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Big Railroad Strike Is Threatened

Chicago Tribune Declares That Every Railroad in the Country is in Danger of Being Completely Tied Up.

Predicts Greatest Strike in History of the Nation—Organizations Demand a Ten Per Cent Wage Increase.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—The Tribune this morning says the United States is threatened with the greatest railroad strike in the nation's history, and that every railroad in the country is in imminent danger of being completely tied up by the walkout on the part of large numbers of operating employees this month.

GUN TO SHOOT AIRSHIPS. By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—A gun is being designed by ordnance experts of the army for the purpose of shooting dirigible balloons and aeroplanes.

Foes of Saloon Are To Rally

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Chicago is to be aroused into a lively campaign against saloons. The agitation is to be given shape at the annual convention of the American Anti-Saloon league, which is to assemble in this city Monday for a session of five days.

Gastonia News of a Day

Special to The News. Gastonia, Dec. 4.—At the city capital at 3:30 o'clock yesterday morning, Mrs. Mary A. Wilson, wife of Dr. Frank G. Wilson, died after an illness of many months, aged 34 years.

Lumber Plant At Lincolnton Burned

Special to The News. Lincolnton, N. C., Dec. 4.—The Michigan Manufacturing Company's lumber plant, with several hundred cords worth of lumber, doors, sash and other articles made by the company, was entirely destroyed by fire yesterday morning.

Asheville Postoffice Receipts Break Record

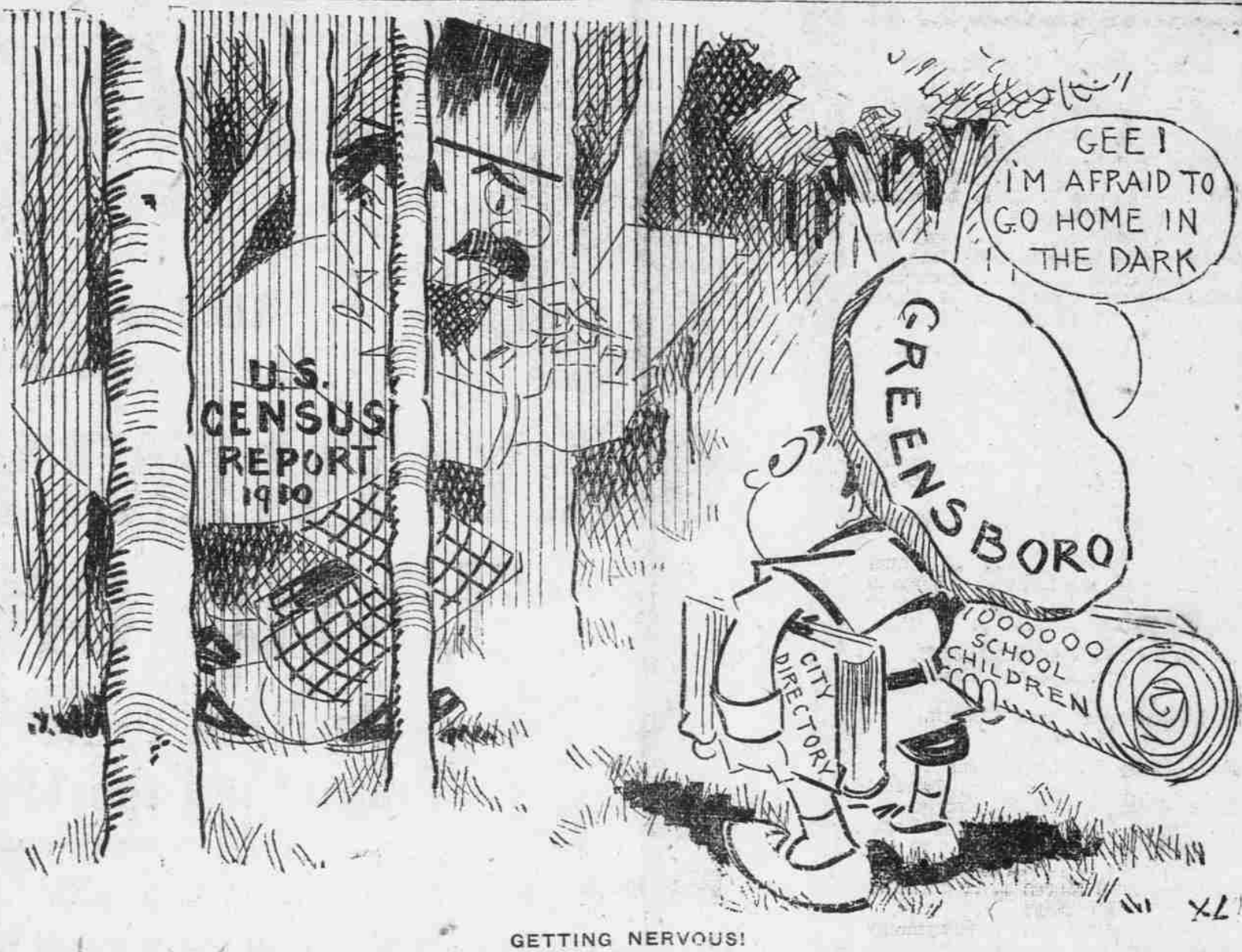
Special to The News. Asheville, Dec. 4.—The receipts of the Asheville postoffice during the past November have broken all previous records for the month.

