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CAROLINA DAY AT STATE FAIR WILL **BRING THOUSANDS**

Foday, The Big Day of State Breaker

PRESIDENT RECEIVES GIFTS OF EXHIBITORS

Fearless Greggs Furnish Thrill Not Contracted For When Crowds Yesterday Equal Record-Breakers of Last morning at 10:30. Year; Fertilizer Exhibits

Today is the day when all good Tar Heels come to Raleigh and the State flair. Officially the day is North Carolina Day, and the management of the Tair is prepared to recieve just as many of folks that may feel impelled to come hither for the annual fest day.

Thousands came yesterday, just how many had not been counted last night, but a vast number, as many, or more than were here on the second day of the fair last year. Even with more grounds had the appearance of being as full as they were any day of last year's fair. Secretary Pogue thought he records were being broken.

History was engaged generally in the wocess of repeating itself. The crowds graped at the free attractions, were m-flammed by the midway fakirs, had fashion, had their corn's tromped upon, saw the same midway shows. It is the

Today Big Day

Today will be as other peak days of the fair have been, only perhaps more se. The weather prophets promise continued aridity, and dust will fly in ing that the ordinary channels of apthe usual clouds. The exhibit halls proach had been closed to him since will be so filled with, folks that they his first public utterance two days age will likely have to stay until tomorrow if they must see everything that is on display. Tomorrow will be just as good a day as today for seeing the fair, but if it is people you want to see, teday is the day.

Mrs. George W. Vanderblit, presi

dent of the Fair, and who is slated to succeed herself, and break again the bonds of tradition, continued her personal inspection of every exhibit at the fair, Extensive as her estates in Buncombe county, she may have to buy more land upon which to store the gifts that are being showered upon her. Everywhere she stopped to admire an exhibit, it immediately became hers with the enthusiastic good wishes of the exhibitor. Cakes that have been the marvel of the fair were bestowed upon her, and a wide variety of other things.

Mrs. Vanderbilt Popular

As president of the Fair, Mrs. Vanderbilt has worked her way into the hearts of everybody as no other presithe fair grounds each morning is watched for with eager interest, and ever she goes. Everybody knows her. and hundreds have made her acquainthe grounds, and the lowliest has no hesitancy in speaking to her.

The fearless Greggs furnished more thrills than their contract called for yesterday. Something went wrong, somebody miscalculated by a fraction of a second, and there was a collision in midair as one automobile shot under the other as the second did a loop in One of the brothers was koncked unconscious for a few minutes. He was not seriously injured, and the damage to the car was only slight.. hours later.

Gregg Brothers Wreck According to their explanation of the made of the rise in temperature. Heat has no little to do with the air resistance to the movement of the two cars. and their movement must be gauged to the fraction of a second. It is all calculated with the seme of mathematical precision, just the precise moment the econd car must be set in motion in order for it to pass under the second while it is in the air. It went wrong,

and the smash came. The accident was witnessed by sever al hundred people, but by no means the crowd that would have seen it, had the stunt been pulled at the time scheduled on the program. It happened at noon, and the crowd, expecting the free atratetions to begin at one o'clock, had not moved much toward that section of the grounds. The other free attractions were pulled off on schedule time, and without damage to the actors or undue excitement to spectators.

Soil Fertility Stressed Possums in their native element-r persimmen tree laden with yellow fruit as yet untouched by frost, an Indian Wigwam covered with spastal region moss and its accompanying native Indian maiden serve to cal lattention to one o fthe striking fertility exhibits at the fair. This is the booth occupied by the Seminole Phosphate Company The exhibit pictures in faithful detail a North Carolina harvest showing excollent stalks and ears of corn, leaves of tobacho, sweet and Irish potatoes, well developed stalks of cotton laden with the snowy lint and peanuts. Samples of the fertilizer mixtures made by

this company complete the extinit. The American Agricultural Chemical Company have their exhibit down among the farm products displays. Several enlargements showing the results of the proper (use of fertilizers with some of the leading crops of the State is the main feature of this ex-

