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## THREE MEN KILLED

### Clash Between Police and Strikers in Charlotte Results in 3 Men Slain, 13 Injured—Troops on Duty—Trouble in Pittsburg.

(By The Associated Press.)  
Charlotte, Aug. 26.—State troops and deputies patrolled the principal streets of this city today in an effort to prevent a renewal of rioting in connection with the street car strike here which resulted last night in the death of four men and the injury of thirteen others. Additional troops have been ordered to Charlotte and should arrive during the day.

Strong guards have been thrown around the car barns of the Southern Public Utilities Company, where the rioting last night took place. The City Hall also was guarded by soldiers.

No effort was made to operate street cars today. The service has been abandoned for two weeks, and last night's rioting followed efforts to operate cars on some of the more important routes.

Raleigh, Aug. 26.—Four companies of State troops were ordered early today by Adjutant General Royster to proceed to Charlotte immediately for duty in connection with the strike there of street railway employees. The troops were ordered to the scene after a request for assistance had been received by Governor Bickett from the Mayor of Charlotte. The units which go on duty are the companies stationed at Winston-Salem, Statesville, Lexington and Lincoln, a total of 12 officers and 250 men.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 26.—A call for 1,000 emergency policemen to aid the police in handling the trolley situation here was issued this morning by Mayor Babcock. This action followed a conference between city officials after the receivers of the Pittsburgh Street Railway Company attempted to break the strike of 3,000 motormen and conductors, which has tied up trolley transportation 12 days.

More than a score of persons were injured yesterday in riots when an attempt was made to run the cars through the downtown district.

Charlotte, Aug. 26.—Reports coming to police headquarters early today that a large force of outsiders, comprising numbers of railway workers, bent upon avenge for the death of Engineer Caldwell Houston in last night's rioting, was on its way to Charlotte, stirred speedy action this morning to combat further attempts of organized violence. Two companies of state troops had arrived before 10 o'clock and were on the streets, and the hundreds of citizens deputized this morning by the mayor were given shotguns for patrol duty. The thirty regular police officers, who had been continuously on duty since Monday morning, were being relieved by citizen policemen. Other troops have been asked for.

The results of last night's rioting at the car barn, where strike breakers and police exchanged shots with a mob numbering more than 2,000 men, stood this morning as follows:

**Dead.**  
Pat Hinson.  
Walter F. Pope, formerly of Concord.  
Caldwell Houston, Southern Railway Engineer.

**Wounded.**  
V. A. Kincaid, painful injuries in face and arm.  
Will Hammond, shot through throat, spinal cord cut, paralyzed; expected to die.

Tom Head, of Huntersville, two shots in chest; expected to die.  
Eldrich, five buckshot wounds in abdomen; serious.

A. T. Baker, Elizabeth Mills, shot in chest; serious.  
Clem Wilson, slight face wounds.  
Henry N. Seaman, shot in abdomen; serious.

Everitt Raymond, shot three times in arm and leg.  
George Smith, shot in back with buckshot.

Louis Wilson, weaver, of North Charlotte, shot in back with buckshot.  
D. M. Mille, shot through thigh.  
Walter Yandle, shot in both legs.

Robie Stuart, shot in thigh. None of the police officers or those guarding the barns were injured.

The car company did not start cars early this morning, but it was announced that they would be operated during the day under a strong guard.

Charlotte, Aug. 26.—It was announced at 11 o'clock at the City Hall that no investigation into last night's trouble would be instituted until order had been restored. The street car officials also said that no attempt would be made to run cars until complete order had been restored. A company of militia from Winston-Salem arrived at 12:30 P. M. adding strength to the three companies here from Statesville, Lincoln and Lexington.

Excitement subsided during the day but general business was at a standstill, and demands were coming from citizens that the trouble be settled immediately.

## NATIONALIZATION COAL MINES.

(By The Associated Press.)  
Washington, Aug. 26.—Nationalization of the coal mines is sought by many mine workers, and a bill to that end has been prepared. H. N. Taylor, president of the National Coal Association, testified today before the Senate Committee investigating the coal situation.

The plan is for the Government to buy the mines and turn them over to the men for operation, Mr. Taylor stated. Already many of the miners are demanding a six-hour day and a five-day week.

