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## THREATENED STRIKE OF MINERS UNLAWFUL

President Wilson Calls Upon Officers Of Local Unions to Recall Orders For Strike.

President Wilson issued a formal statement Saturday night with the approval of the full membership of his cabinet, declaring the projected strike of bituminous miners under the present circumstances "not only unjustifiable, it is unlawful."

The statement called upon the officers of local unions to recall orders for the strike and added:

"I can do nothing less than to say that the law will be enforced and means will be found to protect the interests of the nation in any emergency that may arise out of this unhappy business."

A strike of soft coal miners for a 60 per cent. increase in wages and a 6-hour day, with only 5 working days a week, is called for Saturday of this week.

## WHOLE COUNTRY WAITS FOR MINERS' ANSWER TO PRESIDENT

Washington dispatch, Oct. 26: The whole country waited expectantly for the miners' answer to President Wilson's blunt command that the soft coal strike for Saturday be called off.

The word, however, to show where the "United Mine Workers of America stood or what the government would do in the event the President's solemn warning that the mines must be kept in full continuous operation was ignored.

## Singing Contest at Parkton Was Great Occasion.

According to Lumberton people who were present, the singing contest at Parkton yesterday afternoon was a great occasion. The contest was between a choir of 30 trained voices from Sampson county and a choir composed of picked singers of Parkton and surrounding community.

The contest was supplemented by some selections rendered by the Lumberton male quartet, composed of Messrs. Frank Gough, C. B. Skipper, E. B. Freeman and J. Pope Stephens, and short addresses by ex-State Senator Frank Gough of Lumberton and Mr. W. F. Blount of Fayetteville.

One of the largest crowds that ever gathered at Parkton attended the meeting.

## Robeson Baptist Association Meets Here This Week.

Indications are that the Robeson Baptist association which will meet in the First Baptist church of Lumberton Wednesday and Thursday of this week will be largely attended. Many delegates and visitors are expected and will be entertained by members of the church here. An interesting program has been arranged and the session is expected to be one of the very best in the history of the association.

## Railroad Employees Prepared to Finish Fight for Increased Wages.

Railroad employees are prepared for a finish fight with the railroad administration for increased wages, time and a half overtime and improved working conditions before the government surrenders the roads to private control. Unmistakable notice to this effect has been served by Timothy Shea of the firemen, appearing before the board of railway wages and working conditions, states a Washington dispatch.

## Charged With Violating Compulsory Attendance Law.

Z. V. Britt of the Raynham section was given a hearing before Recorder E. M. Britt Saturday on the charge of failing to comply with the compulsory school attendance law. He was fined \$5 and the cost. Suit was brought against Mr. Britt by Mr. W. P. McAllister, county welfare officer.

Miss Elizabeth Snead spent yesterday here at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Varner, East Fifth street. Miss Snead was en route to her home in Washington, D. C., from Orangeburg, S. C., and stopped over for the day. The condition of Miss Snead's sister, Mrs. W. S. Whitakers of Orangeburg, who has been ill for some time, is somewhat improved.

Mr. J. L. McNeill of R. 1, Buie, was among the visitors in town today.

Mr. M. N. Folger returned last evening from Greensboro, where he went Saturday to look in on the Western North Carolina Methodist conference and see two brothers who are members of that conference.

Mr. E. C. Bass of Barnesville is a Lumberton visitor today.

The university defeated N. C. State college 13 to 12 at Raleigh Thursday in the first football game between teams of the two colleges since 1905.

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## NO NEED FOR ALARM ABOUT BOLL WEEVIL

There is no immediate danger, say Entomologists—There Are Many Different Ways to Combat the Weevil—It May Be a Blessing in Disguise.

Raleigh, Oct. 25.—Though the cotton boll weevil has now appeared in North Carolina, there is no need for alarm on the part of the cotton farmers, says Mr. R. W. Leiby, Assistant Entomologist of the North Carolina Experiment Station. It still has time to spread from Columbus county over a considerable portion of the southeastern part of the State, but it is doubtful if the weevil can do much damage before year after next. What damage it can do next year will depend on how it killed out during the present winter by injury from cold.

The entomologists of the North Carolina Experiment Station have been constantly in touch with the progress of the weevil since 1892. It and its presence in this State was arrived in South Carolina in 1918, no surprise. The Experiment Station is planning to keep in constant touch with its progress, and to aid cotton farmers in every way possible to combat its ravages.

