand to be dressed.

Watched by cordons of police, the strikers filed briskly out of the packing houses, carrying overalls, rubber boots and knives, cleavers and steels. The strikers were greeted by crowds of women and children, many of whom joined hands with the workmen on the outward march. Whatever the future may have in store in the way of riots, there was today no sign of disorder.

A picturesque scene was presented when the sausage factories and canneries were left by their force. There are 1,000 girls employed in these two departments of the meat industry. Clad in the variegated garb of factory girls, this army of feminine strikers tripped blithely along the main street through the stock yards, and were roundly cheered as they emerged through the gates and distributed themselves in the crowd of men who had awaited their coming. "We're with you till the last," the girls exclaimed, smiling as they stood around and talked over the situation with their male companions in the movement.

President Michael Donnelly, the Amalgamated Meat Cutter and Butcher Workmen of North America, the leader of the strikers, said in a conversation this evening that he believed the strikers would have little difficulty in withstanding a siege of more than a year, with the strike funds the unions have on hand.

Arthur Meeker, of Armour & Company, said tonight:

"We consider the demand of the union for an advance in wages of unskilled labor entirely unwarranted by industrial conditions. We could not concede it, and proposed to submit the question to arbitration, which the union declined to do and called a strike today at all our plants. Every department is kept running, however. We have had applications from hundreds of unemployed men for positions at

less wages than we have been paying, and every day expect to increase our output."

President Michael Donnelly, the strike leader, said: "I wish to make it clear that we are not fighting for any increase of wages, but against a decrease. Our original demand was for a minimum of 20 cents an hour for laborers. This demand was amended after our second conference with the packers in June."

#### From Red Springs Citizen.

Mr. D. P. McEachern attended the meeting of the county board of education at Lumberton last Monday.

A protracted meeting begins this week in the Baptist church at Raeford. Mr. Pitman, the pastor, will be assisted by Rev. Mr. Peel, of South Carolina.

Rev. S. E. Mercer has begun a series of meetings at the Methodist church this week. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

Mr. S. H. McKinnon, who is now engaged in business in Florida, is spending the week here among his relatives and friends.

Shannon is to have two cotton gins this season, one to be operated by Messrs. D. A. Singleton, the other by Mr. L. Hughes.

Professor J. A. McArthur has been elected superintendent of the Lowell Academy at Lowell, near Charlotte, and has gone there to arrange things for the opening of the school.

Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Edmundson, of Wilson, arrived Saturday, and are guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. McCallum. The friends of Mrs. Fulmore note her return with pleasure. She came with them.

The first shipment of cantaloupes left here Tuesday morning from Mr. H. B. Ashley's farm. Next week the Northern markets will get them in abundance from this section. Watermelons were not so freely planted as last year.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Hall deeply sympathize with them in the death of their infant son, Franklin, which occurred Friday morning. The funeral took place Saturday morning at ten o'clock.

The work train of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad put up on the side track here Wednesday night. Two negroes of the force got into a fight and one of them was severely injured. A physician's help was required to patch up his wounds.

Dr. and Mrs. W. H. McKinnon, of Red Springs, and Miss Bessie Morgan, of Laurel Hill, left Tuesday morning for the St. Louis Exposition. On their arrival they will be joined by Miss Mary McKinnon, and together they will enjoy the occasion.

A very important meeting of the trustees of the Southern Presbyterian College was held Tuesday. Of those from a distance, we note: Messrs. Mark Morgan, Laurel Hill; A. L. Bulluck, Alfordville; Lock Shaw, St. Pauls; John McNair, A. L. James, Laurinburg, and Rev. J. S. Black, of Linden.

#### Value of U. S. Products.

They tell us that the value of the farm products in the United States is approximately \$4,500,000,000. Thus the gentlemen, who at sundry times dream of forming a great co-operative monopoly to control the product of the farm may make some estimate of the size of the job they are so fond of undertaking.—Durham Sun.

At Concord, N. C., the famous Coleman mill property was sold under mortgage to J. M. O'Donnell for \$10,000. W. C. Coleman, the founder of the mill, was said to be the son of a Confederate general and a full-blooded negro. He was one of the leading business men of his county and while he lived he made a success of the mill, employing none but negroes. The mill failed soon after his death. This is the last of the cotton mills owned in that county and run exclusively by negroes.