Harris Must Die In Chair Today; **Governor Refuses To Interfere**

Telegrams Pour In Upon Him From All Parts of State; Foreman And Other Members of Jury Who Tried Harris Recommend Commutation; Dr., Hall, Noted Alienist, Offers Similar Recommendation; Judge Carter Presents New Evidence; Governor Declines To Discuss Matter

audience to those who would have conferred with him and with a great stack of telegrams, letters and petitions urging commutation unread, Governor Cameron Morrison yesterday afternoon issued a statement declining to inter-They Orash In Midair; that decreed the death of J. T. Harris, Ridgecrest merchant, in the electric chair of the State Prison this

Word from Rev. O. B. Mitchell, Baptist minister of Cameron, who has been his spiritual advisor, last night was that Harris, slayer of F. W. Monnish, wealthy citizen of Alabama, in September, 1920, is ready to die.

Jurors Ask Commutation But while the Governor has declared emphatically that his determination is people as will come-fifty thousand, a emphatically that his determination is hundred thousand, or whatever number fixed, attorneys and friends of Harris last night were making supreme efforts Judge Carter, "it throws an entirely in his behalf. In the Governor's file new light on this case and utterly falsiof telegrams is one from the foreman of the jury which convicted Harris the killing—the only theory which the asking for commutation, while teles jury could honestly and intelligently grams from two more jurors asking for commutation went to him last last night.

These telegrams, in spite of the Governor's declaration that he had read none of them, gave to the friends of the condemned man last night some hope. They expected him to read them last

night. 'I was foreman of the jury that conthe year before and the year before, etc. They did the same things they be met by communities the same things they did last year, marveled at the exhibits, life imprisonment and I would request that you so do. New matte has developed which if the jury had known, their fortunes told in the same amazing the verdict might have been different. The two other jurors were Parker

and Mullinax. Letter From Carter Coupled with this was the statement presented to the Governor yesterday n an open letter from Judge Frank Carter in which Judge Carter, explain-

Unimpressed by a last minute appresented some new evidence which peal from son and daughter, denying he maintained warranted at least a stay of execution until investigation

might be had. Judge Carter had information that on the day before the tragedy, Miss Bessie Harris, daughter of the condemned man, had written a letter to Monnish warning him that her father would kill him on account of his attentions to her Mother. Miss Harris questioned by Judge Carter yesterday, upon her arrival here, denied this but admitted that her mother, on the night before the tragedy, asked Rev. Livingston T. Mays, principal prosecuting witness in the case, to warn Monnish that he was in danger because of her husband's be lief that there was criminal intimacy between her and Monnish. Mays de

"If this statement is true, and I am positively certain that it is," declared fies the State's theory of the motive of have reached the verdict which they rendered.

More than one caller on the Governor resterday in the interest of the Harris commutation was disappointed. No one was more deeply offended, however, than Dr. Charles E. Maddry, correspond-ing secretary, Baptist State Convention.

Dr. Maddry, returning from Chapel Hill, where he has been holding a revival, called on the Governor in his individual capacity as a citizen of the State to ask for commutation. "I have never been treated so dis-

courteously, said Dr. Maddry after the interview. Apparently, the Baptist secretary

never had a chance to make his state ment. Governor Morrison interrupted repeatedly with the declaration that he had been lied about and hounded by people in the matter, that his mind was made up, and that he didn't want to talk to anybody else about i .. 'He appeared to be very angry," said

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ANNUAL MEETING

Unusually Large Attendance of Ministers and Laymen When Conference Convenes

By T. A. SYKES

High Point, Oct. 19 .- The first day's ession of the Western North Caroina conference which began its 32nd annual meeting in Wesley Memorial church, this city, at 9 o'clock this morning was featured with addresses by Todd, D. of the board of finance of the Southern Methodist church, and Dr. H. N. Snyder, president of Wofford College, Spartan-

These gentlemen represented the cause of the superannuate fund that day morning. there is a stir among exhibitors where is being raised for the benefit of worn out preachers of the church, and Chriseducation respectively. eral times as they told of the great previous evening's session were

Save Home of Preacher Another matter that called for the

fine collection for Rev. M. T. Stecle, one of the honored superannuate members of the conference, was a letter read by the secretary from the mayor of St. Petersburg, Fla., which out of several hundred dollars and was about to lose his home in consequence quickly raised the amount necessary to ave the home of the preacher.

vening of the conference Wealey Me morial church the seat of conference, was filled with this great body of religous workers, and Bishop Darlington announced the opening hymn, "And Are We Yet Alive and See Each Other's Face." This old hymn, which has been sung at the opening of conference sessions, for more than a hundred years, was never sung with greater fervor than it was this morning. Bishop Darlington himself conducted the opening religious services and his address emphasized the love of Christ.

