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IMPORTANT NEWS THE WORLD OVER

IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS OF THIS AND OTHER NATIONS FOR SEVEN DAYS GIVEN

THE NEWS OF THE SOUTH

What is Taking Place in the South-land Will Be Found in Brief Paragraphs

Domestic

The Alabama legislature took note of the race rioting in Chicago and Washington, and by resolution called attention to the peace and amity existing between the races in the South. Pale postage stamps, which came into use along with the new everyday and postpaid stamps, soon will go into the discard, because the bureau of engraving now that it does not have to engrave plates to make so much money, will have opportunity to devote some time to engraving postage stamps.

World War Hero Sergeant Alvin York announces that he and his wife will devote their lives to the education of young men and women in the rural communities, and he is going on the lecture platform to get the money to found "York University."

Congress is considering plans to modify the war revenue act, and soft drinks may soon be purchased for 5 cents. The Nebraska legislature has refused the woman suffrage amendment. Alabama will issue \$25,000,000 worth of bonds for good roads.

Hunter Rainey, who has already served a term in the pen for his banking peculations, must serve from one to ten years more in prison. The state department at Washington is advised that Japanese companies are trying to acquire properties in the oil fields of Mexico.

Fearing an oil shortage in Atlanta, Ga., Mayor James L. Key has ordered a conciliatory and aldermanic investigation of the oil situation. Wilson has asked congress not to recess but to stay in session to consider the creation of a commission to determine all questions of railways workers' wages. The house has voted to comply.

Dexter Hammerstein, producer of grand opera, died of complications at his home in New York after an illness of several days. Following resolutions adopted in Atlanta, July 15, the strike is chiefly because of wages to meet the present high cost of living, the union shop employees went on strike the first day of August.

One hundred thousand union railway workmen are on strike in the Chicago district. The strike is chiefly effective in the middle west and in the southeast. Five persons were killed by the explosion of one thousand pounds of dynamite near Lansing, N. J. The explosion was in the Atlas Powder company packing house.

A contract has been awarded for the construction of battleship No. 54 to be named the Massachusetts, of 43,000 tons displacement. Several hours before authorities were to remove them to the Athens county home, seven children, ranging in age from six weeks to ten years, were found with their mother, Mrs. Toney Stravins, burned to death or asphyxiated, in their home at Kimberley, a small mining town, near Nelsonville, Ohio. The children were tied to their beds and coal oil had been sprinkled over the room.

A roll call of a certain Solomon family in New York, if held in the Atlanta federal prison, would result in seven brothers answering "Here!" All seven have reported at the prison to begin sentences of two years each for using the mails to defraud, being tried together in New York under joint charges, and will serve terms together at the prison.

GRAVE QUESTION BEFORE CONGRESS

RAILROAD EMPLOYEES DEMAND RETIREMENT OF PRIVATE CAPITAL FROM ROADS.

TRIPARTITE CONTROL INSTEAD

Generally Recognized as Most Serious and Far-reaching Proposition Ever Presented to the Public.

Washington.—Organized labor came out with the unequivocal formal demand that private capital be retired from the railroads. The tripartite control proposed of the public, the operating management and the employees is demanded instead.

Addressed to the American public and signed by the engineers, the firemen, the conductors and the American Federation of Labor, a formal statement was issued announcing this proposal.

"It marks," says the statement, "the step by which organized labor passes from demands for wage increases to demands that the system of profits in industry be reorganized."

This sentence sums up in a few words the proposal of which there have been hints and indications, but which is now laid before the country for the first time.

Characterizing the proposal as "labor's bill," it is put forth as a remedy for the high cost of living, because the railroads are the key industry of the nation.

Intentions of Japan are soon to be announced. Washington.—Japan's intentions in the Chinese province of Shanghai, where she is given control by the Versailles treaty, soon are to be set forth in a formal declaration from the Tokio government.

Macon shophmen vote to return to work today. Macon, Ga.—Three hundred Georgia Southern & Florida railroad shophmen, who struck because of a personal grievance against the foreman of the shop, voted to return to work.

The hines proposition opposed by railroad men. Washington.—B. M. Jewell, acting president of the railway division of the American Federation of Labor said that all railroad employees were opposed to the proposal made to the president by Director General Hines.

