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FEDERAL AGENTS WILL HELP STATE OFFICIALS

Close Co-Operation To Enforce Food Control Law Being Established

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Ohio Concern Reported Moving Its Meat Products and Destroying Its Records; Judge Ames Says "We Are Going To Force These Hoarders and Profiteers To Disgorge"; Developments Friday in the Work Going On; Buying Government Food

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Aug. 15.—Close cooperation between State authorities, who possess detailed information of food and price conditions, and the attorney general and his staff of assistants empowered to enforce the food control law, is being established as part of the government's fight to reduce the cost of living.
Instructions went out today from Attorney General Palmer to the two district attorneys in Ohio to proceed immediately to assist Governor Cox in the seizure of large quantities of meat, butter and eggs alleged to have been held in storage in that State for more than six to ten months the legal limit.
Criminal prosecutions will be instituted, it was said, if it can be shown that the foods were held from the market for the purpose of boosting prices. Officials here were inclined to think that the long period of storage indicated some other reason than effort to spread the abundant supplies of a producing season over the lean part of the year.
Acting on a telegram late today from Governor Cox saying that a Cleveland concern in order to escape possible prosecution for hoarding was moving its meat products to warehouses in Chicago and destroying its records, the department of justice ordered the district attorney at Cleveland to look into the matter immediately. All attempts to effect transfer of goods in storage, officials said, would be summarily dealt with.

DEVELOPMENTS IN MEXICAN SITUATION

Exportation of War Munitions Will Be Cut Off Pending Carranza's Reply

Washington, Aug. 15.—(By The Associated Press.)—No answer to the reply of the Mexican government to the State Department's warning that failure to protect Americans might result in a radical change of policy will be made. Officials explained today that the United States would wait until President Carranza displayed either unwillingness or inability to afford Americans the protection they had a right to expect, before taking further action.
One of the worst possibilities of action, should the government be forced to it, would be to withdraw diplomatic representatives or even to withdraw recognition of the Carranza government. Active intervention is considered in most quarters a remote measure at this stage.
The Carranza government by special provision has been receiving arms and ammunition from the United States but it was indicated today that the decree forbidding exportation of war munitions to Mexico would be applied to the government as well as to individuals until further proof had been given that foreigners would receive adequate protection.

FORMER RALEIGH BOY BACK FROM FRANCE

Mr. Thomas B. Wilkinson, formerly of Raleigh, passed through the city this week on his way to his home in Durham following his discharge from the marines. He was a member of the famous Second Division, and was one of 25 who survived the Hun strafing that took away the majority of the 250 members of the company. While in Raleigh he visited Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Moseley. He wears the Croix de Guerre, conferred upon him by the French government.

C. S. Matlock Dies at Morganton

Winston-Salem, Aug. 15.—C. S. Matlock, in former years a well known tobacco auctioneer here, died yesterday at a sanitarium in Morganton. He had been there under treatment for several years. The body was brought here for interment this afternoon.

VIRGINIA'S 300TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

Richmond, Va., Aug. 15.—Claims of Plymouth Rock that she represents the oldest Anglo-Saxon civilization in America were torn to shreds this afternoon when the General Assembly celebrated the 300th anniversary of continuous existence as a law-making body.

CHARLOTTE STREET CARS TO RESUME TODAY

Charlotte, Aug. 15.—Following an informal conference of representative citizens, officials of the Southern Public Utilities Company and representatives of the striking street railway men and electrical workers late today, it was announced that such material progress was made toward adjustment of existing differences that there was ground for expectation that the street cars, which have been idle since Sunday morning, would be in operation again Saturday afternoon.

New Tobacco Warehouse for Apex

Apex, Aug. 15.—A new tobacco warehouse is under construction in Apex. It will be completed in a couple of weeks, when it is proposed to permit the people to assemble and give it an "old time" house warming celebration. This, with the several other tobacco warehouses, will put Apex in better condition to care for its rapidly growing popularity as a tobacco market.

