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## FAR-REACHING PLAN ORGANIZED LABOR

### WANTS TRIPARTITE CONTROL RAILROADS

#### The Strike of Federated Railroad Shopmen Continues to Spread—Union Officials Predict a Tie-up of All Railroads unless Demands for Higher Wages Are Met—There Is Question as to Regularity of Strike.

(By The Associated Press.)  
Washington, Aug. 5.—Organized labor was before the nation today with a demand that private capital be retired from railroad operation and that there be substituted a tripartite control of the railroad properties by the public, the operating management and the employees.

The demands of organized labor presented in the statement signed by engineers, firemen, conductors and the American Federation of Labor was recognized today in Washington as the most far-reaching proposal placed before the nation during its reconstruction period.

Officials refused to predict the outcome. Tomorrow it will be formally laid before the House Interstate Commerce Commission by Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; Frank Morrison, secretary of the Associated Federation of Labor, and Glen E. Plum, general counsel of the Organized Railway Employees of America. The proposal, in the words of its authors, "marks the step by which organized labor passes from demands for wage increase to demands that the system of profits in industry be overhauled."

Washington, Aug. 5.—Demands of 450,000 railway clerks, freight handlers, express and station employes that their wages be increased unless something is done to materially reduce the cost of living were to be considered today at a conference between Director General Hines and J. J. Forrester, grand president of the brotherhood of these employes.

Similar demands from the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen now are before the director general. Meantime the 500,000 shopmen over the country are formally voting on whether a strike shall be called to enforce the demands made last January that their wages be increased 25 per cent. Pending the outcome of this strike vote, the thousands of shopmen now out on an unauthorized strike were expected by union officials to return to work.

Take an investigation of the railroads employes wage demands was considered today by the Senate Interstate Commerce Commission. The whole question was finally referred to a sub-committee consisting of Chairman Cummins and Senator LaFollette and Senator Wolcott, Democrat of Delaware.

#### A HUGE PLANT.

Chicago, Aug. 5.—The strike of Federated Railway Shopmen, which started last Friday, continued to spread today, and according to officials here of the district council directing the walkout a complete tie-up of the railroads of the country will result in a few days, unless their demands for higher wages are met at once.

While the Chicago district is the center of the strike, reports from the Northwest, Southwest, Southeast, Ohio, Indiana and as far West as Colorado show that the shopmen continued to walk out. In a number of instances, however, local unions voted to remain at work until the order to strike came from the officials of the grand lodge in the regular way. The day's claims of further strikes as made by the district council officials were concurred in by the grand lodge officers. They predicted a complete tie-up of the railroads unless the men yielded to the plea to return to work pending action by the grand lodge officials, who are now presenting the demands to Director General of Railroads Walker B. Hines at Washington.

Washington, Aug. 5.—Having termed the proposal of President Wilson and Director General Hines for a Congress-created committee to investigate wages and working conditions unsatisfactory and too slow, officials of railway shop crafts, through the mailing

out of strike ballots prepared to enforce the demands for wage increase approximating 25 per cent. The ballots were to go to 500,000 shop employes in the United States, and about 10,000 in Canada, some of whom already are on strike, refusing to obey the instructions of the union officials to await the return of the strike vote August 24.

San Francisco, Aug. 5.—The metal trades department of the American Federation of Labor will make demands on Congress and the President this month that measures be taken to reduce the high cost of living, James O'Connor, chairman of this department, said. Membership of the metal crafts exceed 500,000 men, O'Connor said.

Wilmington, N. C., Aug. 5.—Members of the stevedores and freight handlers' union employed here joined forces today with the striking shopmen, further complicating the tie-up of the A. C. L. and S. A. L. The car cleaners went out yesterday. Practically all trains are running late, and little freight is moving here.

Chicago, Aug. 5.—John B. Saunders, president of the Chicago District Council of the Federated Railway Shopmen's Union, said this morning that his organization had refused to take the strike vote ordered by the grand lodge officers.

