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# OF ECONOMY PLANS

The Administration Are Failing To Function

SECRETARY MELLON TO **ASK FOR MORE MONEY** 

Admission of Economy Camouflage Made By Washington Post Writer, Who Has Access To The "Inside Dope" Senator Simmons Talks On Cotton Situation In South

> The News and Observer Bureau, By EDWARD E. BRITTON (By Special Leased Wire)

Washington, Oct. 14 .- "Faces huge morning in its article, which sets out bers. that Secretary of the Trensury Mellon ing administration, gives the Republican admission that bears out the state- over parliamentary procedure. ment made in this correspondence under date of October 10 that the famous "Hell and Maria" Dawes economy stunts the

Economy Plan Fails. being credited with "saving" the gov anche of "noes." ernment \$300,000,000, but just here Seven Southern States, which Mr. there comes along Secretary Mellon Tinkham charged had disfranchised departments that were pared down are lation during the last decade. shouting "deficiencies" and saying that they must have more. But let George Rothwell Brown, special and trusted that the House has blocked efforts to tary was announced at the beginning

to submit to Congress estimates for der the 1920 census without increasing will devote all of his time to all duties emergency deficiency appropriations, the number of members was passed by as secretary of the North Carolina aggregating in tentative form at this the House, but no action was taken on Traffic Association. The board of di time approximately \$370,000,000. Con- it by the Senate. gress, which must face an unwelcome contemplated will necessitate a final revision of the pending taxation bill be pending taxation below the pending taxation bill be pending taxation believed to be pending frensury experts after it has gone to conference and before it is passed in ocratic member of the comm'ttee, pleadpermanent form."

Disagreeable "Surprise." That "surprise" was sprung yester- sissippi, directed the attack against day when Secretary Mellon conferred it. Party lines were disregarded in the with Republican Senate leaders at the final vote. Capitol and told them of the huge deficiencies that must be met. The remedy than even the present criticism time of deficiency estimates aggregating a sum largely in excess of the total their remarks. cost of the Panama Canal cannot fail to have a disconcerting effect. Congress MUST MOVE CONVICTS as a whole is not prepared for the receipt of these disconterning requests for additional funds to meet the extraordinary expenses of the government." And that conditions, instead of being expected to improve in this respect, are regarded as forecasting even large demands for money in 1922, and therefore for increased taxation, Rend again from the Washington Post in this respect:

Further Deficiencies "That still further deficiencies will arise, perhaps this year-certainly next year-is believed by most of those students of finance at the Capitol who are trying to keep the stern facts of the case in mind without being selfdeceived by those political mirages which seem to beckon so many statesmen on to delusive cases of lower taxes

and reduced expenditures on a large "Now and then there arises disquiet ing indications of increasing deficits next year, if plans are laid now for total revenue needs of less than \$4,-000,000,000, or even \$4,500,000,000. These deficits may prove more em barrassing when they come than would be the present contemplating of in-

exorable facts." Breaking It Gently These excerpts from the Washington Post article are written by a man who has access to the inside facts. Evidently they are written with the view of breaking the news gently to the country that the people have been fed up on a lot of bunk by the Republicans as to lower taxes and economy in government. It is a confession of fail ure from the inside that cannot fail to have a disquieting effect upon the country wheih is now learning that it has been chasing a Will O' the Wisp in the pledges of the Republican party and is waking up with that bad headache of the morning after.