Two burglars entered the meat store of T. S. Dettie, of Tustin, Mich., and, seizing the clerk in charge, thrust him into the ice box and slammed the door. They then robbed the place of about \$20 and fled. The crime was committed in broad daylight. When Dettie returned and opened the cooler to take out a piece of meat he found his clerk nearly frozen to death.

#### Maxton Scottish Chief.

Miss Nellie Smith, of Rockingham, is the guest of the Maple Shade this week.

Messrs. J. C. McCaskill, J. W. Carter and Colonel E. F. McRae, were in Lumberton Monday.

Miss Mary Eliza Robeson, of Red Springs, is the guest of Miss Cammie McCaskill of this place.

Misses Margaret and Lelia Barnes, of McColl, are visiting in Maxton on their return from Clarkton.

Mr. Edwin Lovelace of the Seaboard Air Line, spent the Fourth with home-folks at Lumberton.

Mr. T. K. McRae of Wauchula, Fla., is with relatives and old friends of this place and community this week.

Mrs. L. McIntyre, of Lumber Bridge, spent a day or two last week with her son Mr. Charles McIntyre, of this place.

Captain A. J. McKinnon has the finest cotton we have seen. It is nearly lapping in the rows and full of blooms for a week past.

A Sunday School convention, comprised of Fayetteville Presbyterians will be held in the Presbyterian church at this place, including the 3rd and 4th next month.

A new drug store has been moved to the old quarters across the street from the bank building previously occupied by Mr. A. McL. Morrison, the barber shop.

Crops about Wakkam, North Carolina, are just looking well. We saw this week corn with five to eight ears on a stalk, whole rows of it. The cotton is blooming and is as clear as a public road.

Just a few more hot days and the hard worked farmer will have laid by his crop, and will enjoy a short respite from human toil. The prospects for fine crops were never better, despite the hail.

Mrs. M. D. Bright, one of our most valued town-folks is on an outing at Ashland, Pa. Mrs. Bright is much missed in our church and social life, and we shall give her hearty welcome when she comes home.

Mr. T. B. Pace leads in early cantaloupes, having plucked his first on June the 29th. He has been selling on this market every day since, and Tuesday made his first shipment north. The melons are of the most delicious flavor.

We are indeed glad to learn that a successful operation has been performed on our young and popular townsmen, McKay McKinnon, at the Johns-Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, for appendicitis, from which he has suffered so intensely for the past two months. We hope for his early and complete recovery in the near future.

#### A Beautiful Home Marriage.

Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock the home of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Cromartie was the scene of a beautiful marriage, when their oldest daughter, Cornelia Maude, was united in marriage to Dr. Carl H. Lennon. The parlor was handsomely decorated in the most artistic manner. The color scheme was green and white.

As the bridal party entered, Mendelssohn's march was skillfully rendered by Miss Mattie Hawes, of Atkinson. The first to enter were the bridesmaids, Miss Carrie Lennon, of Whiteville, a sister of the groom, and Miss Laura Dell Clark. Then from the left entrance came the graceful maid of honor, Miss Edna Cromartie, a sister of the bride. Following her came the bride, leaning on the arm of her oldest brother, Mr. George B. Cromartie, of Boardman, who gave her away.

The groom, with his best man, Mr. Neill Smith, of Rowland, entered from the right entrance. Rev. W. T. Walker, pastor of Ashpole Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. A. McFadyen, the bride's pastor, performed the solemn ceremony.

The young couple were the recipients of many costly presents.

The bride is one of Clarkton's fairest and most popular daughters. The groom is a rising young dentist of Rowland.

Dr. and Mrs. Lennon left on the 4:45 train, amid showers of rice and good wishes from their many friends, for Jackson Springs, where they will spend their honeymoon. They will be at home in Rowland after July 18th.—Clarkton Express.

#### Lumber Bridge Locals

Correspondence of The Robesonian  
The public roads are in a bad condition hereabouts. The late heavy rains have washed out holes in many places that make traveling quite uncomfortable as well as slow. Moreover, this condition makes a strain upon loaded vehicles. They should be worked.

We are to have an election on a special tax for school purposes. It is taken for granted that the opposition to it will be merely nominal if there is any opposition at all. Mr. A. M. Currie the veteran registrar of the community will have charge of the books. See him and register promptly.

Mr. Walter Love, of Wilmington, is visiting his mother, Mrs. L. M. Love.

Miss Mary D. Law returned from Cho. S. C. Wednesday.

The work of renovating the old McDonald House proceeds with our key note speed.

