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PRESIDENT ASKS CONGRESS TO EMPOWER HIM TO DRAFT MANAGERS AND MEN IF NECESSARY

HE DESCRIBES MISERY AND SUFFERING TO FOLLOW WHEN TRAINS STOP MOVING AS ORDER FOR STRIKE IS SENT FORTH

Mr. Wilson Tells Congress He Has Done All He Could to Bring Agreement and Is Now Powerless to Do More--Presents Plan to Handle Grave Situation Facing the Nation.

(By the Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—Direct negotiations between the railroad executives and employees through President Wilson were practically closed today when the executives refused to consent to a proposal made to them yesterday by Mr. Wilson, and presented to him another argument for arbitration.
The statement presented to President Wilson by the committee of eight denied that the judgment of society favors an eight-hour day, and declared that arbitration was the only proper way of settling the disputes. The suggestion of President Wilson for a proper plan including the principle of an eight-hour day but postponing its effectiveness for a year pending an investigation, was rejected by the executives at the conference this morning.
The action of the executives left President Wilson no alternative but to go to Congress in a final effort to avert the strike by legislation.

PRESIDENT LAYS CASE BEFORE CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—President Wilson laid the railway strike situation before Congress at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon in an address to both Houses assembled in joint session. The President told Congress of his efforts to bring the railroad presidents and the managers into some sort of an agreement, and, saying that he was powerless to do more, asked Congress to enact legislation to control the situation.

Six Proposals Given.

Pointing out the distress and hardships which a nationwide strike would bring upon the country, the President asked Congress to empower him to draft into the service of the United States the very managers and men who have been unable to adjust their differences, so that the government may operate the railroads in case of military necessity. He proposed that Congress

First, enlarge the membership of the Interstate Commerce Commission to equip it to deal with larger situations.

Second, that an eight-hour day be established for all trainmen in interstate commerce.

Third, that a commission investigate the eight-hour day, that the public may learn from a disinterested source of the merits of the situation.

Fourth, that the Interstate Commerce Commission consider the increased cost of the eight-hour day in making rates, and

Fifth, amend the mediation law to prevent strikes or lockouts while industrial disputes are being investigated.

The sixth proposal was that the President be empowered to operate the railways in case of military necessity.

How these recommendations are to be carried out, President Wilson left entirely in the hands of Congress.

Roads Want to Be Forced.
The committee of railway presidents made a public statement of their position, giving their reasons for declining President Wilson's offer.

In the course of his speech, the President said:

"They have thought it best," he said, referring to the railway managers, "that they should be forced to yield, if they must yield, not by counsel, but by the suffering of their countrymen."

"While my conferences with them were in progress," the President continued, "and when, to all outward appearances, these conferences had come to a standstill, the representatives of the brotherhoods suddenly acted, and

set the strike for the fourth of September."

President Was Powerless.
Thus the President summarized his efforts, and added:

"But I could only propose. I could not govern the will of others, who took an entirely different view of the circumstances of the case, and who even refused to admit the circumstances to be what they have turned out to be."

He then followed with his recommendations for legislation. Representatives of the railway employees and the presidents sat in the reserved seats in the galleries and heard the address.

Strike Orders For Labor Day.

Washington, Aug. 29.—While President Wilson was announcing that he would lay the railroad strike situation before Congress at 2:30 p. m. today, the brotherhood leaders rejected the latest proposition of the committee of railway presidents, and actually ordered the strike to begin at 7 a. m. Labor Day, unless a settlement satisfactory to them was reached in the meantime.

Their previous order for a strike was tentative, and required a secret signal to put it into effect. Unless a settlement satisfactory to the labor leaders was reached before that time, or unless President Wilson and Congress found some way around the strike, the men will walk out next Monday morning.

The labor leaders admittedly took their action the first thing in the belief that some means was being sought to prevent the strike actually being called. By their action they think they have anticipated any legal processes which might be brought against them.

President Wilson announced his decision to address Congress in joint session at 2:30 o'clock soon after the decision of the railroad men became known. Arrangements were made at the Capitol to handle the Senate and House members to hear the President lay before them the plan he has to propose to avoid a nationwide strike.

WEATHER FORECAST.
For North Carolina: Generally fair tonight and Wednesday with light northeast winds.

TAX RATE REMAINS SAME COMING YEAR

City Council Revises List of Privilege Licenses, and Adopts Financial Budget.

INCOME EXCEEDS EXPENSES

Narrow Margin Above Cost of City Government Provided By Eliminating Some Items—Won't Tax Coupon Stores.

Without a fight or any discussion whatever, the City Council last night worked out a list of privilege taxes for the city, provided an income for expenses of the new year, evolved a budget for the next fiscal term that totals less than the estimated revenue, and left the property and poll tax rates the same as they are at the present time. It was more than even some members of the Council thought possible, under such circumstances, but it was done. Councilman Alex. Coper, supervisor of finance, presented his budget for the new year, said by some to be the clearest and most concise estimate of the city's expenses they had seen, and offered the proposed privilege license tax list, and all of them were adopted almost without change, as Mr. Coper handed them in.