Cotton Situation erence to the cotton situation in the it to be his opinion that the \$225,000 South, Senator Simmons today said that worth of bonds recently voted in Lexeo far as last year's cotton crop was ington township, Davidson county, are toncerned the farmers were unable to not valid. protect themselves against the disasand their inability per obtain. It is now apparent that schools already in existence in each not more than one half of a normal school district. crop will be produced this year and this added to the spinnable carry over, year's normal crop and the total will because of the fact that each school

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## HOUSE OPPOSED TO MEASURE CREATING

Famous Economy Stunts of Records Opposition To Siegel Bill By Recommitting It To Committee

> NINE HOURS SPENT IN DEBATE AND WRANGLING

> Amendments To Reapportion Membership Without Increase and To Decrease Total To 425 Are Rejected; Tinkham Brings Up Negro Disfranchisement Question

Washington, Oct. 14 .- The House re 608 District National Bank Bldg corded its opposition tonight to any increase in its membership, recommitting to the ceasus committee, by a vote of 146 to 142, the Siegel bill to deficits," says the Washington Post this increase its size from 435 to 460 mem

The vote was taken on a motion to is at once to sak Congress for a deficiency appropriation of \$370,000,000.

This from the mouthpiece of the Hard ber of the Census committee, after Rocky Mount Man Elected Sec-President of State Fair and Eight Projects For \$568,000 STATE W.C. T.U. nine hours of debate and wrangling

Reject Amendments. Previous to recommitting the bill "Hell and Maria" Dawes economy stunts the House rejected, 140 to 146 an amendment by Representative Barbour, been severely joited, and that there Republican, Cal, to authorize reapport would soon be a 'holler' for more tionment with out any increase in memmoney from the Republican administra- bership. Another amendment offered by Representative Tinkham, Republican, Mass, to decrease the membership Director of the Budget Dawes is to 425 was smothered under an avail

with a call for \$370,000,000 more, which negroes, woulde have lost 33 seats and makes it appear that the Dawes busi Massachusetts one under his amend been mentioned in connection with the ness has put the government in the ment, while a gain of 24 sents would hole \$70,000,000. The apparent "saving" have been split among a dozen States afternoon to permit his matter to be of \$300,000,000 was on paper, for the which made considerable gains in popu-

Block Increase Plan. writer on the Washington Post give in increase its size. During the last sest of the reorganization campaign, which his testimony. Here is some of it from son a bill to fix the membership at increased the membership of the chamthat paper this morning:

483 was defeated. At that time another ber to approximately 800. It was another ber to approximately 800. "The Treasury Department is about bill providing for reapportionment un- nounced last night that Mr. Beaman

No Party Lines, resentative Larsen, of Georgia, a Dem ed for the measure while epresentatives

Announcement by Representative proposed is not to cut expenses, but to though he had opposed an increase in at Raleigh. nerease taxes, to make a revenue bill the size of the House, at the last sesthat will reach deeper into the pockets sion, he favored the Siegel bill brought from several Republicans Mr. Brown that "the submittal at this Cooper, of Wisconsin, and Beedy, of last night. Maine, being particularly emphatic in

### OUTSIDE OF ASHEVILLE

Adoption of Ordinance By Commissioners Initial Victory For Barrett

Asheville, Oct. 14 .- An ordinance prohibiting the keeping of convicts within the corporate limits of the city of Asheville was adopted on its final reading as an emergency measure by the City Commissioners this morning.

This ordinance is the direct resuit of a protest lodged by citizens of West Asheville against the maintenance of a stockade housing 41 State convicts by the Asheville construction company, and marks the opening of James F. Barrett's campaign against the use of convict labor on other than public works. He scored beavily in the Asheville attack and aserts organized labor will force the question as an issue in the next State primary and election.

As a result of the passage of the ordinance and adoption of a resolution giving the Asheville construction company six days in which to move the convicts outside the city limits, officials of the company stated today that arrangements would be made at once for the removal of the stockade and eamp. The convicts are worked in a rock quarry from which many contractors in Asheville procure

#### WEBB HOLDS DAVIDSON BOND ISSUE INVALID

Greensboro, Oct. 14 .- After an argument heard last night Judge James L Webb, presiding over the civil term of Speaking in a casual way with ref- Superior court in this county, declared