Secretary Calls Roll. When the bishop had finished his address and the conference had sung, Jesus, Name High Over All, Rev. W. A Sherrill, who has been the efficient secretary of the conference, for more than aquarter of a century, was asked to call the roll of the conference. An unusually large number of the preachers and W. L. Sherrill was elected sec-

his assistants, Revs. C. M. Pickens. lyler, secretary to the cabinet and needed and will be added as soon as tin stated, and added: tees and they were elected as follows: Standing Committees Naued.

Spiritual state of the church, P. L. E. Wagg, J. E. Stanbury, Ira Irvin, A. H. Sides, A. L. Stanford, Harry Falls, W. Ingle, J. L. Nelson, R. F. Mock, W. Walker, A. C. Stafford and J. P.

Sabbath Observance, J. A. Bowies, J. dents enrolled with seven full profes-G. E. Gardner, L. P. Bogle, W. R. Ware, besides street preaching and 23 are vol. Miss Della Perkins, A. B. Surratt, T. unteers for the foreign fields, Schauffler ward, but the soil has become too dry

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NEXT STATE SYNOD

Reports of Presbyterian Educational Institutions Show Thriving Growth

Tarboro, Oct. 19.-Lincolnton was unanimously selected as the place for the next meeting of the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina at the afternoon session of the Synod, which is in session at Howard Memorial Presbyterian church. The sessions today were educational institutions of the church and tonight's session was devoted to the home mission work of the church. The Synod, which convened here last night, will be in session through Fri-

The morning session of the Synod opened with devotional exercises by These Rev. W. B. McIlwaine, of Charlotte. tance in the exhibit places and about speakers were necorded applause acv. After this service the minutes of the needs of those two interests of 'he and approved and Rev. Dr. W. E. Hill. the new moderator announced standing committees.

Want New Presbytery The following overtures were read From the Presbytery of Fayettsville asking for the erection of a new Preshytery to be composed of the counties of Orange, Person and Durham, from stated that Mr. Steele had been swindled the Presbytery of Orange; of Granville, Vance, Warren, Franklin and Wake from the Presbytery of Albemarle, and what he had lost. The brothren of Chatham and Lee from the Presbytery of Fayetteville; also asking for At the hour appointed for the con-Bladen counties from Wilmington to the transfer of parts of Sampson and Fayetteville Presbytery.

From the Concord Presbytery for the limination of many business details in he meetings of the Synod, which have already been transacted by the Presbyteries and fully reported; and instead of these to have a committee arrange a program for considering in a popular and inspirational way some of these matters.

Bright Prospects at Davidson An elaborate report was presented from Davidson College showing that the 86th session of that institution opened with the largest enrollment for the first day; there are 512 students enrolled to date, of which 208 are freshmen and is said to be the largest and best prepared classs in the history of the colloge. There are also two young women There are members of nine different denominations and there are 87 students for the ministry. Seventeen

tional fine. The report for the Union Theological sissippi and the crap has been mostly Seminary shows that there are 100 stu- picked in Louisiana.

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ACTIONS DON'T FIT REPUBLICAN TALK ABOUT EFFICIENCY

Appointments Indicate That Only Good Republicans Can Land In Positions

DEMOCRATS RILED BY PATENT HUMBUGGERY

Senator Moses Attacks Agricultural "Bloc" In Senate; William Randolph Hearst Invites Members of Congress To Visit Canada at His Expense To Study Sales Tax

The News and Observer Bureau, 603 District National Bank Bldg., By EDWARD E. BRITTON (By Special Leased Wire.)