In those places where it has appeared heretofore, the boll weevil has reduced the cotton crop anywhere from 20 to 80 per cent. The weevils deposit their eggs in the young squares, and the grubs hatching from these eggs eat out the squares, preventing them from becoming full grown bolls of cotton. It has been demonstrated that many different ways can be employed to combat the weevil, among which might be stated frequent cultivation, growing early cotton varieties, hand-picking the weevils early in the season, and poisoning them during the growing season.

It is not known yet but what the weevil will be a blessing in disguise, because in every state where it has appeared farmers have been forced to grow less cotton and to diversify their crops more. This has meant greater returns on their investments.

In this week's Extension Farm News a story giving detailed information about the boll weevil is being printed. Those who are interested in the matter will do well to write the Extension Service for a copy of this publication.

## Draft Evader Allowed to Go Home.

Rutherford Stocks, who fled when he received his draft summons because he thought he "was sure to be killed in France," wandered about from place to place and recently turned up penitent in Washington, has been allowed to go home without paying the penalty. He lived on a remote farm in Brunswick county and Gen. Crowder advised Senator Overman, in notifying him that he had allowed the young man to go unpunished, that his comparative isolation, his lack of schooling and his consequent inability to appreciate the patriotic call of the selective draft made his case an unusual and pathetic one, and the ends of justice had been met by his brief, though belated, service in the army at Fort Myer, where he was sent for a few days, and his submission to discipline.

## Two Wildcats Killed by a Woman.

It's not often you hear of a woman using a shot gun except when burglars are about, but according to Mrs. Arelia Smith of R. 5, Lumberton, Mrs. Florence Sanderson of Wishart township shot and killed two wildcats Friday. The wildcats were chased up a tree near Mrs. Sanderson's home by some dogs and Mrs. Sanderson shot and killed them. When she fired at the cats she thought they were raccoons, but discovered after they had been killed that they were not of the 'coon family.

## PASSAGE OF ANTI-STRIKE BILL WILL BRING GENERAL STRIKE

Organized labor will go any limit to preserve the right to strike, officials of the American Federation of Labor said Saturday in warning that passage by either house of Congress of the anti-strike legislation proposed in the pending railroad bill would result in an immediate general walk-out over the country.

## Premiums Ready.

Those who won premiums at the recent county fair can get same by calling upon Mr. W. O. Thompson, secretary-treasurer of the fair association.

Knoxville, Tenn., dispatch, 26: After a day marked by frequent clashes growing out of a resumption of street car service with non-union crews, two battalions of the 4th Tennessee infantry tonight were ordered to mobilize here immediately to preserve order in the event the situation gets beyond the control of local authorities. Gov. Roberts, at Nashville, also is prepared to call for the use of the U. S. cavalry at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, if this becomes necessary.

## REAL ESTATE VALUATIONS.

Land Acreage and Valuations For Parkton, Lumber Bridge and Rennert Townships.

Tax Supervisor S. H. McKinnon of Maxton reports land acreage and valuations for the following townships: Parkton township—Acreage, 14,430; valuation, \$1,105,643; town property, valuation, \$201,644.

Lumber Bridge township—Acreage, 15,347; valuation, \$1,016,957; town property, valuation, \$105,746.

Rennert township—Acreage, 12,654; valuation, \$530,554; town property, valuation, \$27,942.

## Newspaper Men Will Hold Convention in Greensboro in January.

Mr. J. A. Sharpe, editor of The Robesonian, returned last night from Greensboro, where he attended Saturday a meeting of the executive committee of the North Carolina Press association, of which he is president. January 8 and 9 were set as the dates for the mid-winter meeting of the association, at the O. Henry hotel in Greensboro. The entire two days will be devoted to discussion of business matters pertaining to the newspaper business. Greensboro and the Greensboro News will tender the publishers a banquet on the night of January 8, when it is expected that several prominent speakers will be on the program. Selection of the speakers was left to the president. At the meeting Saturday the question of newsprint supply was discussed. This promises to be the most serious question for consideration that will come up at the January meeting. There seems to be an actual shortage of newsprint paper, conditions being worse than they were during the war. More paper is being used than is being manufactured, and surplus supplies have practically been exhausted. A great many publishers are being thrown upon the open market, which means that the open market will be high and there will be bidding for newsprint. This condition and others of vital importance to newspaper men will be considered at the next convention, which promises to be well attended.

## Delightful Concert by Orphans.

A singing class from the Oxford orphanage gave a most delightful concert in the graded school auditorium here Thursday evening. While the rain probably kept many away, a fairly good audience greeted the singing and recitations and the children acquitted themselves in a creditable manner. The door receipts amounted to \$76, while a collection donated by local Masons brought the total to near \$300.

