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POWER CO. CASE TO GET REHEARING BY SUPREME COURT

Petition Is Allowed By Associate Justice Brown Who Concurred Before

FIRST OPINION WRITTEN BY CHIEF JUSTICE CLARK

Case Started When North Carolina Public Service Company Filed Mandamus Action Against Southern Power Company To Get Power and Prevent Discrimination

The Supreme Court of North Carolina will rehear the appeal in the famous power company case entitled North Carolina Public Service Company and Salisbury and Spencer Railway Company vs. Southern Power Company, opinion in which filed December 21 was declared the most important decision of the court in a hundred years.

Petition to rehear was granted by the court yesterday on motion of Associate Justice George H. Brown, who on conviction of error But because the petition filed by Judge George Rountree, and Mr. J. O. Carr, disinterested attorneys, as required by the court rules, made a showing which Judge Brown thought justified the re-opening of the

Under the rules of the court, the consent of two members of the beach is required for a rehearing when the court is undivided. In case of a divided court the consent of only one member of the Supreme Court is sufficient to secure a re-hearing.

How Case Started. The power company case was a man damus action against the Southern Power Company to compel it to furnish electric current and power to the plain-tiff companies for redistribution to their customers and at a fair and just rate without discrimination.

In its complaint, the plaintiffs assert that they are public service corporations and insist that the Southern Power Company, also a public service corpora-tion, be required to furnish them elec-tric current and power. According to the claims of the plaintiffs, the Southorn Power Company, formerly furnishing them with current at the rate of 11 mills per kilowat, increased the charge to 18 mills while it was furnishing its own subsidiary corporations power at

the 11 mill rate. After filing an answer to the com-plaint of the North Carolina Public Serrice Company and the Salisbury and Spencer Bailway Company, the defendant demurred ore tenus on the grounds first, that it was under no legal duty to furnish electric current to the plain tiffs, public service companies, for the distribution to their customers; and, second, that the court would necessarily be required in this case to fix the rate for such electric current and to p . scribe rules to prevent discrimin a in the future in which provine the court is without jurisdiction.

Demurrer Overruled. From the order of the Superior Cos. the demurrer, the Southern Power Company appealed to the Supreme Court. The opinion of the court was filed December 20.

The major epinion was written by Chief Justice Walter Clark. Associate Justice Brown wrote a concurring opinion. Associate Justice W. A. Hoke also concurred. Associate Justice W. Allen wrote a dissenting opinion in which Associate Justice Platt D. Wal-

The appeal will be submitted again on brief, but there will be no oral

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS DISCUSSES PEACE TREATY

London, Feb. 12.-Most of today's session of the House of Commons was occupied in a discussion of the motion William James Thorne, labor member for Westham, in favor of a revision of th epeace treaty, which he subjected to severe criticism. The most interesting suggestion emanated from Lord Robert Cecil, that the League of Na-tions should send two international commissions to Russin to ascertain the exact conditions and to fix the provi-

sional boundaries of the border states. Arthur J. Balfour, lord president of the council, who made a general defense of the treaty and the government's share therein, said he feared Lord Robert's suggestion would not result in a new heaven on earth in Russin, also dealed that the government encouraging Peland in a policy of ad-

FAIRLY STRONG CYCLONE OVER THE FLORIDA COAST

Washington, Feb. 12 .- A fairly strong

JUDGE PAYNE NAMED AS SECRETARY OF INTERIOR

Chairman of Shipping Board Will Succeed Secretary Franklin K. Lane

Washington, Feb. 12 .- John Barton Payne, chairman of the Shipping Board and formerly general counsel of the Railroad Administration, will become Only 19 Deaths Yesterday Al-Secretary of the Interior, March 1, succeeding Franklin K. Lane, whose resignation becomes effective on that date. While White House officials declined confirmation, it was understood that former Sanator Franklin Shafroth, of SLIGHT DROP IN NEW Cloorado, had been offered the place to

be vacated by Mr. Payne.
Chairman Payne said tonight he would accept the appointment to the Cabinet because it was the wish of the President but "my heart is in the Shipping Board."