CONVENTION URGES STATEWIDE ROADS OF HARD SURFACE

State Association Announces Definite Policy in Resolutions Adopted

NATIONAL SYSTEM IS ALSO COMMENDED

Townsend Bill Now Before Congress Receives Okeh; State Council To Work With National Council Established; Old Officers Re-Elected; Address by Dr. Riddick

(Special to the News and Observer.)
Wrightsville Beach, Aug. 15.—A State-wide system of hard-surfaced roads through the adoption by the State of a definite policy to this end is an outstanding feature of the new year's program of the North Carolina Good Roads Association which adopted resolutions calling for both a State and a national system of highways in addition to the county systems at its concluding session of the annual convention here today.
Adoption of a program towards securing a State highway system of hard-surfaced roads is not taken to mean that in every case the initial work may be merely the laying of a foundation for the hard-surfaced road later. The State Highway Commission confesses its inability at the present time to decide upon a definite policy and still has an "open mind," believing that the type of road must be determined by the communities through which they pass.
The convention put itself on record as favoring the Townsend bill now before Congress, which provides for a national system of roads to be constructed and maintained by the Federal government in addition to aiding the States on State systems and a State council to work for a national system in co-operation with the Federal highway council, composed of a member from each county in the State, was authorized today. Mr. W. C. Boren, of Greensboro, was named chairman of the council and will name the members, together with the executive committee.
The association asks for further legislation to "stabilize" a State policy and for additional taxes to provide for State road construction and maintenance, in addition to the license fees for motor vehicles.
The convention had invitations from High Point and Asheville for its next meeting, and these were referred to the executive committee. The association of county commissioners will meet in Asheville.

Old Officers Re-Elected.

President W. A. McGirt, Secretary Joseph Hyde Pratt and Miss H. M. Berry, assistant secretary, were re-elected. Charles S. Wallace, of Morehead City, and R. K. Davenport, of Mt. Holly, were elected vice-presidents. A field secretary will be employed later. District vice-presidents were named as follows: First district, E. L. Stewart, Washington; second, T. W. McWhorter, Kingston; third, George E. Butler, Clinton; fourth, Jos. G. Brown, Raleigh; fifth, Bennahan Cameron, Stagville; sixth, W. D. MacMillan, Jr., Wilmington; seventh, W. N. Everett, Rockingham; eighth, J. C. Smoot, North Wilkesboro; ninth, A. M. McDonald, Charlotte; tenth, B. A. Patton, Asheville.

Members of the executive committee are:

President, W. A. McGirt, Wilmington; secretary, Joseph Hyde Pratt, Chapel Hill; W. C. Boren, Greensboro; H. D. Williams, Kenansville; F. C. Whitlock, Charlotte; T. L. Gwyn, Springdale; Hugh MacRae, Wilmington.

The association adopted resolutions of appreciation for the safe return of Col. Joseph Hyde Pratt and commending the highest terms his military service, which was declared to be a credit to the entire State.

Miss Berry First Honorary Member.

Miss H. M. Berry, of Chapel Hill, for several years assistant secretary of the association, who served as secretary during Colonel Pratt's absence while in the army, was elected as the association's first honorary member and tendered a vote of thanks for her excellent work.

Submitting the report of the resolutions committee, Mr. W. D. MacMillan, Jr., of Wilmington, took occasion to pay his respects to a letter from Mr. Leonard Tufts, of Pinebluff, which was read before the convention by Chairman Frank Page, of the Highway Commission, on the previous day, which advocated the building of sand-clay roads and likewise charged that manufacturers of high-priced road materials was waging publicity campaigns with a view to marketing their products rather than the best interest of the State.

Submitting figures showing that the number of automobiles in the nation had increased from three thousand in nineteen hundred to seven thousand in year and is expected to reach thirty-one million by nineteen twenty-five, Mr. MacMillan predicted that with a hundred thousand machines in the State now, the number would increase to one hundred fifty thousand in the next two years.

With such a heavy traffic over the main arteries of travel, Mr. MacMillan declared that no sand clay road would stand up longer than two months and while dirt roads might be all right for the particular community in which they are located, yet as a chain is no stronger than its weakest link, so is a State highway, no better than its weakest portion.

It is more economical to build roads the right way than to build them the wrong way and then have to build them

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Executive Officer National Rifle Matches



Lieut. Col. William S. Harlee, U. S. M. C., executive officer of the National Rifle Matches at the large navy range at Caldwell. The National rifle matches are being contested by marksmen of the army, navy marine corps, State militia organization and members of gunnery associations and are conducted under War Department auspices. (C) Underwood & Underwood.