There are 14 members in the class this year and the program is even more pleasing than those rendered heretofore. The children were entertained in the homes of local Masons. They went from here to Fairmont, where they gave a concert Friday evening.

## Freight Rate Conference in Raleigh Oct. 31.

At the request of the president of the North Carolina Traffic association, the Governor has called a special meeting of all shippers and receivers of freight in the State for October 31 in Raleigh. At this time the entire freight rate situation will be laid before the shippers and discussed from every angle.

## Hallowe'en Entertainment and Oyster Supper.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. There will be a Hallowe'en entertainment and oyster supper given at Centenary school house Oct. 31 for the benefit of the school.

The public is cordially invited to come and enjoy the evening with us. Admission 20c.

## Lewis Declines to State Attitude of Miners.

Bloomington, Ill., dispatch, Oct. 26.—John L. Lewis, acting president of the United Workers of America, tonight declined to state specifically the attitude of the United Mine Workers toward the statement of President Wilson yesterday regarding the proposed strike of the bituminous coal miners of the nation.

Miss Hilda Weinstein left Saturday night for Baltimore, where she will spend a while with her sister, Miss Miriam Weinstein, who is attending the Peabody conservatory.

Mr. H. B. Gibson of Red Springs was a Lumberton visitor this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sellers of the Barnesville section were callers at The Robesonian office this morning. Mr. Henry F. Bullock of R. 5, Lumberton, was in town this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Wilkerson and three children, Leon, James and Lacy, of R. 2, Fairmont, were among the visitors in town Saturday.

Attorney J. S. Butler of St. Pauls was a Lumberton visitor Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Campbell of R. 1, Rennert, were among the visitors in town Saturday.

## THE RECORD OF DEATHS

C. J. Smith of Henderson.

News has reached Lumberton of the recent death of Mr. C. J. Smith at his home at Henderson. Death resulted from a second stroke of paralysis, deceased having suffered a first stroke last March. Mr. Smith was well-known here, having been senior member of the firm of Knott & Smith, which firm operated the Farmers tobacco warehouse in Lumberton during the 1918 season. The funeral was conducted from the Methodist church at Henderson by Mr. Smith's pastor, Rev. L. E. Thompson.

Deceased made many friends in Lumberton and surrounding country, who will regret to learn of his death. He was 51 years old and is survived by his wife and eight children.

Lieut. Com. A. A. McKeithan.

Lieut. Commander Alfred A. McKeithan, instructor in the United States Naval academy, died yesterday at the home of his brother, Dr. John A. McKeithan at Fayetteville, after an illness of several months. Lieut. McKeithan was a cousin of Messrs. H. M. W. P., Jno. D., A. P. and C. P. McAllister of Lumberton and was well-known here.

## TEN MILE TOPICS.

Farmers Holding Cotton—Rain Welcomed—Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Regan's Fair Exhibit Commended.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Ten Mile, (Lumberton, R. 1), Oct. 24.—The much-needed rain was welcomed.

Most of our farmers are holding their cotton.

We understand that Prof. Page, a student of Buie's Creek academy, has accepted the principalship of the school here.

Mrs. C. A. Powers has resigned the position she held in the graded school at St. Pauls.

The boll weevil may be in Robeson, who knows? We notice in the Wilmington papers an account of a partridge being killed in South Georgia and 150 boll weevils were found in his craw. Farmers would do well to post their land and protect these birds from hunters.

The pictures shown at Ten Mile are much enjoyed.

We thank and congratulate Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Regan for the manner in which they represented our community at the county fair.

A number of school boys and girls spent the week-end here with home folks.

Miss Japie Martin has accepted a position with the telephone company in St. Pauls.

Misses Gladys and Mary Powers have positions in Lynchburg.

## THOMPSON HOSPITAL NOTES.

Reported for The Robesonian.

Mr. Colon Johnson, R. F. D., Fairmont, who had a very serious operation three weeks ago, will return to his home next Wednesday.—Mrs. D. E. Pate, Bladenboro, who was operated on last Friday week, will return home this week.—Miss Cora Ford, Marietta, was able to return home last Friday after convalescing from an operation on the left ear by Dr. Beam.—Mrs. J. D. Buie, Red Springs, has been a patient at the hospital several weeks and will return home this week with her infant son, three weeks old.—Mr. L. R. Baily, city, was operated on several days ago was able to return home last week.—Mrs. Ed Humphrey, R. F. D. 2, was operated on last Monday and is doing nicely.—Mrs. W. W. Rogers, R. F. D., was operated on for appendicitis two weeks ago yesterday, returned home Sunday.—Mrs. Ray Tyner, R. F. D., Buie, is a patient at the hospital. Her condition is slightly improved.—Mrs. Furman B. Barnes, city, was operated on last Monday for appendicitis and complications and is getting along nicely.

