

Supreme Court of the United States Hearing Arguments on the 8-Hour Daw Law.

RAILROADS REPRESENTED. **GOVERNMENT ARGUES CASE**

Just When a Decision is Expected is Not Known, But the Court is to Hurry it Along.

Washington, Jan. 8 .- Arguments over the constitutionality of the Adamson Law came up today in the Supreme court. A large array of attorneys for the railroads and counsel for the government were on hand for the last stage of the battle over the validity of the act of Congress list September when the country was threatened with a nation-wide railway strike.

First upon the court's call of cases today, following its three-weeks' holiday recess, was the Missouri, Oklahoma & Gulf railroad case, chosen by . the Department of Justice and the railroads for the test. It was not expected that the arguments would be concluded before tomorrow.

When the court will announce a decision is problematical, but it is expected within a few weeks as the court has consented to expedite the proceedings and placed the test case ahead of all others upon today's call. The case was appealed last November, from the decision of Federal Judge Hook at Kansas City, Mo., that the law was "unconstitutional, null and void."

The railroad lawyers were headed by Walker D. Hines. Arthur Miller represented specially the Missouri, fied barrier before the river Sereth Oklahoma and Gulf road. John G. Johnson of Philadelphia also appeared for the railroads.

In charge of the defense of the Adamson act for the Department of Justice were Solicitor General John W. Davis, Assitant Attorney's General E. Marvin Underwood and G. Carroll Todd, and Frank Hagerman of Kansas City, special assistant to the Attorney General.

The railroad brotherhoods were not formal parties to today's test suit: Judge Hook dismissed the Missouri, Oklahoma & Gulf railroad's bill as to union officers named defendants.

Today's argument, technically, were upon appeal of United States Russian lines toward the Danube cure possession from his lunacy trustsas City from Judge Hook's decision in an injunction suit brought by Alex-



Americans making up the Ameri- | birthplace of the Frenchman who can Committee of the Franch Heroes' helped to win American independer Fund, headed by Mrs. William Astor ence. They will turn it into a nee-Chanler, have purchased the old morial museum and home for soldchauteau of the Marquis de Fafayette, iers' orphans and soldiers disabled the Chateau de Chavaniac Fayette, in the war.

FIELD MARSHAL VON MACKENSEN **BREAKS THROUGH STRONG BARRIER**

IMPORTANT RUMANIAN GROUND CAPTURED ALONG THE RIVER been srgued today at Washington SERETH WHICH WAS WON BY SUCCESSFUL FLANK OPERA- and Attorney General Bickett had his TIONS-RUSSIANS ALSO LOSE GROUND FURTHER NORTH ALONG THE MOLDAVIAN FRONTIER-RUSSIAN LINES TOW-ARD THE DANUBE ARE HOLDING MORE SUCCESSFULLY.

(By Associated Press.) ceeded yesterday in enlarging the Field Marshal von Mackensen has scope of their gain.

Patrol Engagements at Night. proken through the strongly forti-Paris, Jan. 8 .- Patrol engagements occurred last night on the Somme which the Russians had constructed front ani in Lorraine, according to at Fokshani and has captured importhe French official statement today. tant Rumanian ground and taken 4,-Otherwise there was little activity.

Six Aeroplanes Lost. This notable success in the attack Berlin via Sayville, Jan. 8.-Six, accorplanes were lost by the entente upon the Sereth line was won by successful flan's operations, Berlin reforces on the Franco-Belgian front, army headquarters announced today. The Russians also have lost ground

INSANE MAN LOSES SUIT(

Washington, Jan. 8th .-- John Armstrong Chaloner, of "Merrymills, Virginia," by a special court decision today lost his suit to annul New York proceedings in which he was declared insane and designed to sewhere a vances 'ay the Austro-Ger- es of property estimated at nearly



tion Over Bonds. COURT GRANTS REQUEST OF

THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT Result Was Brought About Thru Resolution IntroGuced in the

. CUBAN SUIT WITHDRAWN.

Senate by Mr. Overman.