The tax rate remains the same, \$1.25 on property, and \$3.75 on poll. The estimated listed valuation is \$3,521,580. With a rate of \$1.25 per hundred dollars valuation, this will yield \$44,019.83. Added to this is the estimated poll of \$2,707.50, sanitary dues of \$1,500, privilege licenses \$3,500, and dog tax \$200. This makes a total of \$51,927.33, as the estimated income for the year.

The expenses are estimated as \$50,931.18. Of this outlay \$12,150 will be for interest on bonds; \$11,075 will pay maturing obligations; \$3,146.88 will go to the fire department, and \$4,055 to the police department, both under the jurisdiction of the mayor; \$362.20 to the department of public property, under Councilman C. M. Crow; \$2,915 for the health department under Councilman Wallace White; \$12,332.10 to the department of public works, under Councilman Beck, and \$3,195 for the executive and office expenses of the city government, besides \$700 for the law department, under City Attorney T. M. Pittman.

The proposed expenses were trimmed by the elimination of \$1,000 from the street department, \$500 each from the pay roll, and the allowance for supplies, and by cutting out the proposed appropriation of \$720 for a visiting nurse, and \$300 for installing public comfort closets.

A number of new privilege license taxes were added by the Council, as well as a bull dog tax. The Council also considered and acted upon a large number of petitions for street work and sewer extensions.

No tax was imposed on stores that give coupons redeemable in purchases, several local attorneys present expressing their opinion that the State law covers only firms selling green trading stamps.

Auxiliary Met With Mrs. Fogleman.
The Young Woman's Auxiliary of the First Baptist church met with Mrs. W. H. Fogleman Monday afternoon, and carried out a program on Foreign Missions. Papers were read by Mrs. Brooks, Miss Julia Cooper, Mrs. R. J. Jones and Mrs. R. H. Duke. After the meeting adjourned, refreshments were served by the hostess.

Insurance Commissioner James R. Young, of Raleigh, was here today to address the Teachers Institute. He spoke before the teachers this afternoon at the high school.

ROUMANIAN TROOPS CROSS TO BORDER IN FIRST SKIRMISH

Already King Ferdinand's Forces Have Entered Enemy Country, and Join Russians Moving on Bukovina.

WHOLE ROUMANIAN ARMY NOW BEING MOBILIZED

Bulgaria Reported to Be Unwilling to Declare War on Roumania Even if Roumania Finally Opens Hostilities on Bulgaria.

(By the Associated Press.)

Zurich, Switzerland, via Paris, Aug. 29.—Roumanian troops, which have been concentrated at Jassy, near the Russian frontier, entered Transylvania at a point to the west of Piatra, and, according to information received here, are reported to have joined forces with Russian troops coming from Bukovina.

The first hostilities between Roumania and Austria-Hungary broke out Sunday afternoon south of Kronstadt. Skirmishes also are reported further west.

Roumanians Defeated.

Berlin, via London, Aug. 29.—Reports were received here today that the Roumanians have been defeated in their first efforts to force a way through three mountain passes into Hungary.

French Gain at Verdun.

Paris, Aug. 29.—On the Verdun front last night French troops made progress near Thiaumont work. German attacks were repulsed.

Bulgaria Won't Make War.

Paris, Aug. 29.—The Bucharest correspondent of a local newspaper wires that he is informed that Bulgaria has decided not to declare war on Roumania, even though that country permits the passage through it of Russian troops.

Desperate Fighting Going On.

London, Aug. 29.—Desperate fighting on the border between Roumania and Hungary is reported in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Berne, Switzerland. The Roumanians are making furious efforts to capture important mountain passes.

Nothing New From Greece.

London, Aug. 29.—A British official statement regarding military operations in Greece issued this afternoon says:

"There were no developments on the Struma or Doiran fronts."

Roumania Is Mobilizing.

Bucharest, Roumania, via Petrograd and London, Aug. 29.—King Ferdinand has ordered the general mobilization of the Roumanian army. Great enthusiasm prevails in the capital.

ARMY AND NAVY BILLS SIGNED BY PRESIDENT

Washington, Aug. 29.—President Wilson today completed the administration preparedness legislative program by signing the army and navy appropriation bills. At the same time he signed the Philippine bill.

QUARTER OF CENT GAIN IS RECORDED BY COTTON

Market Opens Firm, With First Prices 35 Points Higher on September, and Late Months Rising.

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, Aug. 29.—The cotton market had a firm opening today, and first prices were 35 points higher on September, and 13 to 21 points higher on later months, with October selling at 15.70 and January at 15.80, or about 26 to 33 points above yesterday's low level. There was a renewal of realizing, and prices turned easier right after the call, with prices working lower.

