

"DEDICATED TO THE UP-BUILDING OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA"

ASHEVILLE, N. C., MONDAY MORNING, JANUARY 16, 1922.

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WAGON STREET CAR STRIKE GOES INTO FULL EFFECT

Electric Railway Employees in Four Cities Join Walk Out.

PROTEST AGAINST WAGE REDUCTION

Employees Inaugurate Jitney Service Along Lines of the Company.

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 15.—Prompts at midnight tonight...

Union men employed by the company in Norfolk, Portsmouth and Petersburg walked out at the same time.

That the fight between the men and the company will be a long one is indicated by refusal of either side to grant any concessions.

Officials of the transportation company have declared the determination to cut the wages of the men beginning tomorrow.

Powerhouse employees and watchmen remain.

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 15.—Formal orders for a strike of the power plant employees...

Orders for a strike here of the Virginia Railway and Power company employees issued today...

Wilson Foundation Fund Is Increasing In Asheville Daily

Number of Contributions Made Before Campaign Starts on Monday

The national campaign to endow the Woodrow Wilson Foundation...

The ward of awards from the fit of the Wilson Foundation will be made from time to time by a national committee...

Contributions from the following:

- Mrs. George W. Vanderbill, \$500.00; W. R. Henderson, \$100.00; Mrs. John H. Cathey, \$100.00;...

ROPE INSURANCE TO STABILIZE PRICES

Will Be Considered at National Agricultural Conference.

PRICE GUARANTEES TO BE CONSIDERED

Plan Discussions of Many Subjects in Interest of the Farmer.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Insurance crops as a method of stabilizing prices of farm products is expected to be one of many suggestions put forward at the national agricultural conference...

It is expected to develop whether the proponents would recommend that the insurance be carried by the farms co-operatively by private companies, or through government aid.

Hail insurance has already been tried by tobacco growers and storm insurance is in force in some sections of the country.

Crop insurance has been tested to a certain extent. It was declared, both by mutual farmers companies and by private insurance companies and agricultural experts...

PROPOSE STUDY OF WOULD CONSUMPTION

Balancing production with consumption is another topic which the conference leaders expected to see come up.

Price-fixing was said to be on the minds of several delegates and while some declared all such efforts invariably in the past have failed...

Leaders of the conference predicted that the labor question inevitably will arise, since the presence of railway executives and Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor...

The purely agricultural nature of the conference, agricultural department officials said, has been kept in mind and the "dist farmer" will be fully represented.

GUARD COURTHOUSE FOR TRIAL ALLEGED FEUDIST

MANCHESTER, Ky., Jan. 15.—Armed with rifles and two machine guns, 50 state guards under command of Major James H. Crenshaw...

The Martig-Burge feud was revived on Christmas day when three men were killed and several injured in a battle which it is said the bodies of the slain were allowed to remain on the ground for hours...

WOMAN KILLED; OTHERS HURT BY A RUNAWAY AIRPLANE

REDFAN, N. J., Jan. 15.—A runaway airplane, starting from the Redfan airfield, crashed into a crowd of several hundred skaters on the Shrewsbury river...

WILMINGTON CONCERN IS DAMAGED \$60,000 BY FIRE

Great Demonstration Given Former President Wilson by Several Thousand Admirers

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Declaring anew his confidence in the "vitality of the league of nations," former President Wilson today warned an impromptu gathering at his home on "B" street that those who opposed the league would have to "look out for themselves."

A motion made by a man in the audience at a meeting of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation that those present pay their respects to the former chief executive, led to a spontaneous pilgrimage of several thousand admirers and friends of Mr. Wilson through slushy streets to his residence.

Mr. Wilson's remarks were in reply to Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, who acting as spokesman for the crowd, had declared that its presence offered proof that the league of nations was not dead.

"I need hardly tell you how such a demonstration of friendship and confidence makes me feel," Mr. Wilson replied.

"There can be no doubt of the vitality of the league of nations. It will take care of itself and those who do not regard it will have to look out for themselves. I have no anxiety for it, my only anxiety is to see our great people turn their faces in the right direction and move with all their force. I thank you for all this. I don't deserve it, but I enjoy it, nevertheless."

The former President was assisted to the door by Mrs. Wilson, who shared with him the plaudits of the crowd.

Among the ushers were Missa Reber Doughton, daughter of representative Doughton; Carolyn Rogers, daughter of Sam T. Rogers; Grace Roper, daughter of Daniel C. Roper; and Betty Bryant, daughter of H. E. C. Bryant, manager of the Asheville Citizen's news bureau in Washington.

Members of the North Carolina delegation in congress attended.