## TO INSPECT CAMP BRAGG.

A Sub-Committee of Congress to Visit Fayetteville in the Near Future.

As the result of a conference held Thursday between Messrs. J. G. Shew, A. L. McCaskill and F. T. Hale of Fayetteville and a sub-committee of the appropriations committee of the House of Representatives of Congress, in regard to the Camp Bragg matter, a Congressional committee will visit Fayetteville in about ten days and inspect the camp. The members of that committee are as follows:

Representatives Daniel R. Anthony, of Kansas, ranking Republican; Greene, of Vermont; Hull, of Iowa; Laguardia, of New York, and Miller, of Washington, Republicans, and Fields, of Kentucky; Quinn, of Mississippi; Harrison, of Virginia, and Fisher, of Tennessee, Democrats.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST.

(By The Associated Press.)  
London, Aug. 26.—The war office announced this afternoon that on the western front of General Denikine, the anti-Bolshevik leader in southern Russia, the advance is continuing with great rapidity along the entire line.

Paris, Aug. 26.—The peace treaty with Germany and other covenants simultaneously signed at Versailles were presented for ratification to the Chamber of Deputies this afternoon by Premier Clemenceau.

Washington, Aug. 26.—Allen property custodian, Major General Crowder, judge advocate general, and Col. John S. Wigmore "established a propaganda bureau to discredit critics of the existing military justice system and to protect the system" were made by Samuel T. Ansell, formerly acting judge advocate general, before the Senate Military Committee today.

## RALEIGH WOMAN DIES AT PARKTON.

(Special to The Observer.)  
Parkton, N. C., Aug. 26.—Mrs. Geo. W. Wright of Raleigh died suddenly here this afternoon. She was stricken at 1 o'clock and died at 5.

Mrs. Wright was visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Dan Marsh.

## SHOPMEN MUST WAIT

### President Wilson Thinks Railroad Workers Should Cooperate to Bring Restoration of Normal Economic Conditions.

(By The Associated Press.)  
Washington, Aug. 26.—Director General Hines today requested the Board of Railway Wages and Working Conditions to take up promptly any claims that have been made or may be made by railroad employees for readjustments that "ought to be made in order to make sure that equal treatment is done on the basis of the general principle of wage adjustments which the Railroad Administration has already established."

The decision announced yesterday by which shopmen will receive an increase of 4 cents an hour, was said to have been one step in carrying out this policy, although it has been deemed contrary to the public interest to make general increases in wage levels to meet present circumstances which are supposed to be temporary. Mr. Hines explained that the advance to shopmen was to give them the full benefit of the principle of 10 hours pay for 8 hours work, on which the wages of other railroad employees are computed.

Washington, Aug. 26.—President Wilson, having laid down in his decision yesterday on the demand of the railroad shopmen for increased wages the policy that settlement of such demands must await restoration of normal economic conditions, interest centered today on what response the men would make to the President's appeal that they co-operate in maintaining a "truce" in all wage matters. The first indication of what course the men would pursue were expected today in an announcement from their representative here, who continued in conference on the question with Acting President Jewell of the Railway Employees' Department of the American Federation of Labor.

## ATTORNEY MAKES COMPLAINT.

Mr. Editor—Will you please give the following letter some prominent space in your paper:

## TO THE PUBLIC

On last night I was employed to confer with and counsel a young man whom our policemen had locked up in headquarters, and very much to my astonishment, when I went there about 10 o'clock, I was informed by our chief of police, Mr. Merker, that I could not see this young man under any circumstances, stating that he intended that I should not advise accused as to his legal rights until he and a federal officer had first examined and cross-examined him. This young man was denied his constitutional right to confer with his counsel even this morning as late as 9 o'clock. I explained to Mr. Merker and the federal officer that this man had a right to counsel and that he had a right to be advised as to his rights, and they both stated to me that they did not intend for this boy to be advised as to his legal rights until they had first examined him and extracted all the information they could get out of him.

Upon application from me the city attorney, Mr. V. C. Bullard, advised Mr. Merker that the accused had the right to the benefit of counsel, but in the face of this advice, which everybody knows is right, I was still refused the opportunity to see him.

Article 1, Section 11, of the Constitution of this State, provides that every person imprisoned on any charge has the right to confer with and have counsel for his defense, and that such person shall in no way be compelled to give evidence against himself. If Mr. Merker is above the Constitution of North Carolina and the United States, then indeed have we a chief of police sure enough.

