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### THE GREAT UNIONS CELEBRATE THE DAY

#### The Grandest in All the Annals of Labor.

#### SHOWN HIGHER HONORS

#### The Sons of Toil March in Mighty Parades.

#### THE OBSERVANCE OF THE DAY GENERAL

#### Fairbanks Speaks at Kansas City. He Declares That Child Labor in Mills is Doomed.

#### Gompers Makes an Address at New Orleans.

#### (By the Associated Press.) Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 1.—Ten thousand union workmen in the trades of both Kansas City's paraded the downtown streets here today. The parade ended at Electric Park, where nearly twenty thousand persons listened to the speech-making. The principal address was delivered by Senator Charles W. Fairbanks, of Indiana, who was given a rousing reception. His speech was devoted to various phases of the labor question. Among the other things he said:

"There is no greater evil than that of child labor in workshops, factories and mines. Labor organizations have done much to correct this evil in many of the States and are making commendable effort to eradicate it where there are no laws to secure the necessary legislation in the States where this crime against humanity is unchecked, but they have been defeated by the mill owners. The defeat, however, is but temporary. No such abuse can long endure when the moral sense of the country is aroused, as it is being aroused. Mere selfishness cannot long stand in the way. It is a gratifying fact that in most of the States laws are upon the statute books which protect tender childhood from the rapacity of such as are now arousing the moral sentiment of the country in many of the cotton mills of the South. This is not a sectional question. It is a humanitarian question, which knows neither section nor latitude.

"Child labor is not done alone to childhood. Society is vitally interested in the fullest possible physical, moral and intellectual development of its members and in the end it suffers if the children who are to constitute its membership are atrophied in the essential qualities of healthy citizenship. Greed should not be allowed to coin the sweat of childhood and rob children of tender years of two of the richest jewels they can possess—health and education."

#### TRADES UNION CONGRESS

#### A Week's Session Begun in London. The Trusts and the Unions.

#### (By the Associated Press.) London, Sept. 1.—The thirty-fifth Trades Union Congress commenced a week's session in London today. Upwards of 500 delegates representing a million and a quarter of workers were present. They included many women delegates. The United States was represented by Harry Blackmore and Patrick Dolan. One of the principal resolutions which will be submitted demands legislation creating a supreme court of arbitration with compulsory power to settle disputes between employers and employees.

The report of the committee on parliamentary committee, refers to the visit of the British Trades Union delegates to Washington and says they were greatly impressed with the advantage American trades unionists possess over the British by the willingness of the President at all times to consult with accredited union representatives.

"The trusts," says the report, "up to now have made no bad use of their combination, wages having a tendency to increase."

#### Gompers' Address at New Orleans

#### (By the Associated Press.) New Orleans, Sept. 1.—President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, today reviewed an immense parade of organized labor. It was the first celebration under the law making the first Monday in September Labor Day. Banks, exchanges, public buildings and many business houses closed. Mr. Gompers delivered an oration at the big picnic given by the Central Labor and Trades Council.

#### Elaborately Observed at Charlotte.

#### (Special to News and Observer.) Charlotte, N. C., September 1.—Labor Day was celebrated on an elaborate scale by the various labor organizations of Charlotte today. There was a parade in the morning, in which the unions participated and the merchants of the city were represented by appropriate floats. At noon Hon. Jerome Jones, of Atlanta, addressed a great crowd at Latta Park. He made a conservative, intelligent speech that was well received. In the afternoon there were a series of games and contests for prizes and the celebra-

tion wound up tonight with a free minstrel show in the park auditorium.

The feature of today's labor parade was the participation of the colored organizations for the first time. The latter were separated from the whites by a number of floats.

#### Little Noticed in Richmond.

#### (By the Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., Sept. 1.—Labor Day was not as generally observed here today as formerly, and many of the places of business that were closed last year were open today.

The Trades Unionists generally observed the day. About seven hundred of them and their friends went to West Point to spend the day. The majority of laboring men remained in the city, evidently preferring either to spend the day quietly at home or else take in some one or more of the many local attractions.

#### Generally Observed in Kentucky.

#### (By the Associated Press.) Louisville, Ky., Sept. 1.—Labor Day was more generally observed throughout the State today than in previous years. Governor Beckham having declared it a legal holiday for the first time.

The feature of the day in this city was a big parade in the afternoon participated in by nearly every labor organization in Louisville. A big mass meeting and picnic was scheduled at Phoenix Hill Park at night.

Business was almost at a standstill.