Washington, Jan. 8 .--- Cuba's suit against the State of North Carolina for the collection of \$2,186,000 of railway bonds issued during reconstruction period and repudiated as fraudulent, was today withdrawn from the Supreme Court. The court granted the request

of Cuba for the abandonment of the suit

This is the suit of which much has been written recently. Coming into possession of these repudiated bonds. the Republic of Cuba asked the Suprome Court of the United States for permission to bring suit against North Carolina for the collection of the bonds. The case was to have inaugurial postponed that he might be in Washington for the argument. Senator Overman in the Senate introduced a resolution calling on Cuba

to state where she got the bonds and how much was paid for them. After Senator Overman had been notified by the Cuban minister that the suit would be withdrawn he asked for and secured the withdrawal of the resolution.

Today, as set forth in the above Washington dispatch, the case is finally ended by the withdrawal of the suit by Cuba and permission given by the court for the withdrawal.

BICKETT'S SECRETARY

TO TAKE SHORT REST.

Winston-Salem, Jan. 7 .- Stanford Martin, editor of the Morning Journal, and recently appointed private secretary of Governor-elect T. W. Bickett, left early this morning for Eastern North Carelina, where he will spend several days before going o Raleigh on Tuesday.

He will begin his duties as Bickett's secretary on next Thursday, the day

UPROAR IN COMMITTEE ROOM DURING "LEAK" INVESTIGATION; LAWSON FLIES INTO A RAGE

CHAIRMAN HENRY OF HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE THREATENS TO CONTINUE HEARING IN EXECUTIVE SESSION - HOUSE CLERK HAD TO FORCE THE BOSTON FINANCIER INTO HIS

CHAIR-LAWSON SAYS "LEAK S" HAVE COME FROM SUPREME COURT, THE SENATE, CABINET AND EVEN THE WHITE HOUSE ITSELF AND DECLARES IN TWO YEARS THE AMÉRICAN PEO-PLE HAVE BEEN ROBBED OF FROM THIRTY TO FORTY BIL-LION DOLLARS.

not know."

(By Associated Press.)

the alleged "leas" fo W Il Street on

President Wilson's peace note was re-

sumed by the House Rules Committee

this merning with a number of wit-

wore the first witnesses to testify.

nesses on hand ren'y to testify.

ing Secretary Tumulty said:

Washington, Jan. 8 .- Inquiry into

HON. EDWIN Y. WEEB



Anthor of Webb-Kenyon Bill Upheld hy United States Supreme Court Today.



United States Supreme Court Holds Act Forbidding Shipments of Liquor.

WEST VA. PROHIBITION LAW IS ALSO UPHELD

inter-State commerce

Fort,

Citizens Cannot Receive Liquor the subject before the committee, the county superintendent or to some for Personal Use Shipped by Common Carrier.

Mulberry Local of County Farmpulsory Law.

SPEAK OUT! LET FOST WANT

ADS ACT AS YOUR SPOKES-

MAN WHEN YOU WANT HELP.

WANT TO SELL, OR WANT TO

BUY. THEY GO HOME.

TO ACT IN MATTER

Farmers Deplore Slackness of Parents and Others in Charge of Schooling Them.

Salisbury, R. 3, Jan. 5 .- Mulberry local Farmers union at its regular meeting December 19 ultimo, passed strong resolutions declaring for compulsory education. Following is a

Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to the copy: Whereas, the Farmers union stands President; Secretary of State Lansing for education, and for a more enand Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, lightened and intelligent citizenship; And whereas, We deplore the slags-Secretary Tumulty in a lengthy ness of parents and those having statement declared he resented the "unjust intimation that I gave infor- children under their, care in sending mation to B. M. Baruch in regard to them to school, fully fifty per cent the so-called peace note sent the Eu- of them being sent at all;

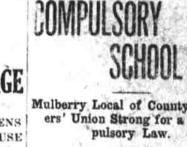
And whereas, Believing as we do ropean belligerents last month by the Secretary of State. This intimation that no parent or other person has was contained in a statement made to the right to deprive a child or chilthis committee by Representative dren of that God-giving privilege to Woods, of Indiana, a man who I do secure an education, or to have the opportunity to secure it, we depose

Secretary Tumulty denied that he and ceclare that in our opinion the gave advance information to any one State should take hold of the matter an stated that he did not known of with an iron claw, that our coming the existence of the note until after legislature should pass such a haw or printed copies of it had been given laws as will force the attendance of to the representatives, of the press our children in our schools.

