

Adamson Law Is Constitutional According to Supreme Court Decision Handed Down Monday.

Washington, March 15.—The Adamson eight-hour railroad law was held constitutional and valid in all respects today by the Supreme court.

The decision makes eight hours the standard of a day's work and wages for men in operation of trains and locomotives the wage increases which went into effect on the 1st of January.

The decision was 5 to 4. Justices Day, Pitney and Van Devanter announced their dissent from the bench and later Justice McReynolds announced his.

In dissenting Justice McReynolds said that Congress did not have power to enact the law, but that the majority decision now gives it authority to its treatment's maximum and minimum wages.

The immediate temporary wage increases won by the railroad employees, about 400,000 trainmen, as of January 1, and are estimated to total between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000.

Justice McKenna concurred in the majority opinion but on slightly different grounds. Justice Day read his own dissenting opinion and Justice Van Devanter joined.

Justice Pitney and Van Devanter, in their dissenting opinion held that the law should be held unconstitutional and void "because Congress, although confessedly not in possession of information necessary for intelligent and just treatment of the controversy arbitrarily imposed upon the railroads the entire and enormous cost of an experimental increase in wages."

Justice Day, in his dissenting opinion, said the legislation amounted to "deprivation of the railroads' property without due process of law."

In concurring in the majority opinion Justice McKenna differed in that he believed the law "an hour of service" statute and only secondarily a wage fixing law, and thus within power of Congress.

The majority opinion as delivered by Chief Justice White follows in part: "Was there power in congress under the circumstances existing to deal with the hours of work and wages of railroad employees engaged in interstate commerce, is the principal question here to be considered."

at time and one half times the pro rata rate. (E)—No one shall receive less for eight hours or 100 miles than they now receive for the class of engine used or HOW IT WAS DONE.

New York, March 15.—The railroad strike has been averted. Yielding to the appeal of President Wilson and facing the probabilities of this country's entrance into the world war, the railroads early today granted the demands of the four employees brotherhoods for a basic eight hour day.

The telegraph wires this morning are carrying throughout the United States messages from the brotherhood chiefs regarding the orders for the inauguration of the great progressive strike at 7 o'clock tonight.

The decision is regarded as a complete surrender to the brotherhoods brought about, however, after the patriotism of the railroad managers had been put to the test. The President's mediators, playing what they considered their last trump card, were not successful in their mission until after more than 50 hours of anxious conferences, all of which pointed within a short time before the decision was announced to an inevitable deadlock.

Terms of Agreement. The agreement signed by the representatives of the railroads and brotherhoods and by the commission reads as follows: "In all road service, except passenger, where schedules now read 100 miles or less, nine or ten hours or less, overtime at 15 or 11 miles per hour, insert eight hours or less for a basic day and 12 1/2 miles per hour for a speed basis for the purpose of computing overtime."

Overtime to be paid for at not less than one-eighth of the daily rate per hour. "In all yard service switching and hoisting where schedules now read ten, 11 or 12 hours or less shall constitute a day's work insert eight hours or less to constitute a day's work at present 10 hours pay."

Overtime to be paid for at not less than one-eighth of the daily rate per hour. "In yards now working on an eight-hour basis the daily rate shall be the present 10-hour standard rate, with overtime at one-eighth of the present standard daily rate."

In case the law is declared unconstitutional eight hours or less at present 10-hour pay will constitute a day's work. "In passenger service the present mileage basis will be maintained. On roads now having a flat 10-hour day in passenger service the rule will be amended to read eight within 30 hours."

For all classes of employees short turn-around passenger service, where the rule now reads eight within 12 hours it will be amended to read eight within 10 hours. "For such territory as has no number of hours for a day's work in short turn-around passenger service the eight within 10 hour rule applies. Overtime to be paid for at not less than one-eighth of the daily rate per hour."

The general committees on individual railroads may elect to retain their present overtime rules in short turn-around passenger service or the foregoing provision but may not make a combination of both to produce greater compensation than is provided in either basis.

In the event the law is held to be constitutional if the foregoing settlement in consistent with the decision of the court that application will be adjusted to the decision. If declared unconstitutional the above stands with all the provisions as written.

Greensboro Men Get Honors From W. of W.

Election of officers, decision to postpone the erection of an orphanage and appointment of delegates for the meeting in Atlanta were the principal things accomplished at the conference of the Woodmen of the World which convened in New Bern Tuesday and Wednesday and from which Sovereigns M. W. Noah, J. F. Jarrett and Charles A. Hines, delegates from this city, have returned.

It was decided by the assemblage of 348 members that the North Carolina division did not have sufficient power at this time to erect an orphanage and that it was not yet their privilege to assess the members of the fraternity for capital which would be used for the construction and maintenance of such an institution.

The conference met under the presidency of retiring Head Consul George F. Wise, of Greensboro and Siler City. Mr. Wise was succeeded by E. E. Gray, of Haverhill. L. L. Tilley, of Durham, was elected head adviser. All other officers were re-elected.

