

HIGH POINT'S MANY INDUSTRIAL PLANTS, IDLE FOR MANY WEEKS, RESUMED OPERATIONS WEDNESDAY

About 4,000 Factory Operatives Will Return to Work. Labor Trouble Finally Settled by Governor. "Open Shop" Principle Agreed to by Manufacturers and Men. Agreement Includes Concessions by Employers and Unions. Calls for Arbitration.

High Point, Sept. 14.—The labor trouble at High Point, which has tied up industry for the past six weeks and created an idle army of approximately 4,000 people, was ended this afternoon at 3 o'clock when articles of agreement between employes and employers were signed by a committee representing the labor unions and the manufacturers. The settlement of the differences was made on the basis of the "open shop" principle. Under the agreement, work is to be resumed Wednesday morning, September 17.

The articles of agreement signed this afternoon provide briefly for the following five essential points:

1. Admission on the part of the manufacturers that union labor has a right to work without discrimination.
2. Admission on the part of union workers that a non-union employe has every right the manufacturers concede the union employe.
3. Adoption of the piece work system.
4. Compulsory arbitration of differences between employers and employes.
5. "It being herein and hereby distinctly understood and agreed that this agreement shall not be understood as any sort of kind of collective bargaining with either agents, committees or representatives of union labor."

55-Hour Week

It is further agreed that the week's work shall consist of 55 hours with pay on this basis. This, in effect, means that the employes will work 10 hours a day except Saturday.

The settlement of the labor controversy here is due largely to the efforts of Governor T. W. Bickett. The governor came to High Point last Friday night and since that time has been almost continually in conference with first one side and then the other. Governor Bickett stated upon arrival here that he had come to remain until the labor trouble was settled even if it required many days or weeks.

The settlement of the trouble here is regarded as a victory for what is termed the "Bickett labor policy," which the governor recently presented to manufacturers at Charlotte, Badin and other points in this state. It is the principle of the "open shop."

Forty-seven High Point manufacturing plants, idle for weeks, will resume operation Wednesday morning as open shops.

Immediately following the signing of the agreement, Governor Bickett addressed a mass meeting of union men and citizens in the high school auditorium, and urged manufacturers and employes to bring about a closer partnership; speed production and convince the manufacturers that they have made no mistake in their recognition of unionism.

James F. Barrett, labor leader, of Asheville, who has been here several days in an effort to settle the controversy, issued a statement this afternoon declaring the settlement a "splendid compromise, and," the statement continued, "let me urge upon every union worker his duty to attend to his work and resume his labor and to forget all bitter words that have been spoken; let them show to the manufacturers that they have not made a mistake."

SAM KIRKLAND KNOCKED DOWN BY TRAIN

Sam Kirkland, deaf and dumb, was knocked down by the 10:50 passenger train Saturday morning while standing in front of the station.

The young man was looking toward the express office, with back turned toward the railroad tracks, evidently being nearer the tracks than he realized and did not see the approaching train, which struck him on the left shoulder knocking him several feet in the direction of the express office. The wound while it is painful, is not considered serious and Kirkland is again going about his daily vocation.

ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL

The Roosevelt Memorial organization for this state has been completed. Judge J. C. Pritchard is state chairman, and Zeb Vance Walsler of Lexington is state director. W. C. Rector is chairman for Henderson county, and A. O. Jones is secretary-treasurer. Hon. J. J. Britt of Asheville, is treasurer for the 10th Congressional district.

The Roosevelt Memorial Association has been formed to provide memorials in accordance with the plans of the national committee, which will include the erection of a suitable and adequate monumental memorial in Washington; and acquiring, development and maintenance of a park in the town of Oyster Bay which may ultimately, perhaps, include Sagamore Hill, to be preserved like Mount Vernon and Mr. Lincoln's home at Springfield.

In order to carry this program to success, the association will need a minimum of \$10,000,000, and so that participation in the creation of this memorial fund may be general, it asks for subscriptions thereto from millions of individuals.

Colonel Roosevelt was the greatest American of his generation. He blazed the trail which this nation must travel. Unselfish and sincere in purpose, unswerving in seeking the right and following it, definite and direct in action, with his theory of personal responsibility for wrongdoing and his creed of "the square deal" for all, he gave a lifetime of devoted public service which must stand as an inspiration to the youth of this land for all time. Ardently American, believing profoundly that only through fullest acceptance of America's privileges and responsibilities could the people of this country realize their highest well-being and fulfill their obligations to themselves and to humanity, he set up ideals which it is not only a duty but a privilege to follow.