#### Business Generally Suspended.

#### (By the Associated Press.) Roanoke, Va., Sept. 1.—Labor Day was celebrated here in a fitting manner, business generally suspended. In the morning an immense parade took place, which was participated in by the union men of the city. At Crystal Spring Park, Mayor Cutchin, of Roanoke, and State Labor Commissioner Doherty addressed a large crowd.

#### WRECK ON SOUTHERN

#### Disaster in Alabama in Which Twenty-five Negroes Are Killed.

#### (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 1.—The officials of the Southern Railway in this city today received a telegram advising them of a wreck at 9:20 o'clock this morning on the Southern Road at Berry, Ala., about sixty-five miles west of Birmingham. The trainmaster, H. N. Dudley and about twenty-five colored passengers were killed. The engineer and firemen were badly scalded and about twenty-five passengers injured. The engine was derailed and six coaches overturned. The cause of the derailment is not known here.

#### HIS BODY IS CUT IN TWO.

#### Young Negro Meets a Horrible Death Under Iron Wheels.

#### (Special to News and Observer.) Greensboro, N. C., Sept. 1.—Ivory Alston, colored, aged 23, arriving here last night from West Virginia to visit his home, met a horrible death this evening near the passenger depot here. While walking on one track he saw a yard engine approaching and stepped on another track just as another yard engine, coming in the opposite direction, reached that point. While not going over four miles an hour, the engine completely severed his body at the waist, tore off both feet and terribly mangled his head and trunk. Twenty cents and a pistol were found on the unfortunate man's remains. No inquest was considered necessary by the coroner.

#### Whitsett's Fine Opening.

#### (Special to News and Observer.) Whitsett, N. C., September 1.—Last week, opening week at Whitsett Institute, Whitsett, N. C., and every train brought numbers of students during the past six or eight days. The opening is fifty per cent better than for any previous year. Last year there were enrolled two hundred and fifty and this promises to be a record breaking year. All students are delighted with the elegant new school building, and Whitsett under its able head and a strong corps of teachers begins its new year with the brightest of prospects.

#### A Negro Outrage.

#### (Special to News and Observer.) Marion, N. C., Sept. 1.—The colored people here were thrown into quite an excitement Saturday morning when it became known that Ephraim McGill, a negro about fifty years of age, had committed an outrage on the six-year-old daughter of Zeb Greenlee, also colored. McGill was captured about nine miles east of here making his way to Rutherford county. After a preliminary hearing he was lodged in jail to await action of the Superior court, which convenes in October.

#### Decrease in Texas Cotton Crop.

#### (By the Associated Press.) Galveston, Texas, Sept. 1.—The Galveston News today published a statement showing the Texas crop of cotton, years 1901-1902, which closed with this date, to be 2,207,259 bales; a decrease of 801,027 bales compared with the Texas crop for 1900-'01. The crop for Indian Territory and Oklahoma for 1901-'02, is 531,018 bales, an increase of 208,567 compared with last year.

### BOLTERS OF HALIFAX FIRED AT HIS WIFE

#### Rake the County With a Fine Comb.

#### Corral All Their Small Scattered Forces and Name a Full County and Legislative Ticket.

#### (Special to News and Observer.) Weldon, N. C., Sept. 1.—The independent "Democrats" met in convention at Halifax today and nominated a full county and legislative ticket. About four hundred people were present. The independents claim that there were more. A conservative estimate places the independents present at two hundred. They nominated for the State Senate Col. A. Prescott for the House, Joseph McMahon and W. C. Whitaker. It is believed that today's convention showed up their entire strength in the county.

#### CONSTABLE WHITE STABBED

#### He Nevertheless Succeeds in Arresting the Negro Mitchener.

#### (Special to News and Observer.) New Bern, N. C., Sept. 1.—Constable White, of Dover, N. C., while in the attempt to arrest a colored woman named Mitchener, was stabbed over the heart. The constable fell to the ground but regained his feet and arrested his prisoner. She was carried to Kinston last night for safe keeping and will be brought back tomorrow for trial.

While the westbound mail and passenger train was passing Thurman Station this morning at eight o'clock the front truck of a fish car jumped the track and ran for a hundred yards over the ties, but fortunately no lives were lost.

The remains of Mrs. Geo. N. Ives arrived on the 5:50 train this evening. Mrs. Ives died at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore while undergoing an operation for appendicitis. The funeral took place from the Presbyterian church on arrival of the train this afternoon.

