## ARGUMENT OVER **ADAMSON LAW**

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 rail-

First upon the court's call of cases today, following its three-weeks' holitay 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 tomprrow.

When the court will announce a decision is problematical, but it is expected within a few wceks 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 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 Unterwood and G. Carroll Todd, and Frank Hagerman of Kansas City, special assistant to the Attorney General.

The railroad Erotherhoods 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 Attorney Francis M. Wilson of Kansas City from Judge Hook's decision in an injunction suit brought by Alexander New and Henry C. Ferris, res for the Missouri, Oklahoma & Gulf, to enjoin enforcement of the law. Actually, however, the case will determine application of the law to all railroads.

By a stipulation, signed by railroad and Department of Justice counsel, all other litigation over the Adamson act has been suspended pended 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 of reckoning compensation for service ; of all employes-employed by any common carrier by-rathroads actually engaged in any capacity in the operation of trains."

The law was passed by the House Sept. 3 (a Sunday) and 5. The genpreviously oredred for Labor Day,

Sept. 4, was called off That the law is not in reality an 8-hour day statute, but a wage increase act is contended by the railroads. In the present case it is also ham. contended that the law is unworkable, authority of congress, cut a tempor- off by Welton with suicidal intent ary experiment, and "unreasonablely | Walton has been in the lavatory abou and proitrarily" interferes with con- 30 minutes when the explosion or stitutional liberty of contract, as well curred. The blast blow the steel par as depriving the railroads of property tition between the lavatory and smok in violation of the "due process of law" clause of the constitution.

While the Missouri, Oklahoma & the act, being a small line and in Walton!" hands of receivers, counsel admitted that the test case is not typical of Birmingham and was charged wit many other large trunk lines, having killing his partner, M. A. Bartor thousands of employes under contract. Utmost freedom to present ev- resulted in a mistrial several month idence regarding operation of the law ago and he was still under bond.
upon all railroads, unfer all condiupon all railroads, unfer all conditions, was agreed upon in the present Bankhead, of Jaspew, Als., who was so that the Supreme court in the observation car with Mrs. have complete data affecting Bankhead, said the explosion could be felt all over Woodsen.

LAFAYETTE HOME IS BOUGHT BY AMERICANS.



MRS. WM ASTOR CLANLER can Committee of the Franch Heroes' helped to win American independ-Fund, headed by Mrs. William Astor ence. They will turn it into a me-Chanler, have purchased the old morisl museum and home for soldchauteau of the Marquis de Fafayette, iers' orphans and soldiers disabled the Chateau de Chavaniac Fayette, in the war.

Americans making up the Ameri- | birthplace of the Frenchman who

### FIELD MARSHAL VON MACKENSEN BREAKS THROUGH STRONG BARRIER

IMPORTANT RUMANIAN GROUND CAPTURED ALONG THE RIVER SERETH WHICH WAS WON BY SUCCESSFUL FLANK OPERA-TIONS-RUSSIANS ALSO LOSE GROUND FURTHER NORTH ALONG THE MOLDAVIAN FRONTIER-RUSSIAN LINES TOW-ARD THE DANUBE ARE HOLDING MORE SUCCESSFULLY.

(By Associated Press.)

Field Marshal von Mackensen has scope of their gain. broken through the strongly fortirepresented specially the Missouri, fied barrier before the river Sereth Oklahoma and Gulf road. John G. which the Russians had constructed at Fokshani and has captured important Rumanian ground and taken 4,-000 prisoners and three guns.

This notable success in the attack upon the Sereth line was won by successful flank operations, Berlin reports indicate.

The Russians also have lost ground further north along the Moldovian frontier, Berlin announces.

Toward the Danube from Fokshsni however, the latest reports showed important Russian ogensive which admittedly had successfully gained ground from von Mackensen's forces. There are also indications that the

While Fokshani is some distance from the river Sereth itself and the ty in the hands of the trustee. Russians are still have that river on which to fall back, the capture of the town, it appears, weakens the whole Russian position in this area and tinued heavy export and diminishing and makes the river line more de- of stock in the United States led to fenseless.

resulted in the gaining of ground suc- then a fresh upturn.

ceeded yesterday in enlarging the

Patrol Engagements at Night. Paris, Jan. 8 .- Patrol engagements occurred last night on the Somme front an: in Lorraine, according to the French official statement today. Otherwise there was little activity. Six Aeroplanes Lost.