Charles A. Hines, of Greensboro, Beverly S. Royter, of Oxford; H. O. Sapp, of Winston-Salem, and T. E. Henderson, of New Bern, were elected as delegates to the national camp to be held at Atlanta, Ga., July 10.

This camp will last about two weeks during which time 150 delegates will represent the Woodmen of the World of the entire nation. Extensive preparations are being made by the people of Atlanta and approximately \$25,000 will be spent in the entertainment.

Of a Former Greensboro Minister at Reidsville. The Reidsville Review says of Rev. Abernethy, well known and well liked in Greensboro: "The new pastor conducted services both morning and afternoon at the Main Street Methodist Church. It had been tentatively agreed that the evening service should be abandoned in view of the special services at the Methodist Protestant Church—a policy steadily observed hitherto between the churches—but the board of stewards felt that this being the first appearance of the new pastor this custom would be better abandoned for the time and the regular service be conducted in the home church."

Mr. Abernethy spoke in the morning upon the power of the individual working with God, using as his illustration, the drought and famine invoked by Elijah. In the evening he spoke upon "Lost Opportunities," taking as a basis for his remarks the incident of Jesus weeping over Jerusalem. His sermons were marked by a wealth of illustration, showing profound knowledge of sacred and profane history. He is an eloquent speaker, with a sincere and earnest devotion to the preaching of the pure word of truth. His latest sermons were characterized by the concentrated attention of his hearers and secured for him from the start that sympathy with which a future of splendid work looks up for the new pastor."

Cole Bleas to Talk To Danville Lodge. Cole Bleas, ex-governor of South Carolina, will be the principal speaker in Danville during the state convention of the Red Men, who are preparing for the annual meeting. Besides the fiery orator there will be Thomas J. Jeffries of Atlanta, Ga., and Judge Alfred G. Rutherford, of Nashville, Tenn.

The Red Men's convention will be held in Danville on May 16 and 17, and the delegates, 200 in number, will begin arriving the day before the convention opens and will hardly leave until the business session of the last night is over, for there are in prospect some keen fights for the different state offices.

The Poor Boy Couldn't Stand the Temptation. Because of his participation in the theft of numerous automobile parts John Smart, aged seventeen, was ordered confined in the penitentiary for a year yesterday morning at Danville by Judge Peaslee, who only two weeks ago heard his plea of guilt on another serious charge cast after sentencing him to a twelve months' term in the penal institution ordered the sentence suspended pending good behavior.

547,203 Bales of Cotton Consumed During February

Washington, March 15.—Cotton consumed in the United States during February aggregated 547,203 running bales, exclusive of linters, and for the seven months ending with February 3, 914,866 bales, the census bureau today announced.

Last year during February 540,733 bales were consumed and in the seven months 3,616,545 bales. Cotton on hand February 23 in consuming establishments was 2,167,333 bales, compared with 1,954,821 the previous year, and in public storage and at compresses 3,455,273 bales, compared with 3,970,799 the previous year.

Cotton spindles active during February numbered 33,117,090, compared with 31,980,240 the previous year. Exports during February were 354,039 bales, compared with 703,532 the previous year, and for the seven months 4,317,096 bales, compared with 4,844,940. Imports during February were 56,067 bales, compared with 72,913 a year ago, and for the seven months 165,304 bales, compared with 254,050 a year ago.

Linters not included in the foregoing statistics, consumed during February, were 63,403 bales, and for the seven months 474,443 bales; on hand February 23 in consuming establishments 197,910 bales, and in public storage and at compresses 169,336 bales.

Linters exported during February and included in export figures were 35,033 bales, and for seven months 163,479 bales. Cotton consumed in cotton growing states during February amounted to 212,552 bales, compared with 302,262 a year ago, and for the seven months 2,248,666 bales, compared with 1,976,713 a year ago.

Cotton on hand in cotton growing states February 23, in consuming establishments was 1,164,324 bales, compared with 1,048,529 a year ago, and in public storage and at compresses 1,044,837 bales, compared with 3,598,370 a year ago.

Cotton spindles active during February in cotton growing states were 13,771,576, compared with 13,006,939 a year ago. Arrested in Durham For Too Much Gasoline. The Durham Sun has this about the arrest of a prominent man who carried too much gasoline in stock: "Warrant was issued Wednesday morning for W. K. Rand, manager of the Coca Cola Bottling Works Co., charging him with keeping more gasoline in his place of business than is allowed by law. Issuance of the warrant followed a bad fire in the Coca Cola plant in Parrish street, which started about 6:45 o'clock and lasted for more than half an hour. Damage to the building which is owned by Mr. R. O. Everett, and to the Coca Cola plant was estimated at \$2,000.

Mr. Rand's case was continued in recorder's court until next Tuesday. Arriving at the scene of the fire the firemen found that a 50 gallon gasoline barrel was located in the center of the blaze. The spigot to the barrel was open and gasoline poured out, causing a large line of flame. The opening of the barrel was also ablaze. Fearful of explosion which it was said by firemen would have blown down walls, and possibly have caused injury to firemen and onlookers as well as to adjoining buildings, Fire Chief D. C. Christian ordered the barrel burst with a pick axe. When the hole was made in the side of the large tank, the gasoline poured out and the blaze for several minutes was one of the hottest the firemen have fought in months.