DEMOCRATS ARE CALLED TO MEET HERE MARCH 2

Committeemen Will Fix Date For Convention and County and Precinct Meetings

Call has been issued to the 100 mempers of the Democratic Executive Committee of North Carolins, to meet in and the death rate from influenza-pneu-Raligh Tuesday, March 2, at 8 o'clock monia dropped slightly in the report in the evening in the Senate Chamber of the Capitol, the call coming from Hon. Thomas D. Warren, chairman, of New Bern.

The committee will determine upon the date for holding precinct meetings gave his consent to the re-hearing not and county conventions of the party throughout the State, and issue the call for the State convention, which is exformulate the Democratic platform and make ready for the drive against the opposition later in the year.

LITTLE PROGRESS MADE IN TREATY NEGOTIATIONS

Not Only Unacceptable to Democrats But Meets Opposition Among Republicans

Washington, Feb. 12.-Little progress was apparent today in negotiations over the new article Ten reservation to the Peace Treaty brought forward yester-day by Republican Senators.

In addition to its failure to command the Democratic support for which its sponsors had hoped it was said the new draft had been found unacceptable to diate service, and officers are hopeful some reservationists on the Republican that their help will not be needed, side who three-east to join the tree. draft had been found unacceptable to side who threasured to join the tre-concilable opponents of ratification if the modifications proposed were made in the original Republican reservation. A canvass of the forty-nine Republicans is understood to have shown that only about thirty equal be counted on to vote for ratification with the changed reser-vation, under which the United States would decline to guarantee the integrity of league members by force, economic boycott or "any other means' except when Congress acted. Sixty-four votes are necessary to ratify the treaty and doubt was expressed generally whether thirty-four Democrats could be induced to desert their purty leader, Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, who has declared the revised draft would embody a surrender of the treaty's friends.

Numerous other proposals to solve the Article Ten difficulty were discussed during the day, the leaders on both sides conferring among themselves on the subect. Senator Hitchcock also saw several From the order of the Superior Cot.

Judge T. J. Shaw presiding, overruling group, but it was declared that no conclusions were reached.

SUPREME COUNCIL WILL

of War Crimes Will Be Pressed, It Is Stated

Press.)—The allied supreme council has epidemic first started here the latter decided to press its demands for the part of January, except for the first surrender of Germans accused of war few days. Only 29 cases, with four crimes, despite the protests of the gov-ernment at Berlin, it was stated to-although the number of deaths, three, night. It had been reported that there is the largest for any single day. lifferences between France and Great Britain as to whether the demands January 25, there has been a total of should be modified.

1,732 cases reported with 18 deaths.

the allies will be set forth soon in a to be improving, with few new cases statement. This may take the form reported in the rurar actions and many of another communication to Germany, sections of the west is just becoming or possibly one to Holland. As far as serious with reports of the rapid spread can be ascertained, however, nothing of the disease coming into Asheville definite has been decided regarding any daily. further steps to be taken toward Hol-

The council in dealing with other questions, decided that financial experts of the allied governments, many of whom are here, should meet soon to all Red Cross nurses in the Southern discuss the problem of international division was ordered tonight at head-

should be held. The council decided finally that its. headquarters should remain in Paris. malady has not spread to a great ex-For the convenience of the British gov-tent, but pneumonia complications are probably through the coming fortnight. It is expected that Premiers Lloyd George and Nitti will be in constant

Denmark Wants to Join Leasue.

Copenhagen, Feb. 12:-The Danish
Minister of Foreign Affairs has requested the assent of Parliament to the proposal that Denmark join the League of Kations.