The question discussed is a rather infrous slump in prices both because of teresting one to those interested in the crop produced plus the carry-over education all over the State. Several to obtain money school districts in and around the town with which to withhold a sufficient of Lexington decided to consolidate quantity from the market. This situated and erect a high school building in the tion logically forced them to sell their town of Lexington and voted bonds products at whatever price was offered. to erect the building. However, they These conditions the Schator no lon were to maintain the grammar grade

Judge Webb holds that the election held was not a regular one and that though large, will not equal a one the bonds can not be offered for sale be below the world's demand, a condi- C'strict is maintaining its own grammar grade school and the tax for the / high school is an additional one

U. S. DISARMAMENT DELEGATES HOLD FIRST CONFERENCE RAILWAY HEADS TO



The first meeting of the American delegation to the coming Armament Limitation Confegence was held in Wash The session lasted four hours. The photo shows the American delegation leaving the conference hall. Left to right-Elihu Root. Senator Oscar Underwood, of Alabama; Secretary of State Hughes, Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts, and Basil Miles, secretary to the delegation.

## SUCCEED BEAMAN

retary of Raleigh Chamber of Commerce

Norman V. Chambliss, of Rocky Mount, was unanimously elected secretary of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce at a meeting of the board of directors last night. Mr. Chambias has occupied a similar position in the railroad town for the last three years.

The name of Mr. Chambliss was the only one presented to the directors last position, having declined yesterday placed in nomination.

The secretary elect has been urged It was the second time within a year of M. R. Beaman, the retiring seegerectors appointed a committee consist ing of Josephus Daniels, J. W. Bailey

Has Remarkable Success. President Caviness and directors of the chamber stated inst night that Fairfield and Rankin. Democrats, Mis- thorough investigation of Mr. Chamsissippi, directed the attack against bliss' record had shown that the new secretary has not only had remarkable success in chamber of commerce work, but that he possesses in a great degree Mondell, the Republican leader, that at the peculiar qualities that are needed

"I have known Mr. Chambliss for years and he is a live wife, with truly op magnetic personality, word V St Cloud proposed bill. It is the statement of posed to the measure, Representatives vice president of the Raleigh chamter,

During his three years' incumbency at Rocky Mount, Mr. Chambles has built the chamber of that town to a membership of 6-9 active members. Up until three years ago, Mr. Chambliss. the is less than 30 years of age, was private secretary to W. H. Newell, Gen eral Superintendent of the Atlantic Rocky Mount. The new secretary is a native of Emporia, Va. During the past summer, Mr. Chambliss has also cted as business manager of the Ricky Mount Busecall Club, and as a result the recent squabble in the Virginia League was sent to Chicago to lay the case of the Rocky Mount and Wilson' inbs before Judge Kennesaw M. Landis. The Rocky Mount man made such a tavorable impression upon the supreme arbiter of the baseball world that the ase has been reopened and the North arolina cities stand a good chance of

having their lost pennants restored. Speaks For Celebration. Mrs. Josephus Daniels last night appeared before the directors of the chain ber in behalf of the Armistice Day elebration, which is to be held by the Woman's Auxiliary of the American egion, backed by other civic bodies The directors raised \$100 among themselves and pledged the membership of he chamber for an additional \$100

A. M. MacMillan, field secretary of the American City Bureau, which conincted the reorganization of the Raieigh chamber, presented his final re-port last night. A budget presented by Mr. MacMillan was adopted, with modifications, but action upon a proposed program of work was deferred until nother meeting.

The directors fixed the second and ourth Mondays in each month as the limes for their regular luncheon meet-

#### PEACE CONFERENCE TO BE RESUMED ON MONDAY

London, Oct. 14 .- (By the Associated ress.) - The adjournament today of the rish conference until next Monday afernoon has no political significance, it as understood tonight. The postponement of the sittings of the conference which aims at a solution of the Irish question, was attributed by the Sinn Fein delegates to the "Englishmen's pas on for week-ending."