"We will pay no attention to orders issued by the grand lodge," said President Saunders. "No strike vote will be taken, and we will not return to work until our demand for increased wages has been granted. Furthermore, we will refuse to negotiate for a settlement through the grand lodge. If the government wants to talk business with us it will have to come to us direct, as we will not be bound by any agreement made by grand lodge officials."

Officials declared that the effect of the shopmen's strike is being felt by every railway in the West and South. They say that all of the roads in the districts affected are greatly crippled and are refusing to accept perishable freight. Reports received at union headquarters were to the effect that many locomotive engineers had refused to take out trains because of the bad condition of the rolling stock.

#### CONSTRUCTION WORK OF JACKSON BROS. CO. MAKING GOOD PROGRESS—WILL BE ONE OF FAYETTEVILLE'S BEST ENTERPRISES.

Despite the great difficulty in securing building material, progress has been quite rapid in the construction of the Jackson Bros. Co. lumber plant, situated off Russell street, southeast of the market house in the edge of Fayetteville. Work has been going on for a number of weeks in laying the foundation of the big plant, and considerable delay has been caused by the shortage of building material and the practical impossibility of getting it. With the improvement somewhat of conditions, however, the progress has been rapid.

A talk with Mr. H. A. Hopper, general superintendent of the contracting firm, Irwin & Leighton of Philadelphia, reveals that the mill frame building will be 241 by 292 feet, a portion one story and a portion two-story. A huge boiler room is being constructed to be 105 by 105 feet in size, one story. The plant will be one of the largest concerns of its kind in this vicinity. About sixty men are on the pay roll now, and within two weeks, Mr. Hopper says, the number will be increased to a 115 or 120. Within that time a large lot of building material is expected to arrive.

## AT WASHINGTON

### Items of Interest—Sayings and Doings in the Capital of the Nation.

(By The Associated Press.)  
Washington, Aug. 5.—In its hearing on economic sections of the Versailles treaty, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee got into a sharp argument today over the League of Nations, during which Chairman Lodge declared that repeated attempts to secure information on the league from President Wilson had been unavailing.

"The President," said Senator Lodge, "has never offered to come before this committee. He sent only a telephone message saying he would be glad to have the committee come to the White House. We have called for paper after paper, and he has not sent one."

Senator Fall, Republican of New Mexico, remarked that the committee did see the President at the White House on his first return from France, but had failed to secure from him any important information. Democratic members of the committee replied, and the argument became so sharp that the chairman had to rap for order. The clash interrupted the testimony of Norman Davis, an economic adviser to the Versailles conference, regarding reparations clauses of the treaty, and was accepted by some Senators as a foretaste of what is to be expected when Secretary Lansing appears before the committee tomorrow.

Washington, Aug. 5.—Hundreds of letters from persons suffering from incurable diseases and from aged persons addicted for many years to the use of drugs, pitiful in their supplications, that rules governing the sale of narcotics be modified to permit them to purchase drugs, led Commissioner Roper today to issue instructions to collectors of internal revenue whereby such persons may obtain drugs on the prescription of a reputable physician, saying that it is needed to maintain life. Previous instructions had been that persons prescribing, selling or obtaining drugs merely to satisfy the cravings of drug addicts should be regarded as violating the law.

## Danger of Rioting at Coal Mine Near Bellaire, Ohio

(By The Associated Press.)  
Wheeling, W. Va., Aug. 5.—Twenty deputy sheriffs, armed with riot guns, were rushed to the Fort Pitt Coal Mine south of Bellaire, O., near here this morning, following receipt of reports of a clash between striking miners, believed to be led by radical agitators and other more conservative workmen. Early reports were that rioting broke out after the strikers had refused to permit the other miners to work.

According to reports received here, the strikers who are demanding a 6-hour day and large increases in wages attacked non-striking workers, as they were about to enter the mine this morning. The situation, it is said, got beyond control of the Bellaire authorities and a hurried appeal was made to the sheriff of Belmont County for aid. Advances just before noon said further trouble was expected.

The strikers are said to have been agitated by Bolsheviki agents and to have formed a radical organization.

When the deputies arrived on the scene the strikers, numbering more than 200 men, retreated beyond gunshot range and appeared to be planning to make a stand, and reports received shortly before noon said a pitched battle between the miners and the deputies was expected. Sheriff John Osborn of Belmont County, who was on the scene, said he had given his men orders to shoot to kill and not waste any ammunition if attacked.