No More Marathon Races.

By Associated Press. Chicago, Ill., Dec. 4.—Holding that long grinds are too much of a strain and injurious to runners, the directors of the Illinois Athletic Club have pronounced the doom of the annual marathon of that body.

LITTLE CHANGE IN THE STRIKE SITUATION

By Associated Press. Seattle, Wash., Dec. 4.—The strike situation in the Pacific Northwest is practically unchanged. The Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads have several switching crews at work here and have a number of men undergoing instructions preparatory to adding them to their forces.



GETTING NERVOUS!

ALL TOBACCO RECORDS BROKEN AT DURHAM

Special to The News. Durham, Dec. 4.—The last tobacco estimates show that for general average, the month of November broke every record that has been made on the local market.

FATAL HUNTING ACCIDENT NEAR CHESTER

Special to The News. Chester, S. C., Dec. 4.—While hunting for rabbits yesterday afternoon John Carter, aged 20 years, shot Jim Woodard, 65 years old, in the chest with a shot gun, which resulted in his death shortly after the shooting.

Cracksmen Made Haul

By Associated Press. Athol, Mass., Dec. 4.—Overpowering a policeman and express messenger, seven burglars used nitroglycerine and blew open the safe of the Athol postoffice, securing \$500 cash and \$900 worth of stamps.

Jury Acquits Lee H. Battle In Bank Case

Special to The News. Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 4.—The jury in the case of the government against Lee H. Battle, cashier of the City National Bank, on trial in the Federal court here for the past two weeks, returned a verdict of not guilty at 10 o'clock this morning.

District Attorney Holton Decides to Not Prosecute Other Cases And Lee H. Battle is a Free Man.

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THE PRAIRIE STILL STUCK FAST IN MUD

By Associated Press. Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 4.—The transport Prairie, carrying 700 marines and a cargo of equipment to be used in possible campaign in Nicaragua, is still stuck in the mud at Pea Patch Island, where the vessel was grounded early Thursday night.

Durham Making Preparations for Ball Team

Special to The News. Durham, Dec. 4.—The fans will appoint a day soon when they will get together and decide what they are going to do with reference to the ball proposition.

Uncle Sam Is Well Protected In Nicaragua

With Arrival at Corinto of Three Warships U. S. Will be Able to Guarantee Protection of American Interests.

It is Not Thought Landing of Bluejackets Will be Necessary—When Such Steps Might Have to Be Taken

Washington, Dec. 4.—With the arrival at Corinto possibly today or tomorrow of the cruiser Albany and the gunboat Yorktown from Magdalena Bay, the United States will be in position to take as aggressive steps as the occasion may demand for the protection of American interests along the Pacific coast, of Nicaragua.

PROMINENT CITIZEN RUN OVER BY TRAIN

Special to The News. Wadesboro, Dec. 4.—The funeral services of James A. Dunlap were held yesterday at Cedar Hill and the interment took place at Concord church. The sad accident which caused the death of Mr. Dunlap has cast a gloom over the entire town.

Musical At Gastonia

Special to The News. Gastonia, Dec. 4.—The Women's Betterment Association of Gastonia gave a most delightful musical and play Nov. 30th in the graded school auditorium.

Milk Wagon Driver Branded

By Associated Press. Norfolk, Va., Dec. 4.—Henry Comstock, a milk wagon driver, was placed under ban by the health authorities because of his alleged typhoid infection and dissemination of germs through milk 12 years after his recovery from typhoid fever.

News Forecast Coming Week

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—The assembling of Congress and the President's message will furnish the most important news of the week. Seldom has the meeting of the national body of lawmakers been looked forward to with more public interest than at present, due largely to the general expectation that the session will deal with railway legislation, the amendment of the Sherman anti-trust act and other matters of wide spread interest and importance.

Ketchell Will Fight. By Associated Press. San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 4.—Stanley Ketchell accepted the offer of Promoter Hugh McIntosh today to go to Australia for three ring battles. The middleweight champion will embark in a few days.

CHESTER WON GAME. Special to The News. In the football game Chester won by a score of 23 to 0. Mill 0 this morning.