Berlin via Sayville, Jan. 8 .- Six ageroplanes were lost by the entente forces on the Franco-Belgian front, army headquarters announced today.

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 se-Russian lines toward the Danube cure possession from his lunacy trus! where a vances by the Austro-Ger- ee of property estimated at nearly man-Bulgarian armies is being press- three million dollars. The court deed is still holding more successfully. clined to disturb the insane proceedings, its decision leaving the property

Buying Rush in Wheat Market. Chicago, Jan. 8 .- Prophecies of cona general rush to buy in the wheat 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

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

Bottle of Nitroglycerine Explodes in Smoking Compartment of Birmingham-New York Special-Believed a Passenger Committed Suicide.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 6 .- Two men were instantly killed and four others badly injured early tonight by Sept. 1, by the Senate on Sept. 2 and an explosion in the smoking compartsigned by President Wilson twice, ment of the rear day coach of the Southern railway's Birminghan eral strike of railroad brotherhoods Special, from New York. The explosion occurred while the train was passing through Woodland, a Birmingham suburb.

The dead are: W. J. Oliver and Lewis D. Wlaton, both of Birming

The police are working on the in capable of application; is not a theory that the explosion was due t regulation of commerce within the a uantity of nitroglaycerine being se ing compartment entirely away.

Just outside the door was a tabl on which was written: "See my sui Gulf has put few employes subject to case for important papers. Lewis D

> Walton was formerly a grocer April 9, 1915. His trial on the charg

Thinks United States Means Well; But Germany Does Not.

minister of pensions, in a speech in on the board. London, today, said President Wilstate their terms for peace was entitled to all possible respect. The American people, the minister added.

"The President," Mr. Barnes said, known. hould be assured that this country lower and pride.

houl: the left under no misapprehen- they pulled off both jobs. ion as to the objects of the entente llies, Mr. Barnes said that what vas wanted before the allies could nter into negotiations was the clearing out of Germans from Bel-1" ian and the territory of small peoles, reparation to these peoples for " Il wrong done and the subscribing Germany to a document of peace rhich would be backed up by the inernational moral force of the whole

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

"We cannot make terms with a vild beast and the answer given by allies is the only possible answer." Mr. Wm. Loffin has gone to Knox-

ville, Tenn., on a business trip.

## SUBAN SUIT HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN

Ending of What Gave Promise of Being a Strong Fought Litigation Over Bonds.

COURT GRANTS REQUEST OF THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT

Result Was Brought About Thru Resolution Introduced in the Senate by Mr. Overman.

CUBAN SUIT WITHDRAWN,

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 porsession of these repudiated bonds, the Republic of Cuba asked the Supreme Court of the United States for permission to bring suit against North Carolina for the collection of the bonds. The case was to have been argued today at Washington and Attorney General Bickett had his 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 reso-

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

BICKETT'S SECRETARY TO TAKE SHORT REST.

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

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

# COMMISSIONERS TO

Senator Linn Gets Such a Bill Through the Senate Reducing the Board to Five Members.

Rowan is to have her board of com missioners reduced from seven to five members by a bill which Senator Stable Linn has had passed through the Senate, and which will probably be endorsed by the House the first of the week.

There was some sentiment for a reduction to three members, but Mr. Linn, who spent today at home, says it was determined on further study England's Minister of Pensions of the situation, as changed by the empowering of the commissioners picked up and rushed to his home, all he said in the press regarding the with greater law-making power, that London, Jan. 7 .- G. N. Barnes, it would be better to have five men

son's suggestion that the belligerents Professional Yeggmen Rob the Bank at Bluff City.

Bristol, Tenn., Jan. 7 .- Two professional yeggmen, with dynamite and on the whole, wanted to be on friend- crowd bars, robbed the Bank of Bluff y terms with England and therefore City early this morning and later 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 s not out to smash Germany, or any- to reach both places, taking on the ody or anything except military dynamite and tools in the outskirts of the city. They forced the driver at Declaring that President Wilson the point of a revolver to wait while

> . . . . . . . . . RED CROSS CHRISTMAS

Sale this season 15,100. Last season 10,700. Sale conducted by the Girls

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, Gestreicher's and the Iris Theatre.