#### GREENSBORO WELL PLEASED.

#### Result of Forsyth Democratic Convention Looked Upon With Great Complacency.

#### (Special to News and Observer.) Greensboro, N. C., Sept. 1.—The disastrous defeat Saturday in the Democratic Convention of Forsyth of the element which had made war on the nomination of the Board of County Commissioners for inaugurating and prosecuting a system of building good roads for the county, is looked upon with great complacency here, and a matter of more practical importance than the happy, if spectacular, settlement of the Watson-Glenn Senatorial rivalry.

Four Cubans, three from Cardenas and one from Havana, were here today on their way to enter Guilford College.

Prof. Walter Thompson, the new superintendent of schools in Concord, has just returned from conducting a very successful Teachers' Institute. Lumbermen. He goes to Concord tonight and his family will go later in the week.

#### BULLETS HISS AT A DANCE.

#### Negroes Ordered Out Inflict Ghastly Wounds on Three Merry Makers.

#### (By the Associated Press.) Hopkinsville, Ky., Sept. 1.—At a negro festival near Pembroke, Jerry and Dangerfield Ware, infuriated because Manager Frank Massie tried to eject them from the grounds, emptied their pistols into a crowd of dancers. Massie was probably fatally wounded. John Tandy was shot six times and instantly killed and James Williams' jaw was shot off. No arrests have been made.

#### To Investigate the Railroad Merger.

#### (By the Associated Press.) Frankfort, Ky., Sept. 1.—The State Railroad Commission was in session today mapping out the line of investigation to be pursued in the Southern Railroad merger matter. The commissioners went to Louisville this evening for a conference with Attorney General Clifton Pratt before taking evidence in the matter.

Mr. F. N. Bridgers, book-keeper for the Farmers' Guano Company, left on the early train yesterday morning for Washington and Baltimore to spend a week with friends.

#### The Second Bullet Passed Through Her Hair.

#### Beattie Leaned Over and Fired Across the Bed Behind Which She Was Crouching.

#### Held for Court.

#### (Special to News and Observer.) Charlotte, N. C., September 1.—Robert A. Beattie, a prominent merchant and owner of large property interest in this city, was held for court this morning after a preliminary examination for a murderous assault on his wife.

The defendant did not appear in court as he was intoxicated when the assault was committed and is now under guard at his home for the same reason.

Mr. and Mrs. Beattie have been separated for some time. He entered the house where his wife is staying, drew a pistol and fired, but for some reason the bullet flew wide of the mark.

The wife crouched behind the bed and the man leaning over the bed, fired point blank at her head. Again he missed, this time the bullet going through the woman's hair. He was then overpowered and prevented from doing further harm.

#### Addresses by Self and Webb.

#### (Special to News and Observer.) Newton, N. C., Sept. 1.—Saturday night, the opening guns of the campaign in this county, were fired and the people list-

### MORNE ROUGE ANNIHILATED BY THE FIRES OF MONT PELEE

#### Le Carbet Devastated by the First Eruption Swept by a Tidal Wave. Two Hundred People Perish.

#### (By the Associated Press.)

Castries, Island of St. Lucia, B. W. I., September 1.—The British steamer Korona arrived here yesterday evening from Fort de France, Island of Martinique. She reports that a terrible eruption of Mont Pelee occurred at 11 o'clock Saturday night and that the people who arrived at Fort de France from the northern part of the island reported that the village of Morne Rouge, near the district previously devastated, had been

entirely destroyed and that La Carbet, a village on the coast which was destroyed at the time of the great eruption had been swept by a tidal wave. About two hundred persons lost their lives.

A sloop from the island of St. Vincent, which reached here this morning, reports that Mont Pelee's crater is now quiet, but that the detonations during Saturday night were the loudest heard up to that time and that the inhabitants were terribly alarmed.

Mr. M. J. Rowe was made chairman of the meeting. Mr. W. A. Self, candidate for the Legislature, made the opening speech. In a few well-chosen words he traced the decay of the Populist party, discussed protection and its evils and the policy of the Democratic party in regard to the Philippines. He then turned to the discussion of State politics.

"The Republicans now declare that they are a lily-white party and declared at Greensboro that the negro issue is dead. Yet, with base ingratitude, they now fight the party which brought about this condition of affairs and removed from their necks."

Then the poll-tax feature of the amendment, which is the only clause the Republicans say they object to, was discussed and ably defended.

The Republicans speak of the reckless expenditures of the Democratic party. The appropriations which were made by the last Legislature were for the insane, helpless and uneducated of the State. Yes, the Republicans think it is right to put money in the pockets of the beef trust, the steel trust and the other trusts which burden the American people and then claim of the State's caring for those who are not able to care for themselves.