—Mr. W. J. Smith, Allenton, a section hand on the S. A. L., was injured in a motor car wreck last Thursday, not seriously, and brought to the hospital by Dr. T. C. Johnson, where his injuries received attention by Drs. Johnson and Knox.—Mrs. Manly Davis, Bladenboro, was brought to the hospital yesterday afternoon by Dr. J. S. Norman, where she will undergo treatment.—The hospital training school has recently added four new nurses to its class.

The Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina will meet with the First Presbyterian church of Raleigh on Tuesday, October 28. The opening session will be held at 8 o'clock Tuesday night, when the Moderator Rev. D. I. Craig, D. D. of Reidsville, will preach the sermon. The regular work of the sessions will be taken up on Wednesday morning and continued to completion during the week.

Mr. A. G. Stephens of R. 4, Lumberton, was a caller at The Robesonian office this morning. Mr. Hezzie Phillips of Orrum was a Lumberton visitor Saturday. Mr. L. W. Lovett of R. 4, Lumberton, was in town Friday.

## DON'T LET PRESENT PRICE OF COTTON FOOL YOU

Present Prices Are Direct Result of Efforts of Cotton Association.

Raleigh, Oct. 25.—"Don't let the present price of cotton fool you into a false sense of security," is the warning cotton association officials attending the big mass meeting in Raleigh Tuesday send out to the cotton farmers of the State. "The present good prices offered for cotton are the direct result of the efforts of the cotton association, and should there be a relaxation of the efforts of the cotton planters and others interested in getting a fair price for cotton, the price would crash worse than it has in many years past."

As further proof that the association work is being reflected in a good price for cotton, the officials point out that the price began to increase soon after the work of the old reduction campaign last spring was well under way. It has held steady all through the year, until recently when President Wannamaker announced that the cotton planters did not intend to increase the acreage unless they were assured that a fair price would be paid for the staple. This announcement was made at the New Orleans world cotton conference, and for the first time this year cotton advanced over the 35-cent mark.

This is the first time in history that the cotton farmer has held the whip hand, and he is holding this through the efforts of the organization of cotton farmers, merchants and bankers. Should he relax his efforts and fail to carry forward the splendid work already done by the association, the cotton planter will fall back into the old ways of having to send his cotton to market and taking anything the buyers want to offer him. And the prices offered are based on Wall Street prices, fixed by men who, in most instances, have never seen a bale of cotton.

Organization and warehouses will solve the problem once and for all time. The American Cotton association is the best means of getting the organization for cotton warehouses, for through the association the cotton farmer secures the aid and cooperation of the best business and professional brains of his community. If this program is carried out, we will see forty cent cotton before another crop is harvested, says President J. S. Wannamaker of the cotton association.

## ABBOTTSBURG NEWS ITEMS.

Successful Meeting Closed—Personal and Other Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Abbottsburg, Oct. 24.—Things are moving off nicely in and around our burg.

Mr. Stone of White Oak has been secured as teacher of high school at this place. Misses Ethel Smith, Katie McLeod and Ruth Hester are the other teachers.

Mrs. Malcom McNeill and little daughter have returned to Lowe after spending some time at her mother's, Mrs. Mary J. Ward's.

There were 42 baptized at McFord last Sunday, 3 sons of Mr. and Mrs. Arie Baldwin of Mt. Zion.

Mr. L. L. Warner spent one day at fair in Lumberton last week. Dr. Shuler of Clarkton had a ten-days' preaching at Clarkton which closed last week. Received about 90 members, some to all denominations.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Baldwin and children of Mt. Zion spent the day at Mrs. Kate McEwen's last Sunday.—Mrs. H. L. Cromartie and children returned home after visiting relatives here.

Sugar seems to be a thing of the past. What will those do that love sweets?

We are having some real summer days now and rains every night.

Aunt Becky, write often, your letters are fine and always so interesting. I always look the first thing to see if you are there.