PNEUMONIA TAKES FRESH HOLD; RATE OF DEATHS DROPS

though Pneumonia Increased To 122

CASES OF INFLUENZA

With More Counties Reporting Than Ever, Day's Totals Reach 4,388; The Situation Seems To Be Well In Hand Everywhere In So Far As Caring For Sick Is Concerned

Pneumonia took a new grip on the State yesterday with a total of 122 new cases developed, according to the reports made from 46 counties to the State Board of Health. Influenza cases monia dropped slightly in the report compared with the previous day with 4,388 cases of influenza and 19 deaths. Reports were received from four counties that had not previously reported. although the disease had been prevalent endorsements of Judge George P. Pell.

for several days. whether the worst of the influenza epihas not yet reached its climax. Yet further daily increases are expected, on the commission, especially in view of the present weath. North Carolina an er conditions, before there is any definite improvement. It was more widespread yesterday than in any day since nfluenza became epidemie January 26.

The present outbreak has found most communities better prepared than they were in 1918 to fight the disease and outside assistance and in most places communities have been able to take care of their sick with local organizations. Some cities have appealed for outside nurses and dectors. Now there are more physicians listed with the State Board than are required for imme-

Reports by counties and cities yesterday were as follows:

Alamance, 45; Anson. 112; Bladen. 27; Caldwell, 65; Camden. 100; Caswell. 115; Chatham, 29; Cherokee, 36; Cleveland, 75; Craven, 25; Cumberland, 34; Davidson, 368, two deaths; Durham, 111; Edgecombe, 58; Forsythe, 14; Franklin, 38; Gates, 150; Granville, 43; Guilford, 16; Halifax, 14; Haywood, 10;

Jones, 5; Lee, 40; Lenoir, 20; Martin, 34; McDowell, 75; Mecklenburg, 212; Mitchell, 50, two deaths; Johnston, 296; Montgomery, 41; New Hanover, 5; Northampton, 21; Onslow, 225, one Northampton, 21; Onslow, 225, one accept the appointment the Southern death; Pasquotank, 60, one death; Part accept the appointment the Southern death; Pasquotank, 60, one death; Pasq quimans, 2: Person, 40; Pitt, Richmond, 360; Rocking 114, two deaths; Rutherford, 250; Sampson, 29; Surrey, 22; Wake, 53; Wayne, Wilson, 141; Asheville, 48; Winston-Salem, 215, four deaths; Greensboro, 36, six deaths; Charlotte, 50; Wilmington, one death; Raleigh, 161. Total, 4,388.

Pneumonia was reported as follows: Hertford, 2; Jacksonville, 23; Lee, 5; Greensboro, 5; Lexington, 1; Clinton, INSIST ON ITS DEMANDS Williamston, 9; Murphy, 1; Jamesville, 9; Smithfield, 2; Wilson, 8; Fayetteville. Surrender of Germans Accused 6; Asheville, 5; Camden, 1; Wadesboro, 5: Louisburg, 1. Total, 122.

Improving In Asheville.

Asheville, Feb. 12 .- The number of new influenza cases reported today was London, Feb. 12.- (By the Associated the smallest of any time since Since the epidemic started here

ould be modified.

It is probable that the position of While the situation in the city appears

RED CROSS MOBILIZING ALL NURSES IN SOUTH

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 12 .- Mobilization of exchange in an effort to devise a plan quarters in an effort to combat influ-for its stabilization. It was not settled enra which is said to be preading rap-when the first meeting of these experts idly in South Carolina and to a lesser degree in Tennessee and Florida. In North Carolina it was said, the

lighter than the other four States in the division, according to reports to STONY POINT COTTON MILL headquarters. The following statement

Washington, Feb. 12.—A fairly strong content over northwest provided coast moving northeast, the weather Bureau announced tonight stated, and the Coast from Jacksonville to Terrado Lifts Boot Office and Paul Cambon, over southern Alshama, the report from the Weather Bureau tonight stated, and general wisds with thunderstorms have occurred in the Gulf and South Atlantic states.