A memorial to this man will not so much honor him as honor America and the citizens who raise it to him. A contribution to the Roosevelt memorial will be, in the highest sense, a pledge of devotion to ideal citizenship.

Make contributions to A. O. Jones at Register of Deeds office.

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JOE WEST HAS BEEN DECLARED INSANE

Joe Hunter West, well known in Hendersonville, has been declared insane by a commission appointed by Judge H. B. Phillips of the Duval county court at Jacksonville, Fla. Dr. R. H. McGinnis, Dr. J. D. Love and J. C. Lanfer constituted the commission that declared young West insane.

Young West was taken into custody and held after he had made two attempts to kill Dr. Pittman, shooting up his house in the first raid, and in the second raid on Dr. Pittman's house none of the family were at home and no damage was done. Young West carried a shotgun at the time of the second raid on Dr. Pittman's home.

The commission reported that in the case of West, whose age was given at 27, his insanity is chronic. West has a delusion that he is being poisoned in order that his enemies who he claims are defrauding him, will come into possession of his estate. It is also stated that young West has homicidal tendencies. The commission also reported that the young man requires mechanical restraint in order to prevent self injury or violence to others.

A. H. Blackwell of Flat Rock, Route 1, was in the city on business this week.

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MASS MEETING FRIDAY NIGHT

There will be an educational rally at the city hall tonight, 8:30 o'clock, at which Lieut-Gov. Gardner and ex-Congressman Britt will speak. These men are deeply interested in the cause of education and their coming at this time is more than a passing event to the people of Hendersonville. As preliminary to this meeting the high-school pupils will parade on Main street this afternoon beginning about 5:30 o'clock.

We want a representative audience at the city hall tonight to hear these distinguished speakers.

JURY LIST FOR SEPTEMBER TERM OF COURT

The following is the jury list drawn for the fall term of Superior court which convenes September 29:

First Week
S. E. Sumney, Jno. W. McGuinn, N. A. Drake, A. C. McKinnia, J. M. Case, Walter Hooper, Ben Capps, E. F. Pace, G. A. Goode, R. V. Blythe, S. W. Davenport, D. L. Kimsey, H. F. Cantrell, W. M. Hyder, C. E. Souther, J. C. Lanning, W. P. Potts, C. N. Drake, E. M. Osteen, W. S. McCraw, V. Laughter, Frank Young, J. R. Wilkie, J. M. Laughter, J. H. Williams, M. S. Shipman, E. S. Hill, E. L. Sinclair, J. F. Garren, Z. D. Breward, J. P. Fletcher, E. R. Garren, A. J. Carland, J. P. Townsend, R. K. Osteen, R. B. Allison.

Second Week
C. W. Vaughn, M. A. Ward, Geo. Gillespie, A. P. Garren, J. V. Grant, J. M. Jackson, R. N. Reid, R. O. Keith, J. C. Butler, A. L. Gurley, R. E. L. Freeman, B. F. Gilbert, J. F. Revis, B. H. Raines, W. H. Whitesides, J. P. Anders, G. O. Love, T. L. Johnson.

AMERICA PAID RENTS WHILE FIGHTING FOR FRANCE

In France during the World War, where the land was taken for military use, the United States government had to pay a rental compensation. This government also paid for all material and labor used in constructing ports, warehouses, etc., in France. The amount of compensation was fixed by an agreement between an American commission and the French authorities.

ALL RECORDS ARE BROKEN

It is a source of great pleasure to note the splendid enrollment of students at the city graded schools during the opening week. The enrollment is the largest on record in all departments, fully 25 per cent greater than at corresponding periods last year, and the number daily increasing. The grammar and primary departments are running from 9 o'clock a. m. to 12:30 p. m.

The high school department runs from 1:30 to 6 o'clock p. m. On account of the large number of students the school board found it necessary to elect another teacher, which they did at their meeting on Wednesday night of this week. The inadequate accommodations at the school building work a hardship on students, parents and teachers since it becomes necessary for the children to attend the school only at certain periods of the day. Let us remedy this on next Tuesday by giving an overwhelming vote for school bonds.