Our truckers are rushing their cantaloupes and watermelons upon the markets.

Messrs. Singleton and Smith are running their saw mill at Shannon at full speed.

Mr. D. B. Lancaster has been making many of the crates used here for the shipment of corn, cantaloupes and so on.

Misses Ella and Belle Smith, of Shannon, are attending the summer school at Raleigh.

We called to see the sturdy colored man, Calvin McMillan, last Sunday. He is quite sick. We are glad to say we found him better. He is an admirable citizen.

There is something heroic in his life. He takes and reads newspapers and does his duty. The independence of his race has made his life a struggle. He has voted for democratic ticket. He listens to us and tells the story of salvation with respectful and patient interest. We hope he may recover and abide long the good citizen and neighbor he is.

Lightning struck the barn at Editor Pool's Thursday afternoon but only little damage was done.

Rev. N. H. Shepherd is visiting his father this week. He preached an interesting sermon in the Baptist church here last Sunday night.

We do hope no more hail will come soon, if it is amusing to bring it to town by the bucketful, as was done here the first of this week from Cordova.

Mr. Watt McNair was struck in the face by a foul ball during the Rockingham-Monroe game Monday and was hurt quite seriously. He is resting easier.

Rev. D. C. Britt has been, both last week and this, conducting a series of revival meetings in the Roberdel Baptist church, in which much interest is manifested.

Rev. Wm. Black, Synodical Evangelist, Presbyterian church, closed a meeting at Hope Mills Monday, in which there were over 100 conversions.

The Rockingham District Conference will convene in the Methodist church at Gibson at 9.30 a. m., July 21st. The members of the Conference are requested to arrive on the evening of the 20th.

Mr. D. D. Hinson, chief of police of Rockingham, and Miss Mary Watters, of Raeford, were happily married at the home of the bride's parents Wednesday evening. Mr. Hinson is a policeman of this town and is held in high esteem by the citizens of the town. Miss Watters is one of Cumberland's fairest and best daughters, and is very popular in this county, she having taught school near Cordova, the past winter, is well known to our people.

The Lafayette Hosiery Mills at Fayetteville, which have been in the hands of Mr. R. H. Dye as receiver, have been purchased by Mr. F. H. Cotton, an experienced mill man, former superintendent of the Hope Mills Manufacturing Company. Mr. Cotton will move the plant to the buildings of the Cumberland Manufacturing Company, which he will enlarge, and extensively, into the manufacture of hosiery.

#### Raeford News

Correspondence of The Robesonian  
Mrs. E. J. McLaughlin and her daughters, Misses Ida and Mattie, have closed the McLaughlin House for the month of July taking a vacation visiting their many friends.

Mr. William Lamont, accompanied by his sisters, Mrs. J. C. Adams and Miss Flora Lamont, Mr. H. C. McLaughlin and Mr. W. R. McLaughlin, left for Cheraw, S. C., last Tuesday where he was on Wednesday evening united in marriage to Miss Jennie Malloy, of that place. The bride and groom left immediately for an extended trip South and Southwest, returning will visit one of America's greatest fairs, the St. Louis. Mr. Lamont is one of our most popular young men, known by all as a staunch and thoroughly consecrated young man. The bride is one of Cheraw's most accomplished young ladies. We wish for them one of the happiest voyages known for married life.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. McNeill are home from the St. Louis Exposition having made that city their objective point for bridal trip. We are glad to welcome these popular figures to our social and business circles, wishing for them life's greatest joys and future benedictions.

The Messrs. Upchurch Bros. are formulating a little village within itself on North Main street, nothing having been constructed in our town as yet near reaching such proportions. All modern conveniences will be employed in their residences and surrounding buildings.

Dr. and Mrs. George A. Graham, and J. C. Adams are resting on the hills at Jackson Springs.

Seventy-five thousand dollars have been subscribed in Raeford Cotton Oil Company and same is being rapidly put in line for operation. Building is to begin early in 1905. Directors were chosen for the year as follows: T. B. Upchurch, John W. McLaughlin, A. Adams, John A. McPhaul, W. R. McLaughlin, B. F. Barnard, W. R. McLaughlin, N. S. Blue and J. C. Adams.

Miss O. J. Peeler has returned to her home in Raeford.

Revs. R. E. Peeler and J. S. Pittman are conducting a series of first Baptist church having large congregations and much interest manifested. Rev. S. E. Meeker closed his meeting here in M. E. church on last Monday evening having accomplished much good by his faithful services though only five were added to the church.