ty the State Department. In conclud- Therefore be it resolved: That we, members of Mulberry local, No. 451, "I am authorized by the President Farmers Educational and Co-operato quote him as follows: 'I wish in tive Union of America, urge the cujustice to Mr. Tumulty to say that he actment of a statute or statutes by has stated the exact fact. He had no the General Assembly of North Carknowledge of the note whatever until olina, which convenes in January it was given out for publication." next, that will be absolutely compul-Secretary of State Lansing testified sory in effect in placing every child regarding the preparation of the note in our public schools and from which and its dispatch after it was received there shall be no legal recourse, only at the State Department from the Providential hindrance being an White House. "Secrecy was main- equitable and adequate excuse; tained," he said, "out of courtesy due And be it resolved: That we furththe nations which were to receive it, or arge and insist that the said staand it was not to be made public be- tute or statutes shall make it com fore receipt by the European coun- pulsory for every child between the age of eight years and fourteen years

Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, was to attend school at least four months next witness. Chairman Henry told during each school term that the Mr. Lawson he might proceed in his school teachers shall be required to own way for the present. Mr. Law- farnish the chairman, of the school son asked if he might be stopped at committees in their respective disany point in his discourse. Chairman tricts & report every two seeks, Henry told him that depended entire- showing the violations of the law, if ly on whether he confined himself to any; that a similar report the sent to

"I will give testimony," said Mr. one specially appointed for the work, Lawson, "regarding the amnable that it shall be a misdemeanor for omcors to fail



SCHOOL LAW

PRICE TWO CENTS

ers' Union Strong for a Com-

GENERAL ASSEMBLY URGED

ander New and Henry C. Ferris, receivers for the Missouri, Oklahoma & Gulf, to enjoin enforcement of the law. Actually, however, the case will determine application of the law to all railroads.

sel, all other litigation over the Adamson act has been suspended Fended pending the Supreme Court's ecision. The railroads agree meanwhile to keep special account of ! wages due employes under the new law, to insure payment if the act is sustained as constitutional or given partial application.

The principal provision of the Adamson act whch became effective January 1 and whose operation was suspended by the present legal proceedings, declares "eight hours shall. in contracts for labor and service, be deemed a day's work for the purpose Bottle of Nitroglycerine Explodes in England's Minister of Pensions of reckoning compensation for service , of all employes-employed by any common carrier by-ratiroads actually engaged in any capacity in the operation of trains."

Sept. 4, was called off.

That the law is not in reality an mingham suburb. 8-hour day statute, but a wage in- The dead are: W. J. Oliver and

regulation of commerce within the a uantity of nitroglaycerine being set and arbitrarily" interferes with con- 20 minutes when the explosion ocstitutional liberty of contract, as well curred. The blast blew the steel paras depriving the railroads of property tition between the lavatory and smokin violation of the "due process of ing compartment entirely away. law" clause of the constitution.

the act, being a small line and in Walton."

hands of receivers, counsel admitted | Walton was formerly a grocer in that the test case is not typical of Eirmingham and was charged with ternational moral force of the whole " many other large trunk lines, having killing his partner, M. A. Barton, thousands of employes under con-tract. Utmost freedom to present ev-resulted in a mistrial several months idence regarding operation of the law ago and he was still under bond. upon all railroads, under all condi-tions, was agreed upon in the present Bankhead, of Jaspew, Ala., who was allies is the only possible answer."

case, so that the Supreme court in the observation cas with Mrs. should have complete data affecting Bankhead, said the explosion could all saflreads.

man-Bulgarian armies is being press-ed is still holding more successfully. While Fokshani is some distance from the river Sereth itself and the Russians are still have that river on which to fall back, the capture of the Euving Rich in Wheat Market.

town, it appears, weakens the whole Chicago, Man. 8 .- Prophecies of con-By a stipulation, signed by rail-road and Department of Justice coun-tonic and makes the river line more de-of stock in the United States led to a general rush to buy in the wheat

000 prisoners and three guns.

frontier, Berlin announces.

further north along the Moldovian

Toward the Danube from Fokshani,

however, the latest reports showed

important Russian ogensive which ad-

mittedly had successfully gained

ground from yon Mackensen's forces.