BUSINESS BOOSTERS

Be sure to read the advertisements in this paper. They are news, good news, which the merchants of this city have asked us to carry to you. We convey this message with pleasure and good will.

If it's first-class job printing you are looking for, call and let us talk it over with you. We can please the most exacting when it comes to printing.

Do you need a good razor hone? If you do, come to The Times office, pay us one of your good dollars for a year's subscription to The Times and the hone is yours. Think of it—this paper a full year for \$1.00 and a razor hone to boot.

I. M. Haig called to see us Tuesday and subscribed for The Times.

G. C. Pace of Flat Rock, Route 1, was in the city on business Wednesday.

OPTION ON THE NOTERMAN PLACE

Only a few of us can leave much money to our children; but all of us, through our school can provide them with a sound education which will equip them to meet the duties and responsibilities of life. All the schooling which 95 per cent of the Hendersonville children will get will be given by our city school. Therefore we must make that school as efficient as possible. But—

The present building is too small to hold the students.

Therefore we must either have two shifts, (which reduces the school hours of every student and reduces the efficiency of the instruction), or we must provide additional accommodations. There are two ways to provide additional accommodations.

We might add to the present building. But the present grounds are already too small, and an increased number of students would make the congestion intolerable. Also, the enlarged building would again be outgrown after a few years, and by that time there would be no available sites that could be bought except at a prohibitive price.

We can buy while the buying is good. The trustees have an option on the Noterman property for \$23,500, which is just about the same as the cost of enlarging the present building. The Noterman property includes a substantial, well-planned building which will provide 6 large class-rooms, an auditorium and extra rooms for domestic science and manual training. It also includes 7 acres of land which will provide:

- a) Sites for any future school buildings the city will need in the next 50 years.
- b) Ample room for physical training, and also for an agricultural demonstration plot which will enable us to get an annual financial appropriation from the United States government.

We can get the Noterman property now under the terms of the option, for less than its market value. The owners have already been offered more for the property than the amount stipulated in the option; but, until October 1, they are tied up by the option.

In order to avail ourselves of this opportunity to make our school 100 per cent efficient, and to get the utmost financial aid from the county, the State and the United States, we urge the citizens of Hendersonville to vote for the proposed bond issue of \$30,000, of which \$23,500 is to be spent in the purchase of the property and the remaining \$6,500 for equipment and for the comparatively small cost of remodeling.

Vote for the bonds for the sake of the children.

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RICHARD QUICK DROWNS IN WATERS OF HIGHLAND LAKE

Richard Quick, 18-years-old son of Dr. Geo. W. Quick, pastor of the First Baptist church, Greenville, S. C., was drowned in Highland Lake near here last Saturday. The young man, with two companions, was swimming in the lake on the Carolina Military-Naval Academy property at Flat Rock, when he met his death. He remained under the water after a high dive, his companions going in after him and making every effort possible to save him, but their efforts were fruitless. After dragging the lake for an hour or more the body was recovered. The young man had been visiting the family of Rev. C. S. Blackburn of this city for several days. The remains were taken Saturday night to the home of the boys' parents at Greenville where funeral services were held Sunday, after which they were shipped to Virginia for burial.

DOES IT PAY?

J. R. Wilson of this city wanted a bookkeeper. He inserted a small want ad in The Times last week, telling the public what he wanted. In a few days Mr. Wilson came to The Times office and instructed us to discontinue his ad, saying, "I have secured the services of a bookkeeper." This is only one of many cases which prove that it pays to advertise.

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PROPERTY VALUED AT MILLIONS DESTROYED IN OIL PLANT FIRE

Blaze Believed to Have Originated From Spontaneous Combustion Sweeps Twenty-Acre Establishment of Standard Oil Company at Long Island City—Explosion Spread Flames to Adjoining Buildings—Three Firemen Reported Killed—Plants Across River Threatened by Blazing Oil

"AUNT" DICIE AT THE PARTING OF THE WAYS

New York, Sept. 13.—The Stone and Fleming works of the Standard Oil Company, covering 20 acres in Long Island City, tonight were wrapped in flames, which after causing damage estimated as reaching into the millions, swept on despite the efforts of a dozen fire boats and nearly two score engine companies to check them. Many thousand gallons of oil were consumed.

