

WORK WEEK IN MERCHANTS CODE RAISED TO 48 HOURS

COMPANY UNION IS CUT FROM STEEL'S CODE AS OFFERED

Action Taken On Insistence of Director Hugh Johnson at Hearing In Washington

EMPLOYERS SERVE EMPHATIC NOTICE