Washington, Oct. 19.- To listen to the utterances for publicity which are now coming from Republican high officials of the government one would think that there was a "drive on" to rid the government service of politics But the trouble is that while there is a plenty of talk and then some about efficiency in place of politics, it does not materialize, and the list of appointees for political reasons continues

up and down the ladder. There is no complaint from Democrats that Reublicans are being ap pointed to office. They are of the opinion that as the Republicans have the government the matter of appoint ments is up to them. But what they do object to is the matter of pious air of seeking efficiency above politics with which the powers that be regale the country, and while the pretense goes on that Republicans are put on the Federal pay rolls because they are Republicans and as a reward for party service. It is the humbuggery that is indulged in that gets the goat of the

Efficiency Means Republicans

Four cases in particular are evidence just now of this publicity campaign of appointments solely for the good of service. Engaging in this are President Harding, Postmaster General Have Prohibition Commissioner Haynes, and Director of Veterans Bureau Forbes. It will be remembered that only a very few days ago President Harding declar ed that he preferred efficiency "With a hard-boiled Democrat rather than to have in service a yellow Republican, a statement that would indicate that efficiency and not politics was to rule

But if any one can find that Presificiency except within the ranks of the Republican party the evidence of it has been earefully hidden. Postmaster General Hays, past master in the art of politics and political appointments, de claiming for the public ear that merit is to be the gauge of appointments, yet has found the way with the aid of fake civil service executive order of Presi-dent Harding to place Republicans in psotmasterships whether or no, and in cidentally is warrking the "acting" post master business to the taste of all Rehis demand for efficient service and his calls for men to enter it who will "devote their lives" to the work. To "devote their lives" to g57arnment with Republicans being appointed is the good idea from the Republican view point because they are grabbing off the jobs and would like to hang on for life. "Few die and none resign" is the

slogan. Much Talk, Little Action Prohibition Commissioner Haynes also out with the notice that he is for officiency above all things else, and that wants service and not politics to be the rule in the enforcement of prohibition law. But the jobs under his do main are regarded as extremely good picking, by Republican spoilsmen, and if he proposes to make good he will have to show it by deeds rather than b ywords. That Republicans of various states are getting the positions in his bureau is the talk among members of ongress, and unless there is a swift turn about it will continue to be polities of Republican brand that will be the best recommendation for getting the jobs. Director Forbes, of the veterans, bureau is reported in the papers

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Harvesting of Cotton Crop Continues To Make Rapid Progress In Belt

Washington, Oct. 19 .- Ideal weather for picking and ginning cotton prevailed during the past week and very rapid progress was made in all sections a policy of accommodation and pacific where this work has not been com- adjustment for all our differences. states and three foreign countries are pleted, according to the National to succeed himself. He nominated represented in the student body. There Weather and Crop Bulletin issued to broken peace for more than a century have been added three new professors day. Killing frosts occurred in the We came to common sacrifices and en-W. F. Standford, C. C. Brinkman, E. and two assistant professors and it is northern sections of the cotton belt, sanguined association in the world war. Cole and J. J. Gray. Rev. A. W. stated that others are still badly but wishout material damage, the bulle-

Pipler, secretary to the capinet and possible. There are 25 active professors "Picking has been completed in South presiding elder of the Greensboro dis- possible. There are 25 active professors "Picking has been completed in South besides many assistant teachers. Four Carolina, except in the northwestorn new faculty homes have been erected portion, and the crop has been mostly gether, and the convictions of a civili and the pressing need now is for dor- gathered in Tennessee. This work is mitory, laboratory and recitation build- far advanced in Arkansas, is well along here, Mrs. H. A. Dunham, H. G. Har. ings and a heating plant. Approxi in Oklahoma and about completed in in, Fred N Hall, H. C. Sprinkle, Fred mately \$150,000 has been added to the Texas, except in the northwest portion Odell, J. C. Postell, Mrs. M. G. endowment. It is stated that the col. Picking has been practically accomloodwin, J. W. Combs, Mrs. J. L. Woltz, lege is better organized and better plished in Georgia, and has been finequipped than ever before and the ished in most sections of central and morale of the student body is except southern Alabama, while rapid progress was made in North Carolina and Mis-

and fall truck in all parts of the South

The seeding of small grains made Bell, R. K. Brady, G. T. Bond, J. A. sors and one instructor. The students rapid progress during the week in the B. Holderby, J. E. Reeter, J. A. Fray, are doing mission work at eight points southern portion of the winter wheat A. Haithcock, W. T. Albright, Mrs. G. Hall, a modern Sunday school build-A. Hoyle, J. T. Ratledge, Mrs. D. C. ing for normal work, and a handsome from Virginia southward and in Oklahoma. Rain is needed also for fruit