DR. S. O. BOLLAND, Chairman.

### 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 "LEAKS" HAVE COME FROM SUPREME COURT, THE SENATE, CABINET AND EVEN THE WHITE HOUSE ITSELF AND DECLARES IN TWO YEARS THE AMERICAN PEO- Parmers Deplore Slackness of PLE HAVE BEEN ROBBED OF FROM THIRTY TO FORTY BIL-LION DOLLARS.

HON. EDWIN Y. WEBB



Author of Webb-Kenyon Bill Upheld by United States Supreme Court

United States Supreme Court Holds Act Forbidding Shipments of Liquor.

WEST VA. PROHIBITION LAW IS ALSO UPHELD

Citizens Cannot Receive Liquor the subject before the committee. for Personal Use Shipped by Common Carrier.

(By Associated Press.) Webb-Kenyon law designed to pre- dreds of thousands of persons great vent liquor shipments from "wet" to ! losses." "dry" States was today declared con- | Mr. Lawson flew into a rage after stitutional by the United States Supreme Court by a vote of 7 to 2, which | territoted by Representative Chipperalso upheld the West Virginia prohibition amendment prohibiting citizens, all he had to say regardless of the from receiving liquor for personal use shipped by common carrier in inter-State commerce.

Rollin Hyams Loses a Log at Old Fort.

Old Fort, Jan. 7.—Rollin Hyams, the twelve-year-old son of George Hyams, fell under a freight train here this afternoon and suffered the loss of his left leg, which was crushed off at the knee. The boy, it is stated, with several companions, was stealing a irde on the freight, and his hold on the car slipped. He was where medical attention was given "leak" he believed to be true. him. Reports late tonight are to the effect that the injured boy is resting well, and that all chances favor his

# MR. ADAMSON BUSY

Congressman Seeking to Get Action on the Bill He Introduced to Establish the 8-Hour Day-Wants Action on the President's Program. (By Associated Press.)

to 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 north to establish the 8-hour day, forbid saw the havor they had caused they mills to 28 1-2 per cent, strikes and lockouts within 90 days tried to make him the goat. He said Referring to conditions in strikes and lockouts within 90 days and permit the President to take over the management of railways in emeragency cases such as war and blocking of commerce. He expects to push the bill without waiting for the senate to act on the program of the President that offered to do what I could to aid to be a such as the country with my telegrams and the country with my telegrams and the country with my telegrams and the program of the President the country with my telegrams and the country with my telegram and the c

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan: 8 .- Inquiry into the alleged "lead" to W. Il Street on

nesses on hand ready to testify. Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to the copy: President; Secretary of State Lansing. and Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, were the first witnesses to testify.

President Wilson's peace note was re-

sumed by the House Rules Committee

this morning with a number of wit-

Secretary Tumulty in a lengthy statement declared he resented the mation to B. M. Baruch in regard to the so-called peace note sent the Enropean belligerents last month by the Secretary of State. This intimation 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 Indians, a man who I do secure an education, or to have the

Secretary Tumulty denied that he 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 law 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. ly the State Department. In concluding Secretary Tumulty said:

it was given out for publication."

at the State Department from the Providential hindrance being an White House. "Secrecy was main-tained," he said, "out of courtesy due And be it resolved; That we furth-

Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, was next witness. Chairman Henry told during each school term that Mr. Lawson he might proceed in his school teachers shall be required to own way for the present. Mr. Law- furnish the chairman of the ach son asked if he might to stopped at committees in their respective disany point in his discourse. Chairman tricts a report every two weeks, 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 ce sent to

Lawson, "regarding the lamna'le that it shall be a misdemeanor for condition which has existed for two either or both of these officers to fail years for the purpose of finding a to prosecute any and all persons vio Washington, Jan. 8 .- The Federal remedy for conditions causing hun-

proceeding half an hour and when infield. He declared he proposed to any capers, to our state organ, the Proconsequences.

"Whatever the penalty," he added, "and I take it in advance."