Some of the Irish delegates are tak ng advantage of the interval to visit reland in order to deal with what was escribed by the Sinn Pein publicity de partment as important departmental business. They will return Sunday night in ample time to attend the resumed see

Considerable currenucy was given here today to a sensational report of the ordering of uniforms for the Irish Republican army and the formation of a company to come to London to escort the Dail delegation back to Ireland upon the conclusion of peace.

## MRS. VANDERBILT ARRIVES FOR FAIR

Party Take Up Residence at Yarborough

The arrival of Mrs. George W. Vanderbilt, president of the State Pair, from her home in Biltmore early this morning adds the final touch to the preparations for the opening of North Carolina's agricultural and industrial exposition Tuesday. Mrs. Vanderbilt, with her daughter,

Miss Cornelia Vanderbilt, are at the Yarborough Hotel where the Vanderbuit irty will stop during the Fair. Acompanying Mrs. Vanderbilt to Raleigh re Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Raoul, Mr. and Mrs. Cobourne, and Judge Junius Adams.

The decoration of stores, windows, for the position since the resignation and streets got under way yesterday and by the opening day, Raleigh's principal streets will be fluttering welcome from many a strip of gay bunting.

#### RESUME HEARING ON KU KLUX KLAN MONDAY

Washington, Oct. 14 .- Because of the lness of Win, J. Simmons, Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, the House rules committee hearing on resolutions calling for a Congressional investiga-Monday.

A Washington physician, called in

last night to attend the Wizard at a hotel after his collapse at the hearing yesterday, reported that he was in bed uffering from an acute attack of cronchitis, exhaustion and an affection of the throat, but that he would be in hape to undergo examination by committeemen the first of the week.

There was no indication as to whether the committee would summen other oses before making a report to the House. The suggestion that Edward Young Clarke, Imperial Kleagle and head of the Klan's propagating departresistant, be called to testify has not been discussed by the committee, it

#### BODY OF DURHAM BOY HAS NOT BEEN FOUND

Durham, Oct. I'. No trace of the body Last Line Bairroad, with offices in of William Robbins, Durham boy, who klost 800 Bridges to Roanoke Iron and as well as the large delegation from an arrive of Francis Vs. Durham to C. W. Lacy, Wilmington, for by the people of surrounding counties, as well as the large delegation from all parts of the state. rande River at Del Rio, Texas, has anounced by special telegrams to Dur | for \$75,800, m today. ude for miles down the river along oth banks, but in view of the trerous nature of the current and the nassed tangle of riverside growth along me sections of the river, some doub expressed that the body ever will be 15.5 miles gravel road, pending. Bids

TOMORROW'S

NEWS AND OBSERVER Dr. W. S. Rankin, State Health Officer, contribute a paper on the relation of poverty to disease, continuing the discussion of the problem of the tenant farmer.

State Fair Edit'on, giving full information of the myriad things scheduled for next week. Frank H. Simonds In a sensational

article says that the policy of the United States in connection with Pacific problems threatens war with Japan. Unless we abandon all our purposes both as to China and as to the Pacific he thinks that war will come in five years.

The full text of the address of President H. W. Chase of the University at the anniversary celebration last Wednesday appears in tomorrow's paper. Dr. Chase said North Carolina was leading the South in its provision for higher education and claimed that the investment in higher education is a

W. T. Ellis' matchless Sunday exposition of the Sunday school lesson is always a feature of the News and Observer's Sunday Religious Page and tomorrow there will be on the page interesting advance accounts of the meeting of the North Carolina Synod of the Presbyterian church and the Western North Carolina Methodist Confer-

There will be the usual humorous features including the weekly fable on modern foibles by George Ade, James J. Montague's Sunday article and four of the funniest of the comic pages.

In addition to the full Associated Press dispatches, leased wire service, a State News service that covers he State, the best sport page in the State, and all the happenings in the State Capital.