### EYES EXAMINED GLASSES GROUND. DR. JULIUS SHAFFER 216 HAY STREET Fayetteville, N. C.

## FIRST STEP TAKEN

### Attempt to Reduce Cost of Living by Sale of Immense Surplus of Army Stores.

(By The Associated Press.)  
Washington, July 31.—First steps in the Federal Government's attempt to reduce the high cost of living were taken today with the inauguration of a plan for the sale of \$125,000,000 worth of army food stocks direct to the people, with every postmaster and mail carrier over the country acting as a salesman. Distribution of the surplus in this manner was requested by the House of Representatives, and details were worked out at conference between Secretary Baker, Postmaster General Burleson and Representative Kelly of Pennsylvania, author of the House resolution.

While this programme was being put into effect, President Wilson had before him a statement from the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers which declared that the "conscienceless profiteering by the great interests who have secured control of all the necessities of life" had brought about such conditions that the engineers felt they must demand increased wages unless living expenses speedily were reduced.

At the Department of Justice investigation into the cause of increased living costs was under way, with particular attention being given to the question of whether producers or dealers had continued in violation of law to raise prices on necessities.

Meantime there was pending in the House a resolution proposing that the Federal Trade Commission investigate recent increases of coffee, sugar, shoes and clothing.

## PRESIDENT AROUSED OVER PROFITEERING.

(By The Associated Press.)  
Washington, July 31.—President Wilson is giving "deep and thoughtful consideration" to the high cost of living, it was announced today at the White House, and all branches of the government that might aid in solving the problem are at work.

The President is understood to have been deeply impressed by the statement presented to him yesterday by Warren S. Stone, chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, describing the unrest over the country because of the decreased purchasing power of the dollar.

In this connection it became known today that the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen had presented to the Railroad Administration a statement similar to that of the engineers, setting forth that the trainmen must have increased wages unless immediate steps were taken to reduce living costs.

## THE COMMISSIONERS

The regular meeting of the County Commissioners was held on August 4. Members present were Albert Wade, E. V. Edens, chairman; J. T. Martin, F. L. Holcomb.

Mr. Alex Leslie, superintendent of county farm, and Mr. G. D. Davis, superintendent of county roads, made their reports, which were accepted on motion.

Dr. K. G. Averett and others came before the board asking for a concrete bridge over the Highsmith canal near Cedar Creek. It was ordered that the matter be looked into. It was later ordered that when the Strickland bridge road is cleared out and accepted by the commissioners, the bridge will be built.

The reports of W. C. Verdery, county health officer, and W. J. Brockington, farm demonstrator, were made and accepted, after which the meeting adjourned 2:30 p. m.

In the afternoon session G. D. Davis and Albert Wade were appointed on committee to act with the land owners, J. A. Tally, F. H. Hobbs and John Morrison, as to a part of the Strickland bridge road.

W. J. and M. D. Gilles of Seventy-first were relieved of double tax for 1918.

Bills were O. K. for August and other minor business was attended to.

## A BIG EVENT

### City of Wilmington Greet the Editors—Concrete Ship is Launched in Their Honor.

Thursday, July 31, was a great day in Wilmington, and one event in the programme marked what the whole State trusts is the beginning of big things for North Carolina's seaport. That event was the launching of a concrete ship, the "Cape Fear," built on the yards of the Carolina Ship Building Corporation.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels delivered an address on the occasion of the launching and the North Carolina State Press Association, in session at Wrightsville Beach, attended in a body. Airplanes from Camp Bragg circled in the air and did stunts when the good ship took to the water, and great enthusiasm was manifested by the throng of spectators.

The correspondent of the Raleigh News and Observer says: "Secretary of the Navy, Hon. Joseph Daniels, paid his respects to his fellow brethren of the press in an address at the Victoria Theatre, witnessed with them the launching of the Cape Fear, spoke to the 2,000 operatives of the Carolina Shipbuilding Corporation, which is building 12 steel ships of large tonnage here, lunched with the editors and their wives at the mess hall of the Carolina Shipbuilding Corporation, and left tonight at 7 o'clock, returning to Washington, with one of the busiest days of recent months behind him."