The committee room was in an uproar and Representative Henry threatened to clear it and hold the proceedings in executive session. Mr. Lawson gesticulatingly shook a pointof finger in Representative Chipperfield's face and delcared he was an American citizen and would see to it that he got his rights.

The clerk of the House threw Mr. Lawson back in his chair until order was restored. Mr. Lawson declared "I repeat it all now," declared Law-

son. "It is one of the commonest things in Wall Street to get advance information from Washington on TEXTILE WORKERS WILL 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, advance information on decisions; ad-! White House itself."

Mulberry Local of County Farm ers' Union Strong for a Compulsory Law.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY URGED TO ACT IN MATTER

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

Whereas, the Farmers union stands for education, and for a more enightened and intelligent citizenship; And whereas, We deplore the slackness of parents and those having "unjust intimation that I gave infor- children under their care in sending them to school, fully fifty per cent

of them being sent at all; And whereas, Believing as we do that no parent or other person has opportunity to secure it, we depose and ceclare that in our opinion the

Therefore be it resolved: That we, members of Mulberry local, No. 461, "I am authorized by the President Farmers Educational and Co-operato quote him as follows: 'I wish in tive Union of America, urge the enjustice 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 next, that will be absolutely compu 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

the nations which were to receive it, er urge and insist that the said staand it was not to be made public be- sute or statutes shall make it comfore receipt by the European coun-pulsory for every child between the age of eight years and fourteen years to attend school at least four m the county superintendent or to s "I will give testimony," said Mr. one specially appointed for the work, lating this school law and said ficers on failure of such duty shall be nunishable by a fine in the discretion of the courts.

And be it resolved; That we curnish a copy of this action to our county gressive Farmer, and that it be oresented to our county meeting to be held with Gold Knob local, Dec. 29 and 30 and urge similar action by that fody.

lionest investigation only to have hell lam'sasted out of me as soon as Congress convened. Promptly when the Senste met a leather-lunged, sewermouthed old blatherskite-

Here Mr. Lawson was interrupted by Chairmon Henry: "You must conduet yourself..."
"I know," Mr. Lawsen broke in

"that you are going to try to stop me from saving things you think I have n right to sav. and what shall I do?" Chairman Henry then said the "lid was off" so far as concerning any confidential conference with him,

### DEMAND EIGHT-HOUR DAY

Anderson, S. C., is Asked at Bo 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 Unit Textile Workers of America, who to Mr. Lawson declared in two years the American people had been rothed of from thirty to farty billion dellars.

Referring to the day the "leak" oc-Washington, Jan 8.—Representa-curred Mr. Lawson said the "fraud-day would be asked for President to get some action in the House of inflated" market was ready to burst. Golden said, notwithstanding the in-

bill without waiting for the senate to act on the program of the President for hearing in the senate today.

Representative Anamson was also very active in seeking action on the resolution which would continue the life of the Newland commission investigating railway problems. Technically, it passed out of existence to day.

Had offered to do what I could to aid the said that the strike in Art derson had cost his union over \$50,000 thus far, but that the organization was able to spend as much more to carry on the fight, if necessary to the strike in Art derson had cost his union over \$50,000 thus far, but that the organization was able to spend as much more to carry on the fight, if necessary or the strike in Art derson had cost his union over \$50,000 thus far, but that the organization was able to spend as much more to carry on the fight, if necessary or the strike in Art derson had cost his union over \$50,000 thus far, but that the organization was able to spend as much more to carry on the fight, if necessary or the strike in Art derson had cost his union over \$50,000 thus far, but that the organization was able to spend as much more to carry on the fight, if necessary or the strike in Art derson had cost his union over \$50,000 thus far, but that the strike in Art derson had cost his union over \$50,000 thus far, but that the organization was able to spend as much more to carry on the fight, if necessary or the strike in Art derson had cost his union over \$50,000 thus far, but that the strike in Art derson had cost his union over \$50,000 thus far, but that the strike in Art derson had cost his union over \$50,000 thus far, but that the strike in Art derson had cost his union over \$50,000 thus far, but that the organization of the committee or Congress whether a little private citizen from Boston put the fight that the committee or the congress whether a little private citizen from Boston put the fight that the organization of the congress whether a little private citizen from Boston put the fight that the strik