## Was He Honest?

Was he honest? A colored man went into the store of a Lumberton merchant recently and told the proprietor that he wanted to settle his account. The merchant looked over his books and found nothing charged to the man. When advised that he had no account, the colored man said, "I expect you are looking on the wrong book. Dis child wid me is 14 years old and he was a baby when I made the debt." Turning to the account book of 14 years ago, the merchant found the charge and the colored man paid it. He did not explain why he had waited so patiently to pay the debt, but perhaps he thought about the fact that a dollar will pay as much on an old account as it would before the value of a dollar decreased so much.

Mr. W. M. Pate of Red Springs was among the callers at The Robesonian office Saturday.

Mr. J. T. Hickman of R. 1, Lumberton, was among the visitors in town Friday.

Mr. J. H. Lee of R. 1, Fairmont, was in town Saturday.

## MARKET REPORT.

Cotton: Today— Middling 34 1-2 cents; strict middling 35 cents. The market Friday and Saturday ranged from 34 1-2 to 36 cents.

## BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Miss Kathrine Beaman is undergoing treatment at the Thompson hospital.

—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Moore of R. 4, Lumberton, Thursday night, a boy.

—Mid-week services at local churches will be held at 7 p. m. Wednesday instead of 8 o'clock as heretofore.

—Timepieces were moved back one hour at 2 a. m. yesterday and everybody is running on "old time" now.

—Mr. A. Weinstein returned Thursday from New York, where he went to buy goods for his department store.

—Mr. M. F. Cobb, cashier of the National Bank of Lumberton, has been indisposed since Friday and is confined to his room.

—Mr. E. E. Page of Lumberton underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Charlotte sanatorium Friday. His condition is reported as favorable.

—Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son have accepted the agency for the Velle automobile in Robeson, Cumberland, Hoke, Bladen and Columbus counties.

—The old W. C. Wishart residence on North Elm street has been torn down and moved off the lot. This was one of the oldest buildings in Lumberton.

—Messrs. W. H. Fisher and R. W. Musselwhite have tendered their resignations as drivers of the town's fire trucks, effective November 1. There are no applicants for the position.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Mike L. Davis and Maie Harden; Frances Watson and Nancy Perry; D. B. McKenzie and Mattie Andrews; Tom Walters and Ethel Hollingsworth.

—Emma Crawford and Sam Williams, colored both of the Marietta section, were married in the office of Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd at 9 o'clock this morning. Justice H. M. McAllister officiated.

—Messrs. R. C. Lawrence and Frank Gough of Lumberton addressed a meeting of the Young People's union at Antioch, Hoke county, last evening. There was a large attendance at the meeting.

—Mr. Forrest McGill arrived home Saturday from Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga., having been given an honorable discharge from military service. Mr. McGill was attached to the Adjutant General's department as field clerk.

—Mrs. C. H. Boyd was hostess to the 20th Century Mothers' club Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 14, 5 o'clock. The subject for the afternoon was, "What Every Mother Should Know." Very instructive papers were read by Mesdames S. F. Caldwell and K. M. Biggs.

—Mr. W. H. Watts of the Broad Ridge section was a Lumberton visitor Saturday. The corn crop in the "Ridge" this year was a bumper one, according to Mr. Watts. Some farmers are finding it difficult to find room in their old barns for their corn, Mr. Watts says. Good news.

—Mr. J. T. Hamilton of the Marietta section was among the callers at The Robesonian office Saturday. Mr. Hamilton return Friday from a business trip to Florida, where he went to secure a deed for a farm adjoining his home place which he recently purchased.

Cabinet Will Call a New Conference. President Wilson's Cabinet decided Saturday to call a new conference to continue the effort to establish industrial peace. It will consist of 15 of the most prominent Americans, without division into groups and the Cabinet will recommend nominations to the President.

Mr. J. D. Kyle and two daughters, Mrs. H. H. Pittman and Miss Georgie Kyle, of Fairmont, are among the shoppers in town today.

## NO OFFICE AVAILABLE; PAPER MUST STOP

To the Editor of The Robesonian.

Please publish the following: Because of the fact that the opera house, where The Tribune has been published for the past five and a half years, is being changed into an apartment house, and being unable to find another office in Lumberton where I can move to, it is necessary for me to discontinue publication, for the present at least. It may be that I can begin publication again, but where or when I can't say. If The Tribune does not start again, all who have paid ahead on subscription will either get their money back or will be supplied with another paper.

Yours truly, A. C. JOHNSTON, Publisher The Tribune. Lumberton, Oct. 25.

DR. WILLIAM W. PARKER EYE SPECIALIST Office: National Bank of Lumberton Building.