DIRECTOR HINES ON CAR SHORTAGE

Nothing in Prospect To Justify Oppressive Prices For Coal

Washington, Aug. 15.—Replying to a Senate resolution, Director General of Railroads Hines informed the Senate today that while there had been some car shortages in the bituminous coal districts, he did not "anticipate any shortages in transportation, which will be in any sense exceptional or abnormal, or which will justify oppressive prices for coal."
The great danger that confronts the public in this matter, the director general asserted, "is that any shortage either in production by the mines or in transportation may be exaggerated so as to serve as a pretext for heavy increases in the coal prices, which, in my opinion, are already high, generally speaking. It is worthy of serious consideration whether congressional action can be taken to protect the public under these circumstances from excessive coal prices."
The Senate resolution, to which Mr. Hines replied, was introduced by Senator Pomeroy, of Ohio, and asked specifically for information as to the number of coal cars available and whether the coal car situation could be held responsible for any possible shortage of coal.

Director's Statement.

"There has at no time been any shortage of cars for anthracite coal loading," Mr. Hines said in reply. "Since about July 15, 1919, coincident with a marked upward trend in production, there have been some shortages of cars for loading with bituminous coal in some producing districts, mainly in eastern Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania, and usually in districts producing the higher grades of coal. A strike of marine workers on coastwise ships, floods and other operating difficulties have contributed to these shortages. Contemporaneously, however, there still exists slight surpluses of open top cars in some sections, principally in the West."

Regarding the car supply, Mr. Hines said there were 1,067,000 open-top cars in the United States, 99 per cent of which were on federally operated railroads, while less than 10 per cent of these awaited repairs. He estimated that about 775,000 cars were suitable for coal loading. Forty-five thousand new cars, he said, have been or will be placed in the service as rapidly as practicable.

J. R. COLLIE, JR., IS KILLED IN NORFOLK

Parents Here Notified of Fatal Injury in Automobile Accident

J. R. Collie, Jr., the seventeen-year-old son of Superintendent J. R. Collie of the State's Prison, was fatally injured at Norfolk yesterday, according to a telegram received by the parents of the young man here last night. Mr. and Mrs. Collie left for Norfolk shortly after receiving the message.
No details beyond the fact that the young man was in an auto accident could be learned. He had been working in Norfolk for some time.

MAN AND MULE ARE KILLED BY LIGHTNING

Winston-Salem, Aug. 15.—During an electric storm at Walnut Cove yesterday afternoon, a white man, whose name was not learned, was killed by lightning. A valuable mule belonging to Mr. Alex Eoles, a farmer residing two miles from Germantown, was also killed. The animal was tied to a peach tree near a tobacco barn when struck by a bolt of lightning. Four men in the tobacco barn were severely shocked.

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Washington, D. C., Aug. 15.—As forecasted in this correspondence some days ago, M. I. Shipman, Commissioner of Labor and Printing of North Carolina, was today appointed Federal Director of Labor for the Tar Heel State. John Densmore, Federal Director of Labor, today notified Senator Simmons of the appointment.

Mr. Shipman will serve as a dollar a year man, the \$3,000 salary originally going to the State Director of Labor will revert to the United States Treasury. Mr. Shipman hopes to coordinate Federal and State agencies in the direction of the labor forces of North Carolina. W. L. Beasley, acting director of the labor employment office in Raleigh, was in Washington today in conference with Mr. Densmore. He was also a candidate for the job, but will not contest the appointment of the Commissioner of Labor and Printing.

Statesville "Vagrant" Releaed.

Tales of hidden pirate treasures perhaps rivaling the inventive genius of Robert L. Stevenson fascinated the Washington police force when eighty-two-year-old Chas. M. Bower, alias Steele, of Statesville, N. C., appeared to answer an indictment for vagrancy. Bower states he had been skipper of the ship "Mary Dye" in 1874 when the vessel was captured by pirates off the coast of the Island of Co Cos cut throats he said, concealed her cargo of diamonds and gold in devious caves along the island coast but, sharing the common fate of plunderers of those days, failed to return and collect their treasures. The aged sea captain, who claims Statesville as his home, offered to lead a band of treasure seekers in search for hidden wealth. Bower was released by the Washington police justice, who declined, however, to accept his invitation to visit the Co Cos Island.

INTERSTATE LIQUOR SHIPMENTS

Reinforcing the strength of former test cases by repetition, the Washington police force again today ruled that liquor destined from one point in the country to another, routed through Washington, is free from molestation by the police here. The owner cannot be adjudged guilty of violation of the bone dry law. The particular test case found concrete evidence in the example of Lewis O. Wilson, of Charlotte, N. C. The 50-year-old citizen had shipped from Baltimore to Washington, two trunks containing thirty-four quarts of whiskey. The fluid was seized here and when Wilson was arrested he was in the act of re-checking his possessions to Charlotte.