"Before the convention met, Judge Clark was opposed by some Democrats who were true and loyal to the party. But now he is the party's nominee and it is the duty of every Democrat to support him. You may give Judge Clark credit or blame for a lot of the so-called radical decisions in regard to railroads. I mean the decisions in which it was said that if a railroad appliances, they were cars with safety appliances, they were the railroads to equip their trains with air brakes, safety couplers and all manner of safety appliances and has reduced injuries and deaths to employees and passengers by almost one-half."

Mr. Rowe then in a few fitting remarks introduced to the assembly, Hon. E. Y. Webb, of Cleveland county, the Democratic candidate for the Senator from this district. Among other things he said the Republican party is trying to stir up in the Democratic party strife and discord and make "independents" in the party. The sole purpose of independence is to give the alleged Democratic extravagance with Pflieger misrule, more for labor and then charging 25 per cent more for supplies.

He then discussed at some length the evils of trusts and the protective tariff. His speech was well-received and the impressive he made on the audience was good.

Hon. J. F. Reinhart, of Lincoln county, made a few remarks and the assembly then dispersed. This is the beginning of the campaign which will carry Catawba solidly for Democracy in the coming election.

### THIRTY-ONE NEW ENGINES.

#### A Big Order Given by the Seaboard to the Baldwin's.

#### (By the Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., Sept. 1.—The Seaboard Air Line Railway has just given an order to the Baldwin Locomotive Works for thirty-one new locomotives. This order includes twenty-two heavy consolidated engines. It is understood that these engines are for use on the Birmingham extension, which it is thought, will be in operation within the next twelve months.

#### Beckham Endorses the Preacher.

#### (By the Associated Press.) Louisville, Ky., Sept. 1.—The Rev. W. F. Lloyd, pastor of the Fifth and Walnut Street M. E. church in this city, who last night preached a sermon denouncing prize fights, received a letter this morning from Governor Beckham, expressing the disapproval of prize fighting in Louisville and throughout Kentucky and stating that he hoped the Louisville authorities would take the necessary steps to prevent the contest between McGovern and Young Corbett, which is scheduled to take place in this city September 22. The Governor did not state whether he intended to take any action in the matter.

#### Two Masks Rob a Train.

#### (By the Associated Press.) Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 1.—As through passenger train No. 2, northbound, on the Louisville and Nashville, due here at 7:2 p. m. was pulling out of Franklin, Tenn., ten miles south of here, the express car was boarded by two masked men. With revolvers at his head, Messenger Battle was forced to open the outside safe, which the robbers rifled. Keeping the messenger covered with their guns, the men rode with him into the South Nashville yards here, where the train slowed down and they disappeared. It is not known how much booty was secured.

#### FIVE VESSELS LOST

#### All the Members of Their Crews Drowned. Two Tugs Found.

#### (By the Associated Press.) Cape Town, Sept. 1.—Eighteen vessels, mostly sailing craft, have been driven ashore in a gale at Port Elizabeth. Five of them were dashed to pieces and all the members of their crews were lost. Two tugs are also reported to have foundered and a score of lighters are ashore. It is feared that there has been great loss of life.

#### Labor Candidate Elected.

#### (By the Associated Press.) Dublin, Sept. 1.—Alderman Patrick Lowry, the labor candidate, was today elected Lord Mayor of Dublin. Timothy C. Harrington, the retiring Lord Mayor, was a candidate for a third time, but was defeated.

#### HESTER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

#### Cotton Receipts for the Year 7,679,290 A against 7,666,452 Last Year.

#### (By the Associated Press.) New Orleans, Sept. 1.—The totals of Secretary Hester's annual report of the cotton crop of the United States, promulgated today, show receipts of cotton at all United States ports for the year to have 7,679,290, against 7,666,452 last year; overland to Northern mills and Canada 1,039,563, against 1,140,237; Southern consumption taken direct from the interior of the cotton belt 1,897,437, against 1,576,733, making the cotton crop of the United States for 1901-'02 amount to 10,650,680, against 10,388,422 last year.

Reports from every mill consuming cotton in the cotton growing States, including woolen mills that have used cotton, show a total of 1,327,971, of this 40,534 were taken from ports and included in port receipts.

Today being a legal holiday the exchange was closed and only the leading totals of the crop could be given out. The full report will be issued tomorrow, showing the consumption of the South by States, the crop by States and the continued increase in spindles of the Southern mills, also data in relation to new-mills now building, some of which will come into operation during the new commercial year.