I must say that I have never heard of such a high-handed assumption of authority on the part of a police officer.

This August 23, 1919.  
JOHN H. COOK.

## JOHN. K. STRANGE DEAD.

### DIED AS RESULT OF INJURIES RECEIVED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT.

This community was shocked and saddened Thursday at the news of the death of Mr. John K. Strange, who died at his home on Rowan Street that morning at 3 o'clock, as the result of an automobile accident, which occurred Wednesday afternoon, in which Mr. Strange was pretty badly bruised up, but not considered seriously injured. He was taken to the base hospital at Camp Bragg directly after the accident, where it was thought he was well enough to be taken home.

The tragic accident happened Wednesday afternoon at the Manchester bridge, twelve miles west of Fayetteville. Mr. Strange was being conveyed in a hired car to some work on a concrete bridge that he was supervising at Manchester. The car was not being driven rapidly, but seems to have skidded, through some unknown cause, while on the bridge. When it did so the driver lost control and the car plunged downward through the rails on the side of the bridge, a distance of twenty-three feet, striking the water below. The driver was only slightly injured, and Mr. Strange, the only other passenger, was at no time until the last, considered in a serious condition. At the base hospital at camp he was examined by several physicians who pronounced no bones broken, and who did not seem to think him badly hurt. Internal injuries of some nature apparently caused his death.

John Kirkland Strange, who was the youngest son of the late James W. and Mary Hymen Strange, was a member of one of the most prominent families of the State, a family which has held high position in public affairs. He was a civil engineer, and as such had achieved success. For a number of years he was city engineer for Fayetteville. He was popular and well liked, being of a genial disposition and bright mind, and his sudden death has brought sorrow to many. He was 53 years of age and unmarried. He was a communicant of the Episcopal Church.

Mr. Strange is survived by two brothers, Robert and Samuel H. Strange, and two sisters, Misses Maggie and Fannie Strange, all of Fayetteville. He was a brother of the late Mrs. John W. Mallett and Mrs. James D. McNeill and a first cousin of Bishop Robert Strange. He leaves besides a large number of relatives throughout the State.

## FUNERAL OF J. K. STRANGE.

The funeral of Mr. John K. Strange, who died early Thursday morning, was held from St. John's Episcopal Church at 11 o'clock Friday, conducted by Rev. Mr. Bethea, rector of the Wilson church, in the absence of Rev. Archer Boogher, rector of St. Johns.

The congregation assembled to pay the last sad rites to an esteemed friend and relative was large, and the floral offerings were profuse and beautiful.

Following were the pallbearers:

Active—Lieut. Geo. Williamson, Oscar Breece, Gathar Scott, R. L. Holland, Jr., Rplin Horne, Walter Jessup, Tom Shaw.

Honorary—J. M. Rogers, A. B. McMillan, W. W. Horne, Geo. Williamson, Joe McPhail, O. O. Souders, Sam Davis, Charles Elliot, Leighton Huske, Dr. John McKethan, E. R. McKeithan, J. M. Hodges, T. S. Tolar, Thomas Briles, W. B. Leubetter, H. S. Averitt, R. B. Evans, Dr. J. D. Highsmith, Robert Vanstroy, R. L. Holland, Sr.

It seems that there is not a city or town of any size in North Carolina that is not short on dwelling houses. Where have the extra people been living all this time? If the majority of them are new comers, where did they come from?

Safest First! Provide for sudden attacks of Summer sickness by buying a bottle of Dr. SETH ARNOLD'S BALSAM. Warranted by Perry's Drug Store.

**EYES EXAMINED**  
GLASSES GRIND.  
**DR. JULIUS SHAFFER**

25 HAY STREET  
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.

## SOVIET PROPAGANDA

### Indications That Russian Interests Are Supplying Funds for Propaganda to Stir up Race Antagonism in United States.

(By The Associated Press.)  
Washington, Aug. 26.—Russian Soviet interests apparently are supplying funds for propaganda to stir up race antagonism in the United States, according to information now in the hands of the Department of Justice. Officials of the Department of Justice state today that charges of an organized propaganda, made in the House yesterday by Representative Byrnes, Democrat of South Carolina, seemed to be well founded. Newspapers, they said, were springing up over the country to spread propaganda and sow discord among the negroes. Agents of the Department of Justice are investigating. Facts thus far developed led officials to believe that I. W. W. and Soviet influences were at the bottom of the recent race riots in Washington and Chicago.