PROPOSED COMPETING LINE IN DISFAVOR

The United States railroad administration looks with disfavor upon the idea of Thomas Jacobs, chairman of the Tarboro Merchants' Association, for the establishment of a competing railway between Tarboro and Norfolk by the East Carolina and the Norfolk Southern railroad. Robert Rantoul, acting assistant to the director general, in a letter to Senator Simmons suggesting that it is the policy of the railroad administration to concentrate upon a single route rather than scatter its forces.

"You appreciate, of course," says Mr. Rantoul, "the necessity under existing conditions of exercising economies where possible and where such interests as there does not seem to be good and sufficient grounds advanced for the necessity of this alternative route, I hardly feel that the request warrants favorable action under the circumstances."

The railroad administration arrives at this conclusion by the following line of reasoning: "The direct line between Tarboro and Norfolk is via the Atlantic Coast Line or a distance of 102 miles, while that by the combined use of East Carolina and Norfolk Southern is 196 miles, the practical doubling of haul and use of two roads, entailing interchange, could only result in a material cost of handling freight without accomplishing any improvement in the service. The route between Tarboro and Norfolk via Farmville and the East Carolina railroad has never been opened as an alternative route. Shippers are not being deprived of any rights which they had prior to Federal control by the failure to establish service and apply competitive rates at the present time.

"It has been the declared policy of the administration during Federal control to use the most economical route where two routes exist between points provided traffic can be adequately cared for as one of the large savings of unified control, and it does not seem justifiable, therefore, to incur the increased expense or to adopt the uncommodious feature dividing the traffic between two routes instead of concentrating on one, the Atlantic Coast Line being amply able to adequately provide for same."

RATES ON BUNKER COAL

The United States Railroad Administration partly answers a request of prominent citizens of Wilmington relative to the establishment of rates on export and bunker coal with this inquiry: "What facilities has Wilmington for handling export coal, and also the daily capacity of such facilities as she may possess?" The railroad administration also would like to know

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CONTAGION OF STRIKE DISEASE

Deplored By Senator Thomas And His Remarkable Suggestion

Washington, Aug. 15.—Deplored the "contagion of strike disease" which he said had apparently spread throughout the world, Senator Thomas, Democrat, of Colorado, in the Senate late today suggested that the "disease" be brought into Congress, its members organize a Union and refuse to legislate until conditions have been changed or at least until the members have been assured of re-election in 1920.

Senator Thomas said present conditions were a "melancholy commentary when it is considered that there is more money now in circulation than ever before" and asserted that if labor conditions continue as they are suffering due to reduced production would be acute this winter.

Such conditions he added, however cannot continue and he said he would trust to the common sense of the people of this country to see that the laws were obeyed.

While not contending that all labor difficulties now in progress throughout the country were actuated by Bolshevistic doctrines he expressed the belief that some were. Mr. Thomas called attention to the fact that policemen in Washington and other cities were forming organizations which he said might at some time prevent them from acting in cases of strikes, and he said he believed the police of the country should be prevented from entering into any obligations that might handicap them in fulfilling their duty.

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The proposal that stenographers be present came from the President in reply to a request that the committee members should not be restrained to secrecy about the discussions. Mr. Wilson said he would provide a stenographer and suggested that the committee also bring one. Chairman Lodge said it would be done.

Although it began discussion of proposed amendments to the treaty body the committee decided to vote on none of them until it had talked with the President. There will be no meeting tomorrow and most of next week probably will be devoted to hearing the five additional witnesses summoned yesterday.

Stays in Committee for Present.

The question of how soon the committee would report to the Senate, was one of the subjects most earnestly discussed in the many conferences held among Senators during the day. While the Democratic leaders said they believed twenty Republicans would exert their influence to early committee action, it was made clear by the reservation Republican that they had not promised any Republican votes for a motion to take the treaty out of the committee's hands.

After his White House conference Senator Hitchcock said the committee might report within ten days or two weeks. He made it clear that getting the treaty into the Senate as soon as practicable was the present concern of the administration.

Lodge For Early Action.

Chairman Lodge is understood to be in sympathy with the move for an early action by the committee and it is thought examination of witnesses next week may be hastened and no more called. Some members of the committee want Col. House and others summoned however, and another committee fight may result.

Much interest was manifest in the set of reservations shown to Senators by Mr. Lodge. It was said he did not aggressively advocate their adoption but merely asked the opinion of several Senators regarding them. It is understood they differ in phraseology from those drafted by the seven senators under the lead of Senator McNary, Republican, Oregon, but that some of the

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