Investigation expected of Chicago big five packers. Washington.—Attorney General Palmer has summoned District Attorney Clynne, of Chicago, to report on the progress of investigations which have been under way there since Mr. Clynne was regarded as significant, because an early decision is expected by the attorney general.

STRENUOUS EFFORT AT COST LOWERING

PROPOSED FIVE WEEK RECESS BY HOUSE IS DEFERRED BY REQUEST OF PRESIDENT

RAILWAY CONDUCTORS CONFER

Interstate Commerce Committee Directs Federal Trade Commission to Insert Probe in Shoe Prices

Washington.—Developments in the efforts of the government to reduce the high cost of living were: The house at the request of President Wilson agreed to defer its planned five weeks' recess and consider demands of railroad employees for increased wages.

The senate again discussed increased living costs but postponed action on the Myers resolution proposing reduction in currency circulation.

Resolutions and bills designed to alleviate conditions of prices were introduced in both houses of Congress.

Favorably impressed by Wilson's request. Chicago.—Officers of the Chicago district council of the Federated Shophmen's union, which called a nation-wide strike of railway shophmen, were favorably impressed by President Wilson's request that Congress create a commission to consider wage increases for railway employees.

Germany appear to have abandoned hope. Warsaw.—Under pressure from the entente the Germans appear to have abandoned the lingering hope of getting the Polish harvest in Suwalki for themselves and are withdrawing their troops.

Press association indorses the league of nations. Wilmington.—After an hour and a half of heated discussion the Press association adopted a resolution commending the covenant of the league of nations by a vote of 33 to 3.

Banking law is amended to assist in cotton carrying. Washington.—The house of representatives passed a bill amending the banking laws in two particulars so as to facilitate the carrying of cotton and other perishable marketable staples to a more liberal extent than has heretofore prevailed.

World conference of labor is to meet in Washington. Washington.—So that the first meetings of the international labor conference created by the Versailles treaty may be held in Washington next October regardless of whether the treaty is ratified, the senate unanimously adopted a joint resolution authorizing the president to call such a meeting but giving no authority for America's representation "unless and until" the treaty's ratification has been accomplished.

Daylight saving again to run the gauntlet. Washington.—The senate decided to have the proposal for repeal of the daylight saving law again run the gauntlet of President Wilson's veto. By a vote of 41 to 12, the senate passed and sent to the president the separate house bill repealing the daylight saving measure.

SHIPS SHAKEN BY EARTHQUAKE SHOCK

6 DREADNAUGHTS OF OUR NAVY HAVE A NOVEL EXPERIENCE OFF COAST OF MEXICO.

COLLISION QUARTERS SOUNDED

New Mexico Trembled from Bow to Stern As If She Had Struck a Reef; No Damage Done.

On Board U. S. S. New Mexico.—Six dreadnaughts of the Pacific fleet were shaken severely by a double earthquake shock 20 miles off the coast of the state of Colima, Mexico. None of the warships reported any damage.

Officers on the quarterdeck hurried to their posts and the crew and marines took their places. Meanwhile all watertight compartments on the New Mexico were closed and inspection parties were sent into the holds to see if there had been any damage to the hull.

Cruelty to Americans in Mexico described. Washington.—A story of cruelty to Americans in Mexico, involving the death from starvation of an aged American woman, reached Washington through unofficial channels.

Henry appeals for Kaiser in letter to his cousin. Copenhagen.—The former Prince Henry of Prussia, in a letter to King George, says the truth about the war may be had from the allied statements and he suggests that of the former German emperor is placed on trial the statements also appear.

Supreme council orders Rumanian army to stop. Paris.—The supreme inter-allied council sent a message to the Rumanian army, along the Theiss river to cease its advance upon Budapest immediately.

Bickett replies to Chicago paper's wire. Raleigh.—Governor T. W. Bickett, answered a query of a Chicago newspaper that North Carolina can absorb 25,000 negroes who want to return from Illinois to the South.

Complete tie-up of all railroads. Chicago.—A complete tie-up of the railroads of the country is very probable, in the opinion of M. L. Haver, president of the Chicago district council of the Federated Railway Shophmen's Union.