## Active Preparations Are Making to Reduce the H.C.L.

(By The Associated Press.)  
Washington, Aug. 26.—Retail stores for the sale of household commodities included in the surplus of stocks of the War Department will be established September 25, it was announced today. The stores will be located in depot centers and in other large cities, and they will accept and fill mail orders.

Continued purchase by the department of certain necessities in order that these stores may be continued indefinitely, as a part of the government's campaign against the high cost of living, is understood to be under consideration.

## EPILEPTIC BROUGHT TO COUNTY JAIL.

Alex Williams, an epileptic, was placed in the county jail here Friday morning till further action can be taken, regarding his removal. He was brought in from the country about 11 o'clock and it seems he had been troubled very much with his disease. It is reported that he has been sent to Raleigh several times to the asylum there.

## CHAPPEL-TALBOT.

Happy was the merry crowd of both old and young which gathered at the quaint old country home of Mr. J. H. Talbot, on the East side of Cape Fear, to witness the wedding of Miss Irma Google Talbot to Mr. William I. Chapel. The sun did its best on that beautiful August afternoon indelibly stamping the date of the 20th never to be forgotten.

The bridal party was formed in the southern room and marched through the spacious hall to the vine-clad veranda where stood the Rev. Harry A. Day, who performed the ceremony.

The bride-elect entered on the arm of her father, Mr. J. H. Talbot, who gave her away. The groom-elect entered on the arm of Mr. Oscar Breece, best man. The following couples were in attendance, and entered in the order named: Mr. Ed Talbot and Miss Hubbard, Mr. Waddell and Miss Rosa Talbot, Mr. Holmes and Miss Ada Godwin, Miss Maggie Talbot and Mrs. J. H. Talbot, mother of the bride-elect and Masters Alexander, William Howard Taft, Johnnie, and little Elsie Talbot.

The Rev. Harry A. Day very impressively performed the ceremony closing with a fit comparison of the wedding ring to the lives of the newlyweds. Immediately following the ceremony photographs of the bridal party were taken after which all repaired to the dining room where a bountiful wedding feast was served.

The bride was beautifully attired in a wedding gown of sky blue georgette crepe with veil to match. The groom wore a dress suit of black.

Mr. and Mrs. Chappel will be "at home" after September 1st, at Norfolk, Virginia.

## THE DOCKS

### The Question of Building Wharves on River Front in Fayetteville Referred to the People—Election to Be Called Shortly.

The Board of Aldermen met in called session Monday night. Mayor Underwood presided and the following members were present: M. E. Atkinson, H. L. Hedgpeth, A. L. Hubbard, T. S. Tolar, J. A. Barnes, J. B. Buckingham, R. G. Jones, H. C. Whitlock.

Mayor Underwood stated that the meeting was held to consider the question of whether the board should vote to build the docks or refer the matter to the people.

A full discussion was had, after which a motion by Alderman Whitlock prevailed that the question should be submitted to the people, and the board would call an election for this purpose at an early date.

Mr. J. H. Cook, attorney, was before the board with request that part of the privilege taxes paid by J. H. Roberts on the news stand in the Drake building be refunded, as he was compelled to give up the business and that the new owner had also paid taxes on the same business. This matter was referred to the Finance Committee for report.

The city clerk was instructed to take up a returned check at LaFayette Trust Co. for \$16.45 which had been charged to the account of Maj. R. J. Lamb given in payment of fine and cost in the Mayor's Court, and the same to be turned over to the chief of police for collection.

Alderman Hedgpeth moved, and it was carried unanimously, that Chief of Police P. H. Merker be given a rising vote of thanks for his diligent work in connection with the police work of the city.

Mr. G. F. Talbot was before the meeting with a request that before the paving is placed on Person street the proper sanitary sewer be laid on said street and that all property be required to connect the same; that the people living on this street were anxious for the privilege of having sewer connections. This matter was referred to the Sanitary Committee and city engineer for immediate report.