FIVE PASSENGERS FIRST FLIGHT ON MOST FLYING BOAT ARE FOUND

Armed March. Two Shot Attempting Arrest Participant in Charleston, W. Va., Jan. 15.—Late H. H. Blount, marshal of the state constabulary, was shot and seriously wounded at Dry Branch, on Cabin Creek, today, while attempting to take into custody H. F. Blount, a member of the Ku Klux Klan...

GREATER CONSIDERATION FOR WATER THAN FOR CROTOR

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 15.—The Christian stewardship program of the Methodist Episcopal church is intended to persuade 1,000,000 members of the church to give up a portion of their income for religious purposes.

AGREE TO AID BELGIUM AGAINST FOREIGN POWERS

BRUSSELS, Jan. 15.—(By The Associated Press.)—Premier Theunis today received the signature of a provisional protocol of an Anglo-Belgian military convention guaranteeing to Belgium defensive support by all the British forces in case of aggression against Belgium by any foreign power.

WILSON Y. M. C. BUILDING IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

WILSON, N. C., Jan. 15.—Loss estimated at \$60,000 was caused by fire of undetermined origin here early today when the Y. M. C. A. building was destroyed.

HATS TO GET LARGE INSURANCE POLICY

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—The life of Postmaster-General Will H. Hays will be insured for two million dollars when he resigns his cabinet post to head the National picture combination.

ASK GOVERNMENT PROBE OF ACTIONS ARCTIC EXPLORER

Charge-Subordination of Interests of Science by Stefansson.

REVEALS TROUBLES DURING EXPEDITION

Row While in the Frozen North Are Related by One of the Party.

MONTREAL, Jan. 15.—Professor J. O'Neill geologist of McGill university, tonight took aim in the controversy began last week when Dr. E. M. Anderson of Ottawa, second in command of the Stefansson Arctic expedition of 1913, accused the explorer of having subordinated the interests of science to his own personal advantage.

Professor O'Neill who was a member of the southern branch of the expedition, commanded by Dr. Anderson, said an unsatisfactory basis of command had caused the friction from the first. This friction, he declared, reached a crisis after Stefansson had lost his vessel, the Karluk and 11 of her crew and rejoined the southern party, describing its refusal to hand over its remaining provisions to him as "insubordination if not actual mutiny."

"I am not surprised that Dr. Anderson, no longer able to keep silent under these unjust accusations, has publicly denounced him," Professor O'Neill declared.

The crux of the difficulty between members of the expedition and their leader, Professor O'Neill said was that they were all in the pay of the Canadian government, while Stefansson, although sent out on a government expedition, had looked for income to his writings.

"This arrangement was ridiculous, for he worked with a view to self betterment from the very beginning instead of in the government's interest," he asserted.

When came the question of resupplying the expedition, the expedition, although it was understood each was to operate independently.

CREATED ON SHIP AND FOOD SUPPLIES

WASHERMAN'S BRIGADE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Alice Paul's cavalry brigade is ready for a sure enough invasion of the south. The first outriders will leave here this week.

General Fund Balance on December 31, Last Year Was \$488,000.00

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Government financial operations since the country's entrance into the world war involved more than two hundred billion dollars, according to figures compiled by the treasury on the basis of daily statements from April 6, 1917 to December 31, 1921.

This stupendous sum consisted of receipts, both ordinary and public debt of more than \$39,000,000,000 balanced against disbursements, of both classes, of a like total.

Disbursements, exclusive of public debt, for the period aggregated \$45,745,000,000, while public debt disbursements totaled \$55,481,000,000 and on December 31, 1921, the net balance in the general fund was \$488,000.00.

For the war period the excess of disbursements, exclusive of the principal of the public debt, over receipts of the same class was \$24,000,000,000. Over the same period the gross public debt increased by \$22,000,000,000 and on \$1,000,000,000 on April 6, 1917 to \$23,000,000,000 on December 31, 1921.

Exclusive of foreign loans of \$9,847,000,000, ordinary disbursements of the government from April 6, 1917 to the end of the past year aggregated \$26,157,000,000, these expenditures amounting to \$280,000,000 on April 6, 1917, to \$7,258,000,000 for the fiscal year of 1918, \$11,000,000,000 for the fiscal year of 1919; \$9,832,000,000 for the fiscal year of 1920; \$5,043,000,000 for the fiscal year 1921 and \$1,837,000,000 from July 1, 1921 to December 31, 1921.

Many Are Confident Shantung Problem Is Nearing Settlement

Fare Collector Pays Income Tax Of Five Figures

EXPECT ADVICES FROM PEKING AND TOKIO ANY HOUR

Believe Fresh Instructions Clarify Japanese-Chinese Affairs.