George and Nitti will be in constant the division, according to reports to attendance. Premier Millerand problematic in the Gulf and South Atlantic state over northwest attendance. Premier Millerand problematic in the Gulf and South Atlantic state over northwest attendance. Premier Millerand problematic in the Gulf and South Atlantic state over northwest attendance. Premier Millerand problematic in the Gulf and South Atlantic state over northwest attendance. Premier Millerand problematic in the Gulf and South Atlantic state over an orthwest attendance. Premier Millerand problematic in the Gulf and South Atlantic state over an orthwest attendance. Premier Millerand problematic in the Gulf BOUGHT BY NEW OWNERS

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Representative On Interstate Commerce Commission

JUDGE GEORGE PELL HAS SOME ABLE COMPETITORS

Georgia Puts Up Two Strong Traffic Rate Lawyers While Alabama Has Expert For Job; "Political Expediency" May Send President Elsewhere For Man For Place

The News and Observer Bureau 603 District National Bank Bldg. By R. E. POWELL.

(By Special Leased Wire.) Washington, Feb. 12 .- Southern Senators and Representatives are going to vacancy on the Interstate Commerce hitils from territory south of the Vir-

ginia gateways.
While the North Carolina members have forwarded to President Wilson of the North Carolina Corporation Com-Health authorities were unwilling to mission, there are a number of forenture a prediction yesterday as to midable caudidates in other states and demic is passed, but were of the behalf of two of these candidates is the of a grand total of 302,512 for the entire with guns. the force of the argument advanced in and Southwest have no representation from every cause which put the men out

North Carolina and Georgia particularly where freight rate cases involving the existing scales to the Virginia cities are pending are interested in the apwith the situation south of Richmond. Tar Heel business men are on the anxious sent now awaiting a decision to care for those who are stricken. There in the Virginia cities came and hoping have been materially fewer appeals for relief even more favorable than promised in the recent report of the examiner who heard the case.

Two Georgians Suggested.
William A. Wimbish and Edgar Watkins, of Atlanta, are both being conkins, of Atlanta, are both being con-sidered by Southarn members of Con-gress. Mr. Wimbish is accorded the distinction of being one of the most able traffic law ers in the South, and his name was uried upon the Fresident a short time age when Robert T. Woolley, of Kentucky, was appointed. Edward L. Travis, at that time chair-man of the North Carolina Commission, was a fermidable candidate also. Mr. Watkins is well known to North Caro. Watkins is well known to North Carolinians by reason of his connection with the Virginia cities' case in which he appeared for the State Commission. Alabama has a candidate in the per-

son of Secretary Buan, of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, who has attained quite a reputation as a rate 5: expert. Since it became known that one Governor Stuart, of Virginia, would not

(Continued on Page Two.)

URGE KEEPING MONEY IN THE RANKS OF FARMERS

Wants Most Stressed By Speakers at Conference

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 12.-Co-operative sed the "Sinister Concentration in the Control of the Country's Business.

Chains of co-operative stores with a highly systematized method of opera tion were advocated by Duncan Me-Donald, president of the Illinois State Paderatio ederation of Labor.
O. C. Trask said the maintenance of

wholesale prices. Co-operative buying game members of this Union a thirty to forty per cent reduction, he said. They turned out good socks for twenty five cents a pair in their hosiery fuc-Gloves underwear and clothes

The people of the country must make farming worth the farmers while if of Lansing, Michigan, president of the Farmers National Council, said.

"American people collectively must underwrite the inherent risks of agricultural production" he said. "The farmer who invests his small capital and 'long hours cannot be expected to carry out the program of production unless means can be found to relieve the inernmental authorities, however, it will proportionately larger. Georgia, while dividual farmer from carrying the har continue to sit here for the present, having an epidemic in a number of and which nature imposes on his call-probably through the coming fortnight.

all available Red Cross nurses in the division, telling them that the time has come for all nurses not already engaged in community nursing in towns affected by influenza to stop nursing unless it is a matter of life and death and to report to her at headquarters for assignment to communities where there is nignment to communities where there is (Continued on Page Two.)

The nomination of Mr. Phillips, who will arrive in New York within a few days after a trip to England made necessary by the illness there of Mrs. Phillips' mother, is expected to be sent to the Senate soon, perhaps together with the nomination of Robert Underswood Johnson, of New York, recently ment of the Stopy Point enterprise.