Ambassador Herrick Has Narrow Escape From Bomb

Deadly Missile Believed To Have Been Sent By French Communists As Protest Against Conviction of Two of Their Members In U. S.; Valet Who Opened Package Slightly Hurt

Paris, Oct. 19.—(By the Associated seven fragments went through a thick Press.)—A small, oblong package wrapped in plain white paper, tied with a dents in the metal doors of a cabinet. ped in plain white paper, tied with a strong cord and marked 'perfume,' lay on a table in the American Embassy all this morning. It was addressed personally to the American Embassacer, Myron T. Herrick, and had been delivred by registered post.

Bomb In Package

Thinking it was a gift for the Am-assador, Secretary Lawrence Norton carried it to the Ambassador's residence. Early in the evening the Ambassador's valet, Blanchard, saw the package on a desk, and following custom, started to open it. The removal of the paper revealed a small paste-beard box, such as might be used for holding soap. Almost immediately a spring was released and as Blanchard lifted the lid he heard a familiar noise which brought back the days when he was a bomber in the British army. He hurled the box through the open bathroom door and ran from the room. The bomb exploded in the doorway, two fragments hitting the valet in the back. He was not seriously injured.

Narrow Escape The Ambassador, his daughter in law, Mrs. Parmley Herrick(and her sevenyear old son, were just at this time asentering Mr. Herrick's suite. Blanchard came running out as the Ambas-sailor reached the top.

"A bomb exploded and I am hit." the valet shouted. "Thank tied, you were not in the room.

Blanchard then collapsed and was sarried downstairs. The Ambassalor notored immediately to the Hotel Crilon to ask General Pershing the best thing to do, and the Prefect of Police was summoned.

Communists Suspected.

The bomb is believed by the police have been sent by French Commun sts as a protest against the conviction of two Communists in the United States charged with murder. It contained the 'refect and his staff of bomb experts, Proof of the strength of the explosives is shown by the fact that the bathroom was wrecked, that much dam nge was done in the bedroom and that

Giva Public Details.

The Ambassador's first thought was o ignore the matter, but General Pershing and others advised him to make the full details public because of the possibility of other bomb e trages. The Prefect, accompanied by the Attorney General of France, came to the hotel and shortly afterward went with the Ambassador to the latter's home. Prefect made the announcement that five thousand police and detectives would begin at once a searching in quiry and that probably there would be numerous arrests among known Communists.

Millerand Congratulates.

President Millerand was among the irst to congratulate the American Amnasador on his escape. He sent his personal representatives to convey congratulations in the name of the people of France that the Ambassador had not been, hurt and to assure Mr. Herrick and that greatest efforts would be made o apprehend the guilty.

expressed at the attack on the Ambassador.

Threatening Letters.

Mr. Herrick had refused to take seriously scores of letters he received protesting against the conviction of the we alleged Communists in the United States. Some of these were politely for a walkout in the meeting of the phrased but others made open threats o "get the Ambassador" and blow up the embassy. Most of these letters were placed by Mr. Herrick in what he calls his "crank" box.

As typical of the campaign the Comnunist press has been conducting for the past fortnight in connection with the conviction of Sacco and Vanzetti, leadliest of explosives, according to the the following appears in the Journal:

Du Peuple Communist Propaganda. "A machine so powerful as Americ (Continued on Page Twelve.)