The upper Cape Fear section sends greetings to its city by the sea, and sincerely trusts that the good people of Wilmington and of the entire State are to be greatly benefited because the Cape Fear metropolis has come into its own, both as a port and a city where many ships shall be built.

## A MATTER FOR REGRET.

Secretary of Navy Daniels Cannot Attend LaFayette Day Here.

The Secretary of the Navy, Washington, Aug. 2, 1919.

My Dear Mr. Nimicks:  
In the absence of Secretary Daniels, who left yesterday for the Pacific coast to be gone for a month or two, I am taking the liberty of quoting below a letter which the secretary has just received from the secretary of war:

"I deeply regret that it will not be possible to accept the invitation of the citizens of Fayetteville to participate in the celebration of LaFayette Day in that city on the 6th of September, it now being quite certain that General Fenshing's return will be at just about that time and I must be present to receive and welcome the general on his return.

"As you did not give me any address to which I could send a note to the committee in Fayetteville expressing my appreciation of the honor of their invitation, I beg that you will ask your secretary to convey such an expression to the proper persons in North Carolina."

Sincerely yours,  
EDWARD E. BRITTON,  
Private Secretary.

Mr. Q. K. Nimicks,  
Fayetteville, N. C.

## FROM OVERSEAS.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Vann received a message from their son, Capt. J. R. Vann, Jr., M. C. A. E. F., Monday afternoon informing them of his arrival at Camp Dix, N. J. That he has been ordered to Camp Lee, Va., for demobilization. He hopes to reach home this week. Capt. Vann has been in France since August, 1918. He has recently completed a post-graduate course in medicine in the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

## NEGRO DIES OF INJURIES.

Falls to Recover From Shots in Stedman Row.

George Owens, the negro who was seriously wounded Friday night by two shots fired at him during a row at a country church this side of Stedman with several other negroes, failed to recover from his wounds and died in a local hospital Sunday night.

## FIRE IN CHICAGO

### Declared by Police to Have Been Started by Negroes—Loss More than \$200,000

(By The Associated Press.)  
Chicago, Aug. 2.—An incendiary fire which the police declare was started by negroes early today swept through the district bounded by West 34th street, West 45th street, South Lincoln street and South Hermitage avenue, destroying 100 homes of Polish and Lithuanian employes of the stock yards, and causing a property loss of more than \$200,000. Three persons are missing and a score were injured in the fire. The buildings destroyed consist chiefly of one and two-story frame dwellings. Three thousand men, women and children have been rendered homeless by the fire, and had feeling between the whites and negroes greatly aggravated. State troops were sent to the scene of the fire to disperse the crowds and prevent a renewal of race riots.

A number of witnesses have been found by the police who say they saw several automobiles of negroes with burning torches in the district shortly before the fire was discovered. The fire broke out in three sections at the same time. Several residents declare they saw negroes fleeing from the scene after the fire was discovered. A number of shots were fired at negroes, who, it is said, were attempting to escape in automobiles after the fires were started. One negro was said to have been wounded, but was carried away by his companions.

## AFTER YEARS OF ABSENCE.

Mr. William H. Powell, one of Fayetteville's dispersed abroad, who is now living in Richmond, Va., is in the city. He has not resided here for more than a quarter of a century and has not been a visitor in six years. Mr. Powell is both surprised and delighted at the progress Fayetteville has made. He says he would not have known where he was if he had been dropped in a part of the town where he could not see the old market house.

## DEATH OF MR. T. B. ROBINSON.

Mr. Thomas B. Robinson died in a local hospital Monday a. m., at 1:30 o'clock, after an illness of about six weeks with typhoid fever and complications.

Mr. Robinson came here last October with James Stewart & Co., since which time he has been employed with them at Camp Bragg.

He was born at Dumfries, Scotland, in August, 1870. He came to America when a boy, and outside of his immediate family he has no relatives in this country.