The chief of police made request that the city hall be equipped with the proper furniture and a safe; that required to connect the same; that no place had been provided to safe keep any records or collections. The City Property and Purchasing Committee was requested to take up this matter with power to act.

Alderman Whitlock moved that the Street Committee and city engineer be directed to have surveyed Clarendon street and the proper street line defined.

## VIOLATION PROHIBITION ORDINANCE INCREASING DAILY.

### Too Much Booze, and Chief Merker is Right Behind It.

It appears that violation of the prohibition ordinances is increasing daily, and it doesn't look good to Chief Merker. "The Prohibition laws are going to be enforced to a 'fare ye well' the chief stated in an interview this morning. Too much 'booze' has been evident in the city, and the police force is getting down behind it.

For instance: One man was stopped night before last for not having his lights burning, and while in conference with the police he offered a drink of whiskey to a friend. At Mayor's Court yesterday afternoon the offender paid \$9.45 for his bravado.

Three were up for being drunk, one disorderly and the other two down. The disorderly one forfeited a bond for \$15.25. One of the others paid \$10 and costs, and the other was released on payment of costs. For speeding one defendant paid \$10 and costs, and another up for like offense was fined \$14 and costs. One man guilty of driving without lights was released.

In Saturday's session of court a huge docket was disposed of. The case consisted chiefly of driving autos without lights, riding bicycles or sidewalk, open muffler on car, and soliciting passengers at the A. C. L. station.

## BIG ROBBERY

### Postoffice at Rowland Looted of \$1,500 in Cash, Stamps and Bonds—Robbers Escape in Stolen Auto, Which They Abandon Here.

The safe of the post office in Rowland was blown open Tuesday about 2:30 A. M. and a new Cadillac touring car was stolen from the garage at the home of H. Leinward, a prominent citizen of Rowland. Money, stamps, and bonds, amounting to about \$1,500 were taken from the post office. The car was found in Fayetteville early Tuesday by E. J. Monaghan, near the Norfolk and Southern freight depot, where it is supposed that the thieves who drove it from Rowland here abandoned it. It is believed that the men took train No. 86, north, or train No. 83, south, out of Fayetteville.

When the car was found that morning by Mr. Monaghan he immediately investigated and discovered in the car a medicine bottle and a letter that indicated the car to be from Rowland. Communication was had with authorities there and it was made known that the post office had been robbed, and that said Cadillac car was missing. Accordingly Chief J. H. Carper, of Rowland and H. Leinward, owner of the car, arrived on train No. 80, to recover the machine and trace the robbers further.

According to their statements the post office was entered from the rear, and the safe then dynamited. The automobile was taken from Mr. Leinward's home, which is about a block and a half from the post office. As the men were leaving town they fired several shots, and the few people awakened by the noise of the dynamite and shots adjudged that it must be about five men in the machine, when it left the city.

## Canadian Ace Makes First Half of Airplane Flight

(By The Associated Press.)

Mineola, N. Y., Aug. 26.—Col. William C. Barker, the Canadian ace, arrived here from Albany at 9:20 this morning, completing the first half of the air race from Toronto to New York and return. His machine, a captured German Fokker model, carried a bag of Canadian mail, which was immediately transferred to another airplane and started for Washington.

Five airplanes, which were unable to start from the local field yesterday, got away just before Col. Barker arrived.

## Colonel Served During War And Died on Returning Home

(By The Associated Press.)

Alliance, O., Aug. 26.—Col. Chas. P. Weybrecht, who returned only three weeks ago from France, where he commanded the 146th Infantry, died early this morning as the result, physicians believe, of eating cold storage turkey at a dinner last Saturday night at the Country Club in Canton. One other person is dead and two others are paralyzed, and their recovery is said to be doubtful. Weybrecht served two terms as adjutant general of Ohio.

## ONLY TWO MEN OF A. E. F. NOW UNACCOUNTED FOR.

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington, Aug. 26.—Only two men of the American Expeditionary Force, who went into battle against the Germans remain unaccounted for, according to a casualty list issued today by the War Department. A previous list showed more than 100 men missing in action. Total casualties now are placed at 291,732, with 77,422 deaths from all causes.

So far as we can learn, the health of Fayetteville is good at this section. It is to be noted that the health of Fayetteville (barring epidemics like influenza) is never bad, but at this period that is not so good as during the other seasons.