President Gets Honorary Degree Of Doctor Of Laws

Chief Executive Speaks at Historic William and Mary and at Yorktown

TOUCHES ON RELATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES

Announces Policy of Anglo-American Friendship; Visits Historic Scenes

Williamsburg, Va., Oct. 19-President Harding was given the honorary de gree of Doctor of Laws by the College of William and Mary today at exercises of installation for Dr. J. A. C. Chandler as president of the institution. In cap and gown, Mr. Harding, in an adtress, appealed for increased patriotic attention to the national educational system and praised the part played in American history by the institution which is the second oldest college of the country and among whose grad to the absence from the city of State uates are numbered three Presidents of the United States

Spoke at Yorktown Before coming here the President de livered an address from the spot in endered the British forces of the Rev. olution to General Washington in 1781 and announced to the world a policy of Anglo American friendship for all fu-

ture time. The United States and Great Britain the President asserted, had consecrated a long time friend-hip by association in the common sacrifice of the world war and found themselves "arrayed to gether" in a trustership for the preservation of civilization. He spoke also a word of gratitude for the aid given by France in the Revolution and de clared the time had come for world wide co-operation and amity among pa-

Declaration of Policy That part of the Yorktown speech de

voted to British American relations was in the form of a brief declaration of policy on which the President did not "The triumph of freedom in the

American colonies," he said, "greatly frengthened liberal views in the Old World. Inevitably this liberal public opinion, deliberate and grown dominant, brought Great Britain and America t "There has been honorable and u

and a future breach of our peacefu and friendly relations is unthinkable. In the trusteeship of preserving civiliration, we were naturally arrayed to zation worthy of that costly preservation will exalt peace and warn against conflict for all time to come Participation "Inevitable

declared American participation in world affairs "inevitable," and voiced a hope that general co-operation "to the General, under which the State Board shortly. common good" would usher in a new day of international relationship. He the name of international unity.

Delegates were present at the William and Mary exercises from all colleges in the country more than 100 resigned and several of the schools have years old and honorary degrees also closed for that reason, with still; other

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TO GO INTO COURTS

Superintendent of Schools Confers Here With Attorney General

Faced by the necessity of closing down the schools of his county unless some method can be found to overcome the refusal of the Board of County Commissioners to levy the necessary tax, Superintendent C. M. Lickson was here yesterday in conference with State officials as to the best methods of get ting the matter into the courts.

A final decision was not reached owing Sopt. C. E. Brooks, but Mr. Dickson was given an opinion from Attorney General James S. Manning to the effect that the situation is on all fours with Yorktown where Lord Cornwallis sur- the one presented in the case now on appeal in the Supreme Court from Yad kin County, in which it was held by the Superior Court that the commissioners are required by law to levy a tax that will produce the same amount as a 30c ax did on the 1920 valuation. It is probable that on Mr. Dickson's

return home that a mandumus proceed ng will be brought by some citizen of the county, similar to that now pendng from Yadkin County. The Yadkin county proceeding was

nstituted by the county board of eduention, but in Ashe county the board plit on the question of approving the audget submitted by the county superintendent, which calls for a 43 1-2 ent tax to raise the amount obtained from the 30 cent tax on the valuations of 1920, which have received a horizon-Two Fill One Vacancy

The even division on the Ashe county Board of Education was brought about by the appointment of two members to fill one vacancy by the last legislature. This was brought about because of the appointment of G. C. Greene as a memper of the county Highway Commission But Mr. Greene refused to accept the ew post and did not resign from mem

ership on the Board of Education, with

the result that the latter body now has

four members, with the old members

standing by the superintendent and the two new ones opposing him.
T. C. Bowie, who represented the ounty in the last session of the Legislature, has advised the Board of Edu cation to which he is afterney that the proposed 10 per cent wage cut there is no necessity under the law to which the roads recently announced avy more than 20 cents tax and that they would seek was reported in rail he scheit must be made up by the circles, but locally no action yet has state Equalizing Fund. Mr. Bowie is been taken to this end. Informal meet-

missioners.

is acting, is in conformity to the decision in the Yndkin county case and number of teachers in the county have

PEACE EFFORTS IN REGARD TO STRIKE **WILL BEGIN TODAY**

Conference Between 'Big Five' Heads and Labor Board of Chief Interest

MINOR ORGANIZATIONS NOW DEBATING QUESTION

Attitude of Jewell and Smock Held Out As Sign of Peaceful Settlement of Difficulties; Public Group Proposal Not Meeting With Much Favor; Rail Heads Meeting