HENDERSON TOBACCO MARKET TO OPEN FOR SEASON NEXT TUESDAY

Extensive Preparations Made By Local Warehousemen For What They Believe Will Be Best Season In Number of Years On Market In This City.

Henderson's tobacco market will open next Tuesday, when the first sales of the season will be held. It is the opinion of business men and tobaccoists here that never before in the history of the local market has there been such great activity and preparation for an approaching season as has been the case this year. Warehousemen especially have made extraordinary preparations for the opening, and for carrying on a big business throughout the entire season until the closing day sometime next spring.

The market will open with the same number of warehouses as were operated here a year ago, but another is in the course of construction, and is expected to be ready for use before the season has advanced very far. This will make a total of five warehouses for this city, more than any other market in all this section of the State, and makes the facilities for handling the weed better and larger than the markets that offer competition to this one.

Last year Henderson sold the greatest amount of tobacco in all its history, a grand total of 9,552,344 pounds, as against a total the previous season of 7,783,333 pounds.

The average price paid during the 1915-1916 season was \$12.52 per hundred pounds or slightly more than 12 1-2 cents per pound. That figure was considerably in excess of the previous season, but not nearly so good as in the 1913 season, which was one of the best years the local market, and the markets of all Eastern North Carolina experienced.

This year, however, prices on all markets that have opened, first in South Carolina, and more recently in the cities and towns of the eastern part of this State, have been almost record-breakers. Some warehouses in eastern markets have averaged between 20 and 25 cents per pound for what they have sold this season, while the general average throughout the eastern section of

North Carolina has been unusually high. The low grades of the yellow weed are soaring in prices, and farmers and warehousemen are happy over the prospects for a most successful season.

Tobacco is going to sell well, and prices are going to be high, it is confidently predicted by men in the business here who are in position to know whereof they speak. However, they are particular to sound a note of warning and caution to the farmers not to be too optimistic over the outlook. It is said that in markets near here, which have opened, the prices were as good as on most other markets this season, but at the same time were hardly as good as the farmers had been led to believe they were going to be. It is for this season that the warehousemen and buyers are anxious for the planters not to be in too high spirits. However, they promise an outlook for the best prices prevailing in a long, long time.

There have been a number of changes in the local market this season. Managers have changed and shifted in some of the warehouses, and there will be some new buyers here this year, though some of those here a year ago will return.

Preparations for the handling of the weed are being made, and increases in the warehouse forces have been made where this was thought necessary. It is not believed that the crop this season will be so much in excess of the previous year, in the quantity sold, but that the difference will be in the price.

A big attendance of farmers on the opening day next Tuesday is expected. The business interests of the city, bankers, merchants, and professional men, are expected to be represented also when the auctioneer cries for bids on the first pile of the product. It is believed that the sales on next Tuesday will open what will prove to be the best season in the history of the Henderson market.

FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK FOUR YEARS OLD

Commenced Business August 29, 1912, and Deposits Have Grown to \$328,430.13.

The Farmers and Merchants Bank, Henderson's youngest financial institution, is four years old today. It opened its doors for the first time, and began business on August 29, 1912. At the time it was opened, the bank had a capital stock paid in of \$25,000, and at the end of their first year, August 29, 1913, their deposits were \$82,653.99.

Today the bank has a capital stock of \$50,000, with surplus and undivided profits of \$7,764.50, and deposits that total \$328,430.13. The bank also is now occupying its own new home which was opened for business on June 1, and which is considered one of the handsomest and most up-to-date banking houses in all this section.

R. J. Gill is president of the bank, and R. B. Crowder is cashier.

Rural Carrier Examination.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an examination for Warren county to be held here on September 23, for the position of rural carrier at Inez, N. C., and vacancies that may occur on rural routes from other postoffices in Warren county. Persons desiring to take the examination are required to forward their applications to the Commission at Washington at once.

MR. COOPER INVITED TO WILSON'S NOTIFICATION

Local Man Probably Will Attend Ceremonies at Shadow Lawn Saturday Afternoon.

Among the invitations sent by the Democratic National Committee to prominent Democrats of North Carolina to attend the formal notification ceremonies informing President Wilson of his renomination for the Presidency was one that came to D. Y. Cooper, of this city. Mr. Cooper is hoping to arrange his business affairs so that he may be able to attend the exercises, which are to be held at the President's summer home at Shadow Lawn, on the coast of New Jersey.

The invitations sent out are handsomely engraved, and printed in a neat folder card, extending the request of the Democratic National Committee to members of the party to attend the exercises. It is expected that possibly 20,000 persons may attend the occasion.

State Chairman Thomas D. Warren, of New Bern, and National Committeeman A. W. McLean, of Lumberton, are two other North Carolinians expected to attend the notification ceremonies, in addition to some of the State's delegation in Congress.

COTTON SLIGHTLY OFF.

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, Aug. 29.—Cotton futures opened barely steady. October 15.70; December 15.82; January 15.80; March 15.95; May 16.09.