NORTH CAROLINA'S **MILITARY RECORD** IN WAR OVERSEAS

Determined Secure Southern Heaviest Losses In Men Killed In Action of Any of The Southern States

> TENNESSEE SUFFERED **HEAVIEST IN CASUALTIES**

Virginia's Losses Second While North Carolina Comes Third In Total sualties Suffered In The American Expedition. ary Forces; Statistical Record Issued

Washington, Feb. 12 .- Tennessee suffered heaviest of the nine Southern States east of the Mississippi river, in casualties among her officers and men who were members of the American make a determined effort to land the Expeditionary forces during the World War, Virginia's losses were second, investigation ordered of conditions at Commission for some able rate man who North Carolina's third, and Alabama's the government hospital near Asheand Georgia's fourth and fifth respectively. A statistical summary of all casualties prepared in the office of the adjutant general of the army and just announced shows the total casualties of these Southern States to have been 37,266, including officers and men, out

The total casualties for each State follow: Tennessee, 6,190; Virginia, 6,130; North Carolina, 5,799; Alabama,
5,160; Georgia, 4,425; South Carolina, setting forth the details of the treatment 3,919; Mississippi, 2,303; Louisiana, 2,-109, and Florida, 1,171.

North Carolina's losses from officers the soldier patients received the and men killed in action were heaviest, and considerate treatment they numbering 684; Tennessee's losses from that cause were second, totalling 680 and Virginia's, third, aggregating 664. In deaths from wounds Virginia was first with 291, Tennessee second, with 250 and North Carolina third with 238. The summary of the casualties for North Carelina follows:
DECEASED. Officers. Men. Total. Killed in action. 49 646 646
Bast of wounds 16 228 288

Dies of disease Dies of accident	6	36	901 65
Buigide	-	1	2
Execution—Gen. Court M'tl. Other known causes		10	10
Causes undetermined Presumed dead	-	18	18
Total dead	63	1,547	1,610
PRISONERS. Off	leere.	Men.	Total.
Died Repatriated	7	52 52	
Total prisoners	7	63	60
WOUNDED. Off Slightly	B1	1.897	1,200
Total wounded	178	3,955	4,128
Missing in action	243	5,556	5,799

CRITICAL TIMES FOR CONFIRMED BACHELORS

Co-Operative Banking One of Today Is Friday The 13th, Tomorrow Valestine's and It's Leap Year

amongst it pregenerate Martality banking to keep money of farmers and backelors today and tomorrow is likely to be a terrible thing to think upon. Today is a Friday, it is the 13th day of was one of the wants which most of the speakers voiced today before the American farmer Labor congress. Glenn E. Plumb, anthor of the Plumb Plan for tri-partite control of railroads, discussional control of the Plumb Plan for the Plumb Plan these things so near together. Where fore it behooves bachelors to tremble in their boots, to shiver shivers, to quake inwardly, to view with alarm, to be possessed by consternations, to be bewildered, to flee for their freedom's sake But what will it avail them? Are not the fates against them? In vain may way employes and railroad shop work- they dally with fate, tempt her from ers have five factories turning out her purpose by picking up vagrant pins, ers have five factories turning out her purpose by picking up vagrant pins, products for them at less than present by blowing kisses to wandering ebonhued cats, by observing all of the sundry other rites that have been handed down from generation to generation as salutary against the workings of evil spirits. It is no use. It is Friday the thirteenth and tomorrow is Valentine's and this is

There will be Saturnalia amongst the they wanted food, Herbert F. Baker, unregenerate who have been dereliet in wooing. Those who have refused to pur-sue, will be pursued, and with all the chances of the chase against them. Un-woold women, girded about for these four years by conventious that denied them the privilege of selection, may fare forth, armed with the unusual combi-nation of Friday and thirteen, red with the spirit of the Patron of Lové, and pursue such men as their hearts desire. The fates are with them, and bachelors fall before them as grain before the sickle of the reaper.