## CONTRACTS LET

Touch New Low Costs For Roads

The "unbottling" of the Port of Wil nington, long almost inaccessible for will be the material result of contracts let yesterday by State Highway Commissioner Frank Page on bids opened in Wilmington last Monday. Eight construction projects are involved, and an expenditure of \$568,000 .

Bridging six miles of swamp between Wilmington and Clinton, in Pender county, removing the last link of impassable roads, and the building of 13 miles of gravel road between Whiteville and Lake Waccamaw on the Wilmington Charlotte Asheville highway are the Irincipal projects included in the batch of jobs let. Both provide for the elimi nation of pieces of road that have been the terror of motorists for years.

One hundred and ten contractors of fered bids on the eight projects adver-tised for the Third District and in the opinion of Commissioner Page, had an important bearing on the extremely low figures at which the work was let. The totals fall about 20 per cent under the ion of the order went over today until previous cost of construction of the type

called for in the contracts. Winnaying out the low bidders from among the 110 who offered to build the roads and bridges let yesterday required the work of tabulation was completed since Monday. Mr. Page brought all the bids to Raleigh with him Monday, and the wor of tabulation was completed yesterday. Many of the contractors came on to Haleigh to watch the prog-

ress of their bids. Two bridges among the projects form important links on the Wilmington Ra-leigh road. One of them is over the Little River between Cumberland and linms. Tucsday night local talent will ized a strike over an old wage cut. Harnett counties, on the LaFayette render a pantomime, "World Wide R. S. Walker, of the Association ment, and Mrs. Elizabeth Tyler, his Highway, and the other over Black river Joy," followed by an address by Hon. latter ent to the Boanoke Iron and hibition director. Bridge Co. for \$25,000 and the former The day session

> Other projects were as follows: Role son county.-Three miles hard urface out of Lumberton toward Max

Robeson Columbus Series of concrete en found by authorities there, it was bridges, to L. A. Chitwood, Columbia, BAND OF THIEVES AT

Columbus.-Between Whiteville and lake Waccamaw, 11.25 miles grave road, to J. A Kreis, Knoxville, for \$45, ice. Bridges to Cornell and Young for 954,300.

Pender. - Burgaw Jacksonville road. approximate \$65,000.

Pender. Boad and bridges over swamp on Clinton Road. Road to Kershaw 'onstruction Co., at \$30,500; bridges to fornell and Young for \$55,600.

Bladen, - Clarkton Lumberton road 13 miles gravel, to J F. Mulligan, for Bridges to Powell and Powell for \$31,300.

#### B. FRANK MEBANE HURT BY EXPLOSION OF GUN

Danville, Va., Oct. 14 .- E. Frank Spray, N. C., is at Edmunds hospital. Mebane, a well known resident of where he was brought yesterday even PROSECUTION WINS IN ing suffering from a badly wounded arm, th injury being austained when a double barreled shotgun be was using exploded. Mr. Mebane's condition was pronounced today as being satisfactory and it was stated that the full use of the arm would probably be not perma nently impaired.

Mr. Mebane was shooting squirrels with his chauffeur at the time. When husband, Edwar, F. Meyer. he fired the gun the left barrel exploded, embedding in the left arm between the wrist and the elbow pieces of steel and 47 shot, these being revealed by an X-ray plate. Mr. Me. hane bled freely, but the wound was

## TO EXTEND INVITATION

ed their paster, Rev. Z. E. Barnhardt, nected with Meyer's death. and H. G. Chatham, one of the dele gates from Winston-Salem district, to extend an invitation to the Western North Carolina Conference, which convenes in H gh Point next Wednesday, Church this city.

Rev. J. F. McCusiston has accepted church in this city.

## SEEK FURTHER CUT IN WAGES AT ONCE

PRISONER CHARGED WITH MURDER SLASHES THROAT

IN JAIL AT GOLDSBORO Goldsboro, Oct. 14.-Larry Ay-cock, a Johnston county white man, who is being held in the Wayne county jail here charged with the murder of W. M. Pearson, white, also of Johnston county, by splitting open his head with amaze, today obtained a rasor from a fellow prisoner and made several deep and long gashes in his own throat.