There are also indications that the

a Passenger Committed Suicide.

ports indicate.

fenseless.

While this fighting is in progress market today. The opening quotations in the Rumanian war theatre the Rus- | ranged from 5-8 to 23-8 higher with sian line between Dvinsk and Riga. May at 1.851-2 to 1.861-2 and were Renewed attacks which last Friday followed by a moderate reaction and resulted in the gaining of ground suc- then a fresh upturn.

TWO KILLED IN EXPLOSION DECLARES PEACE NOTE ON A SOUTHERN TRAIN DESERVING OF RESPECT

Smoking Compartment of Birming-But Germany Does Not. ham-New York Special-Believed London, Jan. 7 .- G. N. Barnes, Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 6.-Two minister of pensions, in a speech in men were instantly killed ard four London, today, said President Wil-

The law was passed by the House others badly injured early tonight by son's suggestion that the belligerents Professional Yeggmen Rob the Bank Sept. 1, by the Senate on Sept. 2 and an explosion in the smoking compart- state their terms for peace was en-Sept. 3 (a Sunday) and 5. The gen-eral strike of railroad brotherhoods Special, from New York. The ex-on the whole, wanted to be on friend-crowd bars, robbed the Bank of Bluff signed by President Wilson trice, ment of the rear day coach of the titled to all possible respect. The previously oredred for Labor Day, plosion occurred while the train was ly terms with England and therefore City early this morning and later passing through Woodland, a Birship."

"The President," Mr. Barnes said, known. grease act is contended by the rail- Lewis D. Wlaton, both of Birming- should be assured that this country

Declaring that President Wilson authority of congress, but a tempor-ary experiment, and "unreasonablely Walton has been in the lavatory about sion as to the objects of the entente allies, Mr. Barnes said that what

was wanted before the allies could enter into negotiations was the "clearing out of Germans from Bel-Just outside the door was a table gian and the territory of small peo-While the Missouri, Oklahoma & on which was written: "See my suit ples, reparation to these peoples for Guif has put few employes subject to case for important papers. Lewis D. all wrong done and the subscribing by Germany to a document of peace

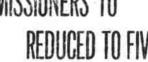
which would be backed up by the inworld."

Regarding Germany's peace offer, Mr. Barnes said:

"We cannot make terms with a wild beast and the answer given by

Mr. Win. Loflin has gone to Knoxville, Tenn., on a business trip.

which the inauguration will be COMMISSIONERS TO



Senator Linn Gets Such a Bill from receiving liquor for personal consequences. Through the Senate Reducing the use shipped by common, carrier in Board to Five Members.

Rowan is to have her board of com-Rollin Hyams Loses a Leg at Old missioners reduced from seven to five members by a bill which Senato: Stahle Linn has had passed through the Senate, and which will probably the twelve-year-old son of George Lawson gesticulatingly shook a point-

the week. There was some sentiment for a reduction to three members, but Mr. ed off a: the knee. The boy, it is that he got his rights. Linn, who spent today at home, says stated, with several companions, was it was determined on further study stealing a irde on the freight, and Lawson back in his chair until order "that you are roing to try to stop me of the situation, as changed by the his hold on the car slipped. He was was restored. Mr. Lawson declared from saving things you think I have Thinks United States Means Well; empowering of the commissioners picked up and rushed to his home, all he said in the press regarding the a right to sav, and what shall I do?" with greater law-making pover, that where medical attention was given "leak" he believed to 'e true. him. Reports late tonight are to the it would be better to have five men effect that the injured boy is resting on the board. well, and that all chances favor his

> recovery. at Bluff City.

"we ought to cultivate their friend- ransacked a large store at Pink Flats. The amount of booty secured is not

The two men used a Bristol jitney torten ed that the law is unworkable, in capable of spplication; is not a is not out to smash Germany, or any- to reach, both places, taking on the Congressman Seeking to Get Action the point of a revolver to wait while

> RED CROSS CHRISTMAS SEALS. Sale this season 15,100. Last season 10,700. Sale conducted by the Girls. Clab. Money to be used this year as last for a community nurse. Prizes were presented to the young ladies selling the largest number of seals by Saleeby Candy Kitchen, Olympia Canday Company, Oestreicher's and the Iris Theatre.