Losp Year. It is fate, undeniable, im-

ARIZONA THIRTY-FIRST TO RATIFY, MAKES VOTE UNANIMOUS FOR SUFFRAGE

Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 12.-Ratification of the woman suffrage amend-ment to the Federal Constitution by a special session of the Ari-zo a legislature, was completed to-night when the Senate adopted the ratifying resolution following similar action by the House this afternoon. Both branches made it unani-

SOLDIERS ALLEGE CRUELTY AT OTEEN

Patients at Government Hospital In Asheville Appeal To Two Senators

The News and Observer Bureau, 603 District National Bank Bldg. By R. E. POWELL.

(By Special Leased Wire.) Washington, Feb. 12.—Charging that "cach meal is a riot and guards have struck patients with guns," soldiers in the Army general hospital at Oteen today appealed to Senators Overman and Simmons to have an immediate civilian

Joseph Bishop, a private and Sergeant Fitzgerald, sent the message to the Sena tors. The telegrams read:
"Request you to take immediate steps

to have civilian investigation of treatment accorded soldier patients at army hospital nineteen, Oteen. Each meal is a riot and guards have struck patients

Replying to the wire, Senator Simmons said:

"I suggest that if you wish investigation of alleged treatment accorded complained of. You can rely upon me to do everything practicable to see that the soldier patients received the kind serve.

Senator Overman indicated that he would report the matter to Surgeon Gen-eral Ireland but that he had some misgivings as to the accuracy of the charges preferred in the message. There are so many accusations being made for nothing but political reasons, he pointed out, that it is getting to be something of a problem to find meritin meritorious cases.

Former Congressman Asbury Lever, of South Carolina, who is now a member of the Federal Farm Loan board, will make an address before the North Carolina drainage association at Washington, N. C., on February the 25th.

Representative Small extended the invitation to Mr. Lever and will accompany him to Washington. Drainage is Mr. Small's hobby if he has one, and one of his chief activities in Congress has been in this direction. He drafted the first drainage law adopted in any Southern State, save Louisiana, and it was enacted by the General Assembly in 1909.

At the Washington meeting, dele-gates will be taken on a trip of inspec-Beaufort county, located near Bel

The War Department today assured Senator Overman that Lieutenant Maynard's recruiting itinerery would be so amended as to include Asheville in the list of cities the "flying parson is to visit. Maynard arrived here last night and was to hop off this afternoon, going to Norfolk and thence to Fav-"Trixie" is flying with

Gibsonville, in Alamance county, has been promoted from a fourth to a third class office and is now entitled to have postmasters selected by the Civil Service Commission.

STEPS TAKEN TOWARD **BRINGING BACK BODIES**

Washington, Feb. 12. Steps looking GENERAL PREDICTS WARS toward the return of America's soldiers dead from France were taken today when Secretary Baker appointed Col. Henry Bethers, head of the Graves Registration Service in Europe, and Col. Bentley Mott, military attache at Paris, as American members of the Franco-American Commission which will have charge of the work.

appointments were made in French government concluded in August, 1918, providing for the creation of the commission immediately after repatriation of all American troops in France. The agreement authorized the commission to "examine measures to be taken to insure in conformity with SUFFRAGISTS OPEN THEIR French laws and police regulations regarding hygiene" the return to America of American dead. The French members of the commission, the War Department has been advised, will be chosen soon.

Ralph Hayes, assistant to the Secretary of War, will sail for France soon to arrange for the return of bodies interred in the rear areas.

MARCONI STATES WIRELESS TELEPHONES NOW IN SIGHT

Rome, Wednesday, Feb. 11.-The newspapers today publish an article by Guglielmo Marconi, the inventor of wireless telegraphy, which says that the United States heads the list of all countries in wireless invynlions, her inventors having surpa all others in producing practical apparatus for transmission of the human voice through electric waves. "Within this year wireless tele

phones will substitute the present lumsy system with great econor sdvantage, suppressing the cost of the telephone lines and their nu-keep," said Marconi. "They will also do away with the interruptions due to atmospheric causes."