The prisoner is now under the care of Doctor Hickman Ray, county health officer, and Dr. Williams Spicer, who consider his condition

This is the second attempt Aycock had made to commit suicide, and Sheriff Grant of Wayne county. has questioned Sheriff Massey, of Johnston county, to make application for Aycock's admittance to the criminal department of the State Hospital.

## OPEN CONVENTION

motor traffic from the rest of the State Annual Sessions Begin Tonight at Bethel; Kohloss Will Deliver Address

> Bethel, Oct. 14 .- The local organization of the W. C. T. U., has completed arrangements for the entertainment of the largest number of delegates that has ever attended a state convention in anticipation of the opening of the annual sessions tomorrow night. Mrs. B. R. Whitehurst is president of the local

organization and Miss Christine Bunting is chairman of the entertainment committee, and both have been untiring in their efforts to prepare for the coming of the state convention. The ses sions will be held in the Methodist Episcopal Church here.

The initial meeting Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock will be featured by welcome exercises. Short addresses for "Welcome Night" will be delivered by Mayor S. M. Jones, the Rev. W. E. Trotman, and Prof. S. J. Husketh and the response will be made by Mrs. D. H. Dixes, of Geldsboro. An informal reception will follow the speaking.

Sunday morning and night Mrs. Deborah Knox Livingston will address provide special music for the two services. Monday evening the children will render the play, "The Eighteenth Amendment Forever," which will be followed by addresses by the state president, Mrs. T. A. Goodno, and the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Annie Wilbetween Sampson and Cumberland, The Robert Kohloss, of Salisbury state pro-

The day sessions Monday and Tuesto Porter and Boyd, Charlotte, for day will be given over to general business of the union and addresses of prominent members from different acc tions of the state. It is expected that these meetings will be largely attended

## WORK AT TWIN CITY

Winston Salem, Oct. 14.-A series of old robberies in this city and section during the past week convinces the off cers that there is a band of thieves operating. Thousands of dollars worth of goods and money are missing, according to information brought to city and county officers. Clothing amount ing to two thousand dollars was taken from the store of A. Horwitz, Wednesday night. The door of the store was attered to pieces with a pick or some blant instrument.

Henry Hicks, colored, was given' term of twenty years in the State Penitentiary by Judge Long in Superior Court today after defendant had plead guilty to charge of burginry in selegree for entering the home of John Riding at a late hour at night and stealing each and other valuables.

### SOUTHARD MURDER CASE

Twin Falls, Idaho, Oct. 14.-Following the court's roling today admitting is evidence testimony as to the deaths of three previous husbands and brother inlaw, it was indicated that the prosecution would consume another weak in I about five miles from his home, being charged with the murder of her fourth this case of Lyda Mover Southard,

The decision lets down the bars to the introduction of virtually as much evidence in the case of each four deaths s was adduced with respect to the Meyer demise.

Lawyers for the prosecution signal tied up and the flow of blood stopped. ized their victory with a complete his tory of the final illness of Harlan C. Lewis, who was married to the defea-TO WESTERN CONFERENCE dant at Billings, Mont., March 10, 1919. and who died at Billings on July 6 of Winston Salem, Oct. 14.—Officials of the same year under circumstances Cententary M. E. church have instruct similar, the state alleges, to these con-

To Sell Railroad.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Oct. 14 - The Tennessee, Alabama, and Georg a Rail road vill be sold at public suction on to holds its 1922 session at Cententary the steps of the court house here at neon temerrow morning. The original date of sale was August

call to the pastorate of Friedberg 15, but due to requests of the Russell a call to the pastorate of Friedberg 15, but due to requests of the Russell the Order of Railway Conductors; W. Moravian church to succeed Rev. H. B. Sage estate, the sale was delayed until C. Carter, president of the Brother-Johnson, who recently resigned, having September 15 at which time a further accepted a call to the Fries Men orial postponement was made until October