DR. S. O. HOLLAND, Chairman.

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(By Associated Press.)

tries."

REDUCED TO FIVE stitutional by the United States Su-prome Court by a vote of 7 to 2, which terrupted by Representative Chipper-a copy of this action to our county stitutional by the United States Su- proceeding half an hour and when in- And be it resolved: That we curnish

> "Whatever the penalty," he added, held with Gold Knob local, Dec. 29 and I take it in advance."

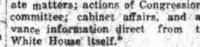
The committee room was in on uproar and Representative Henry

threatened to clear it and hold the Old Fort, Jan. 7 .- Rollin Hyams, proceedings in executive session. Mr. be endorsed by the Bouse the first of Hyams, fell under a freight train ei finger in Representative Chipper- mouthed old blatherskitehere this afternoon and suffered the field's face and delcared he was an loss of his left leg, which was crush- American citizen and would see to it

The clerk of the House threw Mr.

'i repeat it all now,"'declared Lawson. "It is one of the commonest things is Wall Street to get advance information from Washington on

government affairs; affairs of such importance that they frequently affect the country's security. I mean also Support For Striking Operatives of-'leaks' from the Supreme Court, aivance information on decisions; ad-



on the Bill He Introduced to Establish the 8-Hour Day-Wants Action on the President's Program.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jin S .- Representa-

tive Adamson today started an effort inflated" market was ready to burst. Golden said, netwithstanding the into get some action in the House on He said he knew who was responsible crease in wages during the past year his new railroad fill of last Satur ay for the "leak" and that when they amounting in some cases in northern to establish the 8-hour day, forbid strikes and lockouts within 90 days and permit the President to take over the management of railways in emer-gency cases such as war and blocking of commercial diagram way for the "leak" and that when they saw the havoe they had caused they tried to make him the goat. He said he was convinced the committee did not want an investigation. "And after I had been bombarding the saw the havoe they had caused they he was convinced the committee did hands in that section, were only hands in that section, were only of commerce. He expects to push the the country with my telegrams and twenty-four hours away from starva bill without waiting for the senate to had offered to do what I could to aid tion. He said that the strike in Anact on the program of the President for hearing in the senste today. Representative Anamson was also "What difference did it make to this was able to spend as much mo "What difference did it make to this was able to spend as much more resolution which would continue the life of the Newland commission in-vestigating railway problems. Tech-nically, it passed out of existence to-day."

condition which has existed for two either or both of these years for the purpose of finding a to prosecute any and all persons vio-Washington, Jan. 8 .-- The Federal remedy for conditions causing hun- lating this school law and said of-Webb-Kenyon law designed to pre- dreds of thousands of persons great ficers on failure of such duty shall be punishable by a fine in the discretion 'dry" States was today declared con- 1 Mr. Lawson flew into a rage after, of the courts.

lso upheid the West Virginia prohi- field. He declared he proposed to say papers, to our state organ, the Probition amondment prohibiting citizens, all he had to say regardless of the gressive Farmer, and that it be presented to our county meeting to be

and 30 and urge similar action by that ody.

honest investigation only to have hell lan justed out of me as soon as Conpress convened. Promptly when the Senate met a leather-lunged, sewer-

Here Mr. Lawson was interrupted by Chairman Henry: "You must conduct vourself-

"I know." Mr. Lawson broke in, Chairman Henry then said the "lid

was off" so far as concerning any confidential conference with him.

> TEXTILE WORKERS WILL DEMAND. EIGHT-HOUR DAY

Anderson, S. C., is Asked at Boston. Boston, Jan. 7 .- A demand for an vance information on important Sen- eight-hour day for textile workers ate matters; actions of Congressional throughout the country will soon be

committee; cabinet affairs, and ad- made, according to John Golden, invance information direct from the ternational president of the United. Textile Workers of America, who to-

Mr. Lawson declared in two years night made an appeal to the Boston the American people had been rothed Central Libor union for support for of from thirty to forty billion dollars. the strike of 700 operatives in the Referring to the day the "leak" oc-curred Mr. Lawson said the "fraud-day would be asked for President