Chicago, Oct. 19 .- (By the Associated Press.)-Preparation for the various moves through which it is hoped the threatened Rail strike will be averted were completed today and tomorrow the peace efforts will be in full swing. Tonight heads of the unions and

that the outrage was deeply resented by of the carriers were allently alert with every Frenchman worthy of the name | -figuratively speaking-one eye on the conferences tomorrow and the other on meetings of officials of eleven unions Premier Briand, Leon Bourgeois and which have not yet joined the conduc many members of the diplomatic corps tors, enginemen, trainmen, firemen and sent similar messages, and throughout switchmen in a strike order, for both Paris the most intense indignation is sides were agreed that out of these conferences would come the final decision as to whether a general walkout of rail employes would materalize.

Important Conference In the conference with the labor rested the possibliity of the "Big Five" being persuaded to cancel their order eleven unions, which actually started today, was to be decided whether these organizations, holding the balance of man power through numbering three fourths of the nearly 2,000,000 rail workers in their membership, would join the "Big Five" if they walked out October 30 as planned.

Signs of Peace While the "Big Five" conference was looked on as the most important of the peace moves, railroad men tonight professed to see signs of a peacful settlement of the difficulties in the at-titude of B. M. Jewell, head of the 456,000 members of the six railway shop eraft organizations, and of J. C. Smock, vice-president of the Maintenance of Way union, which number 300,000 men.

The shop crafts executive council met today, but took no action other than to eall in the conference committee of 100. The committee, while having pew-er to call a strike, also is expected to defer action by calling in the 1,000 general chairmen for a meeting Friday, when the final attitude of these groups prebably will be made known.

The maintenance of way executive council met only informally today, the formal meeting coming tomorrow when all of the members are expected to be present.

Do Not Want a Strike "I cannot speak for my entire organ-

ization now, but personally I will any hat we to not want a strike that we would never strike on the wage question unless forced to, and that we will not go into any walkout with the brotherhoods unless we have definite promises of co-operation, which so far have not been forthcoming from them. said J. C. Smock, maintenance of way vice-president, tonight.

The labor board will go into conference with assurance of full support from every interested governmental de partment, its members said tonight, following an executive session at which they went over the case. One member intimated he believed the board had found a legal method of enforcing its Heretofere, the board has ruling. maintained that it had no power to carry out its decisions and unions and railroads each have charged the other with violating the board's rulings.

Makes No Announcement. The board had no announcement to make tonight as to its procedure tomorrow other than to say that the situation "would be gone over thorough-It was understood however that a plan similar to that proposed by the public group in Washington-calling for acceptance of the last wage cut and cancellation of the strike order by the men, with the roads immediately reducing freight rates and temporarily postponing further wage cuts-would

be the basis of discussion Board members admitted they realize the board really is fighting for its life and that much of its future depends on its ability to handle the present situa-

Proposal Not Favored.

In connection with the possibility of this conference averting a strike, it was pointed out, however, that many railroads have announced positively that the public group proposal is impossible in their opinion while few labor leaders have expressed very warm approval of it.

In this connection Samuel O. Dunn editor of Kallway Age, issued a state ment today denouncing the plan as volving a complete surrender by the roads to the labor unions." ment said that the "labor leaders position to the plan was a bluff, as it was exactly what the unions want."

Possibility of immediate steps bring about a labor board hearing on In the general discussion of world backed in this legal opinion by the ings of presidents of railroads enter-relations which followed, the President afterney to the Board of County Com- ing Chicago are being held almost daily, however, and it was said that However, the ruling of the Attorney definite announcements would be made

Not Advertising Yet.

Presidents of railroads centering day of international relationship. He schools for have only money here have not yet advertised for men impairment of national severeignty in enough to run for 27 months, with to man the trains in case of a strike. here have not yet advertised for men prospects that they will be cut off from as has been done in New York, but this the benefits of the equalizing fund. A action also will be taken within a few days, it was said. Recall of all men on pension, appeals

to the public to help run the trains,

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