It was estimated that the tank contained more than 30 gallons of gasoline. Firemen expressed wonder at the small amount of damage done under the circumstances. The Pardons Now Commence to Come. Yesterday two pardons were announced, today we have three, and it looks like Bickett starts off well to let them out. Yesterday the story reads: Governor Bickett announced this afternoon three pardons. Jack Reed, Buncombe county, is commuted from eight months' sentence for retailing liquor to the payment of \$500 fine and absent himself from Buncombe county for two years. Keeny Crank, Pasquotank county, is pardoned from two years in the state's prison on condition of continued good behavior. His offense was a criminal practice. Many asked his pardon and he has a wife and two children dependent on him for support.

Will Caswell, Columbus county, is pardoned from the remainder of an eighteen months' sentence for retailing, he having paid a fine of \$50 that was also imposed. General sentiment is that he has been sufficiently punished. Guilford Battleground Association Elects Officers. Directors of the Guilford Battleground Company met yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the directors room of the First National Bank, where the meeting has been held for the past 25 or more years, in honor of the 136 anniversary of the Battle of Guilford Court house, which likewise occurred on Thursday, March 15. Officers were re-elected as follows: P. W. Schenck, president; William E. Love, secretary; J. T. Morehead, Jr., assistant secretary; J. W. Scott, treasurer.

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Telephone People Do Have a Few Rights Yet It appears that in New York telephone people have some rights according to this information from Albany: If you believe that telephone operators have no rights consider a decision by the Public Service Commission at Albany. If you speak in a distinctly rude way—or perhaps it should be said, in an insulting way—the telephone company may take out your telephone and you have no redress. According to information placed before the Up-State Commission, Morse M. Frankel, of the Mediator Publishing Company, of New York city, called the central operators "bums," and told them he hoped they would "break a leg or two." They had not given him service as promptly as he desired. The girls complained. The telephone company took out the telephone. Mr. Frankel protested. He was informed that his telephone would stay out unless he can make peace with the telephone company.

CAPTAIN RENN ILL. People who travel and who are welcomed in Durham by the genial smile of Captain J. R. Renn, station master at Durham, will be sorry to know that he has been ill and off duty for the first time in a long stretch of years. The hope is that he will speedily recover and get his flower garden at the station in shape for the first kiss of spring.

Students Thought It Was All Up With Them The following from the Durham Sunday Sun shows how lucky some people are: More than 25 passengers, consisting mainly of University students, were badly frightened Saturday afternoon at 4:40 o'clock when three cars of Southern passenger train No. 238 running from Chapel Hill to University Station, were derailed seven miles from Chapel Hill. No one was injured, according to reports in this city. The rear car of the train, it was said, came near toppling over, after it felt the tracks. Passengers in the car, members of the train crew reported, might have been seriously injured if the car had capsized.

EXCUSABLE. "I haven't done a day's work in two years." "You ought to be ashamed of yourself." "Oh, no. I am a night watchman in a bank."—Gargoyle.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. In the District Court of the United States for the Western District of North Carolina, in the matter of John Henderson Burrow, Bankrupt. In Bankruptcy. To the Hon. James E. Boyd, Judge of the District Court of the United States for the Western District of North Carolina: John Henderson Burrow, of Franklinville, in the County of Randolph and State of North Carolina, and of said District, respectfully represents: That on the 11th day of December, 1916, he was duly adjudged bankrupt under the acts of Congress relating to bankruptcy; that he has duly surrendered all of his property and rights of property, and has fully complied with all the requirements of said acts and of the order of the Court touching his bankruptcy.

Wherefore he prays that he may be discharged by the Court to have a full discharge from all debts provable against his estate under said bankruptcy acts, except such debts as are excepted by law from such discharge. Dated this 7th day of March, 1917. JOHN HENDERSON BURROW, Bankrupt.

Order of Notice on Petition for Discharge. It is ordered by the Court that a hearing be had upon the same on the 30th day of April, 1917, before G. S. Ferguson, Jr., Special Master, at Greensboro, N. C., in the said District, at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon, and that notice thereof be published in Everything, a newspaper published in said District, and that all known creditors and other persons in interest may appear at the said time and place and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petitioner should not be granted. And it is further ordered by the Court that the Clerk shall send by mail to all known creditors copies of the said petition and this order addressed to them at their place of residence as stated. This March 7, 1917. G. S. FERGUSON, Jr., Special Master.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. In the District Court of the United States for the Western District of North Carolina, in the matter of S. G. Woods, Bankrupt. In Bankruptcy. To the creditors of S. G. Woods, of Purley, in the county of Caswell and district aforesaid, bankrupt:

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of February, 1917, the said S. G. Woods was duly adjudicated a bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the office of Irle, Trotter and Johnson, in Reidsville, N. C., on the 27th day of March, 1917, at 2:30 o'clock p. m., at which time the said creditors may attend, present their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting. This March 6, 1917. G. S. FERGUSON, Jr., Referee in Bankruptcy.

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