Five persons killed by explosion in Italy. Taranto, Italy.—High power explosives, said by the police to have been placed by radicals in order to terrorize people during the proposed general strike on July 21, suddenly exploded near Chiatona.

Ice shortage at Asheville. Asheville.—With every drug store either out of ice or down to the last few pounds and the factories prophesying a lack of ice for the next fifteen days, Asheville is facing a serious ice shortage.

EFFECT OF PUBLIC DEMAND IS SHOWN

GOVERNMENT MACHINERY WILL INVESTIGATE THE CAUSE OF CONTINUED HIGH PRICES.

DANGER IN SOCIAL UNREST

Resolution to Sell Wheat Crop at Market Prices, Government to Make Up Difference in Guarantee.

Washington.—Government machinery was set in motion in response to demands from the public that some official action be taken to relieve the high cost of living.

After a general talk, lasting nearly three hours, the conference adjourned to meet again, probably next week, for further counsel.

Western union not to reduce rates just yet. New York.—When control of the telegraph systems of the country is formally relinquished by the government at midnight a reduction of 20 per cent in rates will be made immediately on the lines of the Postal Company.

Race riots in Chicago have somewhat abated. Chicago.—Race war terror and bloodshed had abated after four days and nights of rioting but violence continued to occur sporadically.

Strike of 450,000 shophmen is believed to be averted. Washington.—Officials of the six railroad shop employees unions and of the railroad administration expressed confidence that the strike of 450,000 shophmen throughout the country had been averted by telegrams sent out calling off the strike.

British royal assent given to two treaties. London.—Royal assent was given to the German peace treaty and to the Anglo-French treaty, which thus becomes law.

One hundred ships built on great lakes are sold. Washington.—One hundred steamships built on the Great Lakes during the war have been sold by the shipping board to the Anderson Overseas Corporation of New York for approximately \$800,000.

Senator Overman has not changed suffrage views. Washington.—Senator Overman has not changed his views on woman suffrage. Some fellow called on him and asked him if he would stand for a magazine story; the senator told him he would not, but the writer did not believe his answer and printed his own story, saying the senator was for suffrage.

Attempts are being made to list every soldier. Washington.—The war risk bureau is trying to index every soldier of the war war properly so that his record may be secured and held for future reference.

OVER THE LAND OF THE LONG LEAF PINE

SHORT NOTES OF INTEREST TO CAROLINIANS.

Richmond, Va.—Benjamin Lovenstein, former Durham attorney, was freed in the police court of the charge of compounding a misdemeanor with a liquor case.

Gastonia.—At the regular bi-monthly meeting of the city council W. J. Alexander, of St. Augustine, Fla., was unanimously elected city manager.

Wilmington.—Two barrels of spirits, totaling 120 gallons, discovered on the beach south of Wrightsville Beach, by a trio of revenue officers who had a hot trip were poured into the ocean.

Thomasville.—R. W. Boling, of Wake county, has accepted the position as principal of the city school. Mr. Boling is a recent graduate of the university and comes well recommended.

Durham.—At the present it seems that Durham is the center of operations for an organized gang of burglars from the fact that in the past few months the number of burglaries has increased greatly.

Charlotte.—Mecklenburg County Demonstration Agent Charles E. Miller will be one of the principal speakers in the farmers' and farm women's institutes to be held in Gaston county August 8 and 14.

Thomasville.—According to a recent decision of the city council, Thomasville is to have some streets paved before the arrival of another freeze. The plan is to lay in hard surface the main business center for the present and later proceed further.

China Grove.—Two unknown men in soldiers' uniforms, were found dead besides the railroad tracks between Landis and China Grove.

Fayetteville.—Officers of this county are searching for an unidentified negro who shot and killed Mack McLean, colored worker at Camp Barry, and wounded a negro woman named A. W. W. W. who was struck through a crack in the log wall of the woman's house.

Hickory.—When fire destroyed the residence occupied by Mr. and Mrs. W. W. W. W. in the town of Hickory, it also consumed \$930 in currency, about \$5,000 in jewelry, besides the household and kitchen furniture.

Raleigh.—Discovery of an epidemic of whooping cough at Pilot Mills, in the northern part of the city, has been made by Dr. George S. Bote of the city health board. There are 26 cases in the vicinity there.