Mr. Robinson was a man of untiring energy; he was very efficient in construction work, having been engaged in this line for the last 16 years with Stewart & Co., and for the past two years prior to last October, he was doing contract work for that firm in Toronto, Canada.

He was a useful man, a devoted husband and father and a kind neighbor. He was a member of the Presbyterian denomination. He was twice married and is survived by one son by his first wife—Mr. John T. Robinson of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. His second wife was Miss May McClellan of Greensburg, Pa. She survives him with two children—May and James.

## CANNOT ATTEND.

French Ambassador Will Not Be in Fayetteville on LaFayette Day.

The people of Fayetteville will be disappointed to learn that the French ambassador can not be in this city on September 6, according to the following telegram from Congressman Charles M. Stedman, who personally extended the invitation to M. Jusserand for Fayetteville:

"Washington, Aug. 1.  
"Mr. F. H. Stedman,  
"Fayetteville, N. C.  
"French ambassador expresses great regret that he cannot accept invitation to be in Fayetteville on LaFayette Day on account of a previous engagement in New York.

"CHAS. M. STEDMAN."

## SLUMP IN COTTON

### Excited Selling on New York York Market Causes Price to Drop \$7.50 a Bale.

(By The Associated Press.)  
New York, Aug. 5.—There was a continuance of yesterday's excited selling in the cotton market today and a further sensational break in prices, with October contracts selling off to 30.85 during the early trading. This made a decline of nearly 37 per cent from the closing prices of yesterday and approximately 5 cents per pound, or \$25 a bale from the high level touched toward the end of last month. Rallies of several points followed, but the market remained extremely nervous with sentiment disturbed by the generally unsettled labor conditions, the large amount of old crop cotton remaining at the beginning of the new season and favorable weather for the coming crop.

## CONSERVATORY MUSIC

### A Fayetteville Institution Which Will Start Under Most Favorable Auspices.

As will be seen by reference to an advertisement in today's issue, the Fayetteville Conservatory of Music will be opened on September 15.

The promoters of the school state that they have secured the best musical faculty in the South headed by Miss Charlotte Reutter, a graduate and teacher of the Conservatory of Music at Brussels, Belgium.

The building secured for the institution is pleasantly situated on Green street in the heart of the city. The stockholders and promoters of the conservatory are among the leading and progressive people of Fayetteville, who will leave no stone unturned to make it a success. Fayetteville is a city of access from all directions, the climate is good and health and sanitary conditions are excellent, while the social atmosphere of the community is all that could be desired.

Handsome catalogues of the institution are now ready for distribution.

## BASEBALL.

Saturday Victory defeated Cumberland by the score of 3 to 0 at Cumberland. The features of the game were the pitching of O. Person, and the run by Ward, both of the Victory team.

The batteries were—Cumberland—Arnett and Phillips; Victory—O. Person and M. Person.

Score by innings:  
Cumberland.....000 000 000—3  
Victory.....400 020 020—8  
Victory also defeated Cape Fear to the tune of 5 to 0 on the 30th of July. Victory challenges any local amateur team in the Eastern section of North Carolina. Address

H. E. KOHN, Mgr.,  
Lakedale, N. C.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION CONVENES

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held yesterday at the court house, called to decide upon the consolidation of the Pinedale and Eureka Spring districts by the use of an automobile kid wagon to be run from the home of John R. Buis, up the National Highway, to the M. Bill place, thence northwest a mile and a half to Eureka Spring school house, and thereby collecting transportation of the entire Pinedale district to Eureka Spring; this consolidation, if affected, requiring the purchase of an auto wagon and the erection of an added room to the Eureka Spring school house, and another teacher, making a faculty of three instead of two. The matter was deferred two weeks by the board.

## POSTON—DEAVER.

Miss Florence Deaver and Mr. Willis Poston of Parkersburg, W. Va., formerly with the 46th Infantry at Camp Bragg, were married last night at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peatt Deaver on Turners avenue.

The ceremony was performed by the bride's uncle, Rev. W. A. Humphrey. The wedding marches were played by Mrs. Turils Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Poston left on the 11:20 A. C. L. train last night for their future home in Parkersburg, W. Va.