Brotherhood Chiefs and Executives Go Into Secret Confer ence In An Effort To Settle Differences

RAILROAD LABOR BOARD ANNOUNCES PIECE WORK RATE AGAIN IN EFFECT

Railroad Operators, In Long Statement, Declare They Cannnot Reduce Freight Rates at Present Without Going Into Bankruptcy; New Reduction To Be Requested Would Bring Wages Down 10 Per Cent More; Conference Between Rail Heads and Union Chiefs Result of Invitation of Latter; Rumors Run Wild In Windy City; Pro. posals To Cut Rates For Test Purposes Meet Opposition: Union Leaders Dubious As To Conference

Chicago, Oct. 14 .- (By the Associated Press).-Representatives of the nation's railroads today, after announcing that they cannot reduce freight rates at present without going into bankruptey and that they would immediately seek a further reduction in the employes' wages from the United States Bailroad labor Board, went into a secret conference with union leaders in an effort to reach an amicable settlement of wage difficulties, which at times have threatened to tie up the transportation

system of the country.

Refuse Requests "At the conference union leaders asked reconsideration of their request of last July that a 12 1.2 per cent wage reduction granted by the labor board be not put into effect immediately; that no further wage reductions be sought at present and that no change be made in the overtime pay rates. This request was refused and the rail heads presented their statement anouncing the proposal to seek new reductions and not to reduce rates until further reductions

were granted. The labor leaders left the conference immediately and few of them would discuss its proceedings or predict the

Unsatisfactory Ending "I am no prophet," said Warren S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of the convention. The local union will Locomotipe Engineers. "What will happen is more than I can say." W. G. Lee, president of the Brother-hood of Railroad Trainmen, refused to discuss the situation after the meeting. but previous to it had said that "the

roads must be crazy to seek a new reduction when the men have just author-R. S. Walker, of the Association of Railway Executives, said that the transportation system was facing one of its greatest crises, but also refused to make

predictions. Union leaders freely admitted, howver, that there had been little harmony between the committees in the confer-

ence. Decide On Strike Today. Later tonighti Mr. Lee said that the district chairman of the unions would receive their final instructions temor-

row as to whether there would be a strke. Asked point plank if a strike would be ordered, he said: "I will not say definitely, but were I a betting man I would place my money

that there will be a strike. "Regardless of what action is taken, the final decision is only a matter of the rising and setting of a few suns. The district chairman will receive their final orders tomorrow and then will go home. My chairmen aiready have been ment home and will receive therr orders by mail."

Asked concerning the reports that a strike effective October 30 had been

dec ded upon, Mr. Lee replied:
"I won't answer that definitely, but if some one has told you that they have hi. a lot of nails on the head-perhaps they are not exactly right, but they are driving close.

The executives announced, however that the proposal to pass future wago reductions on to the public by applying to the Interstate Commerce Commission for a reduction in freight and pas senger rates had been accepted and that all future wage reductions would be met by a corresponding rate reduc-

The conference was begun at the sug-gestion of the union leaders, their invitation for a meeting being accepted by the rail heads following the announcement concerning freight rates. As the meeting started, the sommittee appointed by the Association of Rail-

difficulties between the carriers and their employes.

The union leaders were backward about discussing the meeting although some indicated its purpose might be almost nullified by the announcement that a further wage reduction would

way Executives declared they believed it would settle most of the immediate

be sought. Another Cut Nervy

W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen said that "since the union men already had authorized their leaders to call a strike rather than accept the recent 12 1-3 per cenk wage cut, I do not see how the roads can have the nerve to suggest another cut."

The labor committee was composed of Mr. Lee, Warren S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; L. E. Sheppard, president of hood of Locomotive Firemen and En-

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