Mr. Murdoch McDuffie of Wagram, is spending some days with his mother and sister here.

Rev. L. A. McLaurin, after a visit to the Holy Land and many points of interest in the old countries is again with us having much of interest to relate and to our pleasure when opportunity is presented. We are glad it was his good fortune and pleasure to visit these places as he is in position to render us much service.

Uncle Sol has served to thoroughly heat the earth and atmosphere seasons have been perfect crops generally fine, but little sickness and this grand old world at this point moves on with no delay.

#### Army of Locusts.

A Bombay (India) newspaper publishes an amazing account of a remarkable flight of locusts which visited Satara recently.

About 4 o'clock in the afternoon the locusts made their appearance, going from East to West, and toward evening myriads of them began to settle down for the night.

Next morning there were reports, which at first were laughed at, that the roads were blocked by trees falling across them, that traffic was at a standstill and that all this was caused by the locusts.

When the mass of insects resumed flight next day, some idea of its immensity was obtained. The main body, which was thick enough to form a substantial shade, occupied about one mile in breadth, with two wings a mile and a half each. The insects were traveling about seven miles an hour, and as they took eight hours in passing a given place, it is computed that they occupied about 224 square feet.

During their stay mango trees, fig and pipul trees ten feet to twenty feet in circumference, groaned under the weight of the locusts, and some came down with a crash.

## 30 THOUSAND JAPS

### Were Killed and Wounded In Attack on Port Arthur.

#### So Says a St. Petersburg Dispatch, and the Populace Go Wild Over the News. They Think It Too Good to Be True

St. Petersburg, July 13.—An official communication from the Russian general staff says: "According to information derived from Japanese sources and received by Admiral Alexieff's military staff, the Japanese attacked the Russian positions at Port Arthur during the night of July 10. They were repulsed with enormous loss. It is difficult to calculate even approximately the number of Japanese casualties, which amounted, it is said, to the immense figure of 30,000."

St. Petersburg was thrown into a fever of excitement this afternoon by the news that the Japanese were released on the fortress of Port Arthur on Sunday night, with a loss said to reach 30,000.

The original report reached St. Petersburg last night, in the form of a newspaper dispatch from Mukden, and was received with incredulity, but at noon, when Viceroy Alexieff officially telegraphed the news to the general staff it created a tremendous impression. It was immediately transmitted to the Official Messenger, and a few minutes afterward the newsboys were racing through the streets, electrifying the crowds with the tidings. The boys were fairly mobbed by people eager to buy the extras.

The members of the general staff do not offer explanations of what Admiral Alexieff means by "Japanese sources," but they declare that the viceroy would not have officially reported such important news unless it had reached from entirely worthy of credit sources. They say

that they are not at all surprised that the Japanese have been released. The Japanese have been attacking Ta Tche Kiao. In a dispatch from Liao Yang, General Sakoroff describes a series of skirmishes east of Kai Cou. The troops belonging to General Kuroki's army are meeting with resistance at every step from the Russian rear guard along the Sai Yen road. The mobilization of two more army corps is expected shortly.

#### Science and Corn Silk.

Corn silk has received considerable attention from our corn scientists. It is a somewhat unusual manifestation of nature, the cavity to be fertilized by the pollen sending out this long, silky messenger to guide the pollen grain to its goal. The growth and development of the silk bears an important relationship to the crop of corn that is to be harvested. The silk at the butt of the ear appears first and is the longest, as it must grow the whole length of the cob to get to the light at all. Yet it does this and is waving in the air catching the pollen before the tip silks have appeared. The butt cavities or ovaries are therefore the first to be fertilized. It is generally believed that the shorter the ear the more likely it is to be covered with kernels, as the longer the ear the later will the tip silks be in getting out to the light where they can be of service. For this reason the tips of long ears are frequently found with no kernels on them. The silks did not get out till after the stalks had ceased shedding pollen. If an ear of corn that is sending out silk be covered with a long paper funnel, the silk will continue to grow in length till it has attained a length of 20 inches or more. At the Iowa station an ear of corn treated in this way seemed to despair of getting pollen and sent out two new ears near its base, and these two new ears developed a good mass of silk. The falling of the pollen on the silk is followed by the grains being conveyed to the ovaries, after the completion of which work the silk dies.—Exchange.