The blaze started shortly after 3 p. m., following an explosion in one of the tanks, believed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion. Fire alarms immediately were turned in and all available apparatus in Long Island City and Brooklyn, and several companies from Manhattan were summoned.

Frantic efforts to check the flames during the afternoon failed and toward sunset anxiety began to be felt for the Platt works of the Standard Oil Company on the opposite bank of Newton creek, on which the Stone and Fleming plant is located. Lumber yards in the vicinity and plants in which large quantities of alcohol and naphtha are stored, also were threatened.

Although no one was reported killed up to a late hour tonight, more than a score of persons were burned or otherwise injured. Several persons were trampled under foot when a back draught, sweeping the flames hundreds of feet into the air, caused a crowd of many thousands, gathered on the opposite shore of the creek, to flee for safety.

As the flames spread from tank to tank, until at 8 o'clock 50 were ablaze, there were several explosions which caused uneasiness to spread among spectators. Fearing a more serious burst, they would scamper away, only to return again later to watch the flames sweep onward.

Each tank contained many thousand gallons of oil when the fire started, but plant employes immediately put into operation an emergency underground pipe system and began drawing off the oil to other Standard Oil plants in the vicinity. Blazing oil overflowed, however, from some tanks and ran along the ground, spreading destruction. Some spread along the surface of the creek, but soon burned itself out.

So intense was the heat that occupants of factories near the works and families in tenement houses a short distance away fled, some carrying with them belongings.

Fire Commissioners Drennan took charge of the situation. The smoke was so thick that employes with a knowledge of the plant were used to guide the firemen in their work. Firemen between tanks were relieved at 10 minute intervals. By order of the fire fighters nine searchlights, each of 500-candle power and having 1,800 feet of cable, were set up.

Shortly before 9 o'clock six more explosions occurred within a few minutes of one another, causing the spectators to flee. Ten more ambulances, reinforcing several already on hand, arrived within a few minutes. The force of the explosions were felt within half a mile of the plant.

Shortly before 10 o'clock the flames spread to the main building of the Columbia Distilling Company's plant on the same side of the creek as the Stone and Fleming works and the alcohol stored there burned with a roar. Blazing oil also spread across the creek, threatening the Platt works. Three men on one fire boat were reported killed.

DO YOU NEED HELP?

We are in receipt of a letter from the Board of Trade, Asheville, asking us to co-operate with them in getting employment for a number of recently returned soldiers, many of whom are trained as mechanics, carpenters, clerks, electricians, draftsmen, chauffeurs, farm hands, painters, teachers, salesmen, etc. If any of our readers have need of this kind of help and wish to take the matter up, arrangements can be completed by writing Asheville Board of Trade, Asheville, N. C.

TROOPS RETURN FASTER THAN THEY WENT OVER

The record month of the war in carrying troops to France was July, 1918, when 10,000 a day, or 300,000 for the month, were disembarked. The return flow of troops exceeds the outflow, reaching 330,000 in May, 1919.

"AUNT" DICIE HAS THE PROPOSITION OF THESE GENTLEMEN UNDER CONSIDERATION AND IS TO LET THEM KNOW HER DECISION RIGHT AWAY.

Moreover, "Aunt" Dicie seems to have grievances at the local Democratic party. A short time ago she expressed herself as being highly elated at the progress the woman suffrage amendment to the constitution was making, and that she would be a candidate for sheriff on the Democratic ticket in the next election. That was when a number of strong Republican states were adopting the suffrage amendment. The next thing "Aunt" Dicie learned was that several of the Democratic states of the South had voted almost unanimously against the amendment. And when she spoke to several of the leading male members of the Democratic party in Henderson county concerning the suffrage amendment and her candidacy for sheriff of the county she got little or no satisfaction from them. So the next time she came to town she interviewed several leading Republicans in regard to the same matters she had spoken to Democrats about, and she says she found them enthusiastic for woman suffrage amendment, and dead against the league of nations business. And she says they all agreed that they would give her claims for the position of sheriff their careful consideration, and A. B. Freeman, W. J. Davis, W. C. Stradley and B. F. Staton, she stated, had agreed that they would support her loyally in her candidacy for the position of sheriff if she would quit advocating the fool policies of President Wilson, and come out and go to advocating the policies of the Republican party and help it to win the next election so that it can restore order out of the chaotic condition the country finds itself in at this time, and restore it once more to the high position it once occupied among the nations of the earth.

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