REDUCE HIGH COST OF LIVING, UNION LEADERS DEMAND

Railroad Brotherhood Spokesmen Will Stress This In Talking With Wilson

THREE REPRESENTATIVES MEET PRESIDENT TODAY

White House Officials Indicate Strongly Their Feeling That Crisis In Wage Negotiations Has Not Passed; Regardless of Outcome, General Strike Considered Out of Question

Washington, Feb. 12 .- President Wilson will be asked temorrow by spokesmen for the more than 2,000,000 railroad employes that definite assurances be given of an immediate reduction in the cost of living, leaders in the wage negotiations tonight. As an alternative the Union representatives will elaim increased wages, demands for which were not pressed at Mr. Wilson's request last Summer.

Representatives of the workers, it was intimated tonight, base their hope for higher wages largely on the increase in the cost of living since the last general wage increase in 1918. The cost of living question, while always to the fore in the negotiations which the Union men have had with Director General Hines will be employed to the full extent of the Union's power in the conference with the President it was indiented.

Immediately after the announcement from the White House that the President would see a union committee of three personally, a meeting of all unwas called and preparations were begun for possible presentation of verbal statements submitted through Director Seneral Hines. The employes will be represented by B. M. Jewell, acting president of the Railway employes department, American Federation of La-ber, E. J. Manion, president of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, and Timothy Shea, acting president of the Brotherbood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen. The confetence will be held on the south lawn of the

be held on the south lawn of the White House where Mr. Wilson spends a portion of his mornings. White House officialse tonight indicated strongly their feelings that the crisis had not passed even though the negot" iations thus far have been harmonious. Developments have come so rapidly in the last 48 hours that further changesand any one of several which might prove serious-would not be surprising. There was no intimation as to what these turns in the situation might be. but the gravity of the situation was em-

Counter to this, however, was the tion over several drainage districts in suggestion offered in many quarters that regardless of the outcome, rumors of a general strike of all railworkers not to be regarded seriously at this time.

THEY WILL CONSIDER ANY "FAIR PROPOSITION"

Detroit, Feb. 12 .- Any "fair proposition" put forward by President Wilsonin the railway wage controversy will reficers of the Brotherhood of Maintenance and Way and Railway Shop Laborers, it was announced at headquarters here tonight. The statement was also attributed to President Allen E. Barker, that a more conciliatory attitude would be adopted with President Wilson if the President re-opened negotiations with the Maintenance of Way men, who have been ordered on strike next Tuesday. .

BE CONTINUED INDEFINITELY.

Newport News, Va., Feb. 12 .- "As long as men and loys fight among themselves, there will be wars between nations regardless of the League of Nations or the League of Notions," as-serted Brig.-Gen. Adelbert Cronkhite, communding officer at Fort Monroe, in cordance with an agreement with the an address here tonight. General Cronkhite's address was at a "Pather and Son's" banquet and was in connection with his remarks urging fathers to so rear their sons from a physical standpoint that in future wars there would be no needless sacrifice of lives.

> LAST GREAT CONSOLATION. Chicago, Ill, Feb. 12.—Suffragiats of the United States, with victory in their fifty year fight in sight, opened their last great National convention here to-

Two thousand delegates were present when the preliminary sessions were called, and more are arriving on every train. The formal opening will take place tomorrow when Mrs. Chapman Catt, National president, delivers her

annual address.

Tornado In Georgia. Camilla, Ga., Feb. 12.—Several houses were demolished by a tornado near here today and one person, a 10-year-old negro girl, was known to have been killed, while several members of the killed, while several members of her family were lajured. Unconfirmed reports here tonight were that several other persons had been killed in the northeastern part of Mitchell county.

Maynard Leaves on Trip.
Mincola, N. V., Feb. II.—Lieutement
Belvin W. Maynard, the "flying parson,"
tert Hazelhurst Field at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon on the first leg of his flight of 2,000 miles through southern and nonthweatern states in the interest wi