RAILWAY PHASE IS BIGGEST OBSTACLE

Looking to Balfour and Hughes to Bring on an Agreement.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—(By The Associated Press.)—If the Shantung conversations make the progress hoped for by the conference leaders during the next two or three days, the end of the coming week may see all of the issues raised in the Washington negotiations well on the way toward solution.

Confidence that the Shantung problem is nearing a settlement was apparent in most quarters tonight, and the feeling that with the other far eastern questions in abeyance the separate exchanges between the Chinese and Japanese over the former German lease would be pressed forward rapidly.

Neither of the two groups directly interested was prepared to say that an agreement was in sight, but they evidenced a hope that fresh instructions from Tokio and Peking, expected today, will help materially to clear up the situation.

As soon as Shantung is out of the way, and perhaps sooner, the conference will resume its consideration of the remaining problems of the Orient, with all the delegates in a position to present their views quickly so that the negotiations here will not be excessively prolonged.

On most of the remaining problems, the delegates already have informed themselves thoroughly regarding the views of other groups and the prospect for an agreement.

GOOD AS COMPLETED

The naval negotiations also appear to be as good as completed, the treaty text agreed to by the "five big powers" regarded as virtually settled, subject to final approval, successively, of the full naval committee and of the conference itself sitting in plenary session.

Both of these meetings probably will be held during the coming week, the delegates planning to set the conference machinery in motion for final approval of the treaty as soon as Tokio sends formal approval of the articles dealing with Pacific fortifications.

Settlement of the Shantung question will rest largely in the hands of Arthur J. Balfour and Secretary Hughes, in the opinion of Chinese spokesmen. Both the Chinese and Japanese delegations tonight were waiting instructions from their respective governments as to the attitude they must take on the Hughes-Balfour compromise suggestions designed to afford a basis of agreement on both of the phases of the problem which up to now have seemed unmovable.

These phases touch upon the method of payment for the Tientsin-Tsinanfu railroad and the nationality of the men who will hold the positions of traffic manager and chief accountant for the railroad after its transfer.

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WOMEN'S PARTY TO TAKE SOUTH FOR EQUAL RIGHTS

Brigade Headed by Miss Paul, to Besiege Legislative Sessions.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Alice Paul's cavalry brigade is ready for a sure enough invasion of the south. The first outriders will leave here this week.

The purpose of this movement on the "old south," as announced by the National Woman's party headquarters today, is to assist the southern state chieftains in their campaign for equal rights legislation.

A big meeting of the national council of the party will be held here Tuesday, when definite plans for action in the various states will be discussed.

A statement issued from Watch Tower headquarters (that being a fine old time building near the capitol where the movements of congressmen can be observed) to day reads:

Seventeen southern states have been selected for concerted action on behalf of equal rights for women, including Maryland, Virginia, South Carolina, Mississippi and Kentucky, where legislatures are now in session.

Legislatures are under way in Louisiana and Georgia, whose legislatures meet in May and June. The equal rights bill has already been introduced in the Maryland legislature by Senator Norris, president of the senate. In Virginia it will be introduced in the legislature Monday and early introduction into the other southern legislatures is planned.

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The Shantung-Hughes compromise suggestion is expected to be based on various combinations of these two questions in a form that might permit either the Japanese or Chinese to give in on one and retain the other or might allow China, by sacrificing the chief concession, to obtain a concession for payment in cash or installments for the road, at the same time assuring Chinese control over the road through a Chinese traffic manager.

At the Chinese delegation headquarters there was said to be "hope without optimism" that the Shantung question will be settled through the Japanese giving in on the railway phase of the dispute. In no other way, the Chinese say, can a settlement satisfactory to the Chinese people be reached. There is no indication, it was said by the Chinese, that they would "stand pat" on the question of management and would insist on a Chinese traffic chief and accountant.

The Chinese declare they are not in a position to concede on the question of the principle involved and that there is nothing for them to do but wait and hope that Mr. Balfour and Secretary Hughes will be able to effect a settlement through the Japanese giving in.

Both Mr. Hughes and Mr. Balfour, one Chinese official said tonight, understood the difficulties the Chinese face in the existing situation at the moment. The Chinese people are the victims of domestic turmoil over the Shantung delay.

In the meantime, the Chinese and Japanese delegations expect to continue tomorrow their efforts to clear the Shantung question. In question involved in a complete settlement. The coal mines adjacent to the state of...

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Organizations seeking enactment of legislation giving woman equal rights as property owners and in politics, and changing the laws relative to seeking child birth control, are meeting strong opposition in the state. Miss Anita Pollitzer, legislative chairman of the national women's party today told members of the party in this state.

Very little of the general progress of the woman's movement is reflected in the south, said Miss Pollitzer, whose home is in Charleston, S. C.