The year's exports and takings by Northern mills are as follows:

Exports to Great Britain 3,036,233, against 3,062,828 last year; France 745,965, against 729,013; Continental European ports 2,858,608, against 2,745,917; to British North America 122,261, against 102,523.

The total exports, foreign, including British-North America, amount to 6,768,471, against 6,641,281, an increase of 121,790.

Northern mills took during the year 2,650,774, against 1,960,570 bales.

#### LOCKE CRAIG AT SHELLEY.

#### He Discusses State and National Issues and Receives Great Applause.

#### (Special to News and Observer.) Shelby, N. C., Sept. 1.—Hon. Locke Craig, of Buncombe county, one of the State's most distinguished orators opened the Democratic campaign in this county today. He discussed national and State issues and his one hour and forty minutes talk was heard by a large and applauding audience.

### DEFENDANTS IN THE MERGER SUIT REPLY

#### Northern Securities Co.'s Answer to Minnesota.

#### A LONG LIST OF DENIALS

#### In Effect All Manner of Unlawful Combinations.

#### THERE ARE SEVERAL ANSWERS FILED

#### One of these is For the Securities Company, One for the Great Northern Railway and One for the Northern Pacific.

#### (By the Associated Press.) St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 1.—The defendants in the merger suit brought by the State of Minnesota, filed their answer this afternoon in the office of the clerk of the United States Circuit Court. The suit was brought by the State against the Northern Securities Company, James J. Hill as president of that company; James J. Hill as an individual, the great Northern Railway Company and the Northern Pacific Company.

There is one answer for the Securities Company, and Mr. Hill in his character as president and individually, one for the Great Northern and one for the Northern Pacific.

But the answer of the Securities Company and one of Mr. Hill sets up all the matters of defense and the railways in their pleadings simply follow the Securities Company answer with such changes of phraseology as are required by their divers characters.

The main answer, that of the Securities Company is more than usually direct and plain for a legal pleading.

Defendants deny that the Northern Securities Company has ever conducted any business in Minnesota or had any place of business, or owned any property in the State and the railways, the property of the Eastern Railway Company of Minnesota, are operated by virtue of a lease to the Great Northern Railway Company. They also deny that James J. Hill was, on November 22, 1901, or that he has ever been, the owner or has control of, or had on said day, or at any time, subject to his direction or disposition, more than a majority, or more than a portion for less than a majority of the capital stock of the Great Northern Company. They deny that the Northern Pacific Company became a corporation of, or within the State of Minnesota, or that it ever became subject to the laws thereof, except by filing a copy of its articles with the Secretary of State and complying with the statutes relating to the admission to the State of railway companies organized under the laws of other States. They also deny that the Northern Pacific Company's lines have since the organization of Securities Company been operated subject to the dictation or control of the officers of that company.

They admit that cities and towns named in the bill are points on each of the two lines of railway, but deny that the lines between these points are parallel or that the lines competed for freight or passenger traffic said point in any manner or by any greater extent prior to the formation of the Securities Company than they have at all times done since the formation of that company and will continue to do in the future. They deny that the defendant companies have competed with each other for passenger and freight traffic in any other or different manner or to any greater extent than they have continuously done since the formation of the Securities Company, and will continue to do in the future. They admit that the lines are the only lines of a single railway company traversing east and west all the northern tier of States west of the Mississippi river. They deny that these lines are the only lines crossing the State of Minnesota and connecting the Pacific Ocean by rail with points of said State, or that they are the only lines connecting the territory of northern tier of States or the territory tributary thereto by rail with the Pacific Ocean.

They admit making large shipments of wheat and other products from and to the places named in the bill. They deny that competition between the defendant companies or of traffic between said places was, prior to the organization of the Securities Company, any sharper or more active or more productive or lower rates for freight or passengers than it has been at all times since such organization, and still is, and deny that such rates have been at any time since the organization of the Securities Company, or now are, or will be any higher than if said company had not been formed.

On the contrary they say that since the formations of said company such rates have already been largely reduced and are now, and will continue to be, lower than those stated in the bill to have been secured by the sharp and active competition therein alleged.

They admit the organization of the Securities Company and that it was organized for the purpose set forth in its articles and for no other purpose whatever. They admit that after the formation of the Securities Company, and on November 22, 1901, that company did require of the Great Northern Company to purchase such of their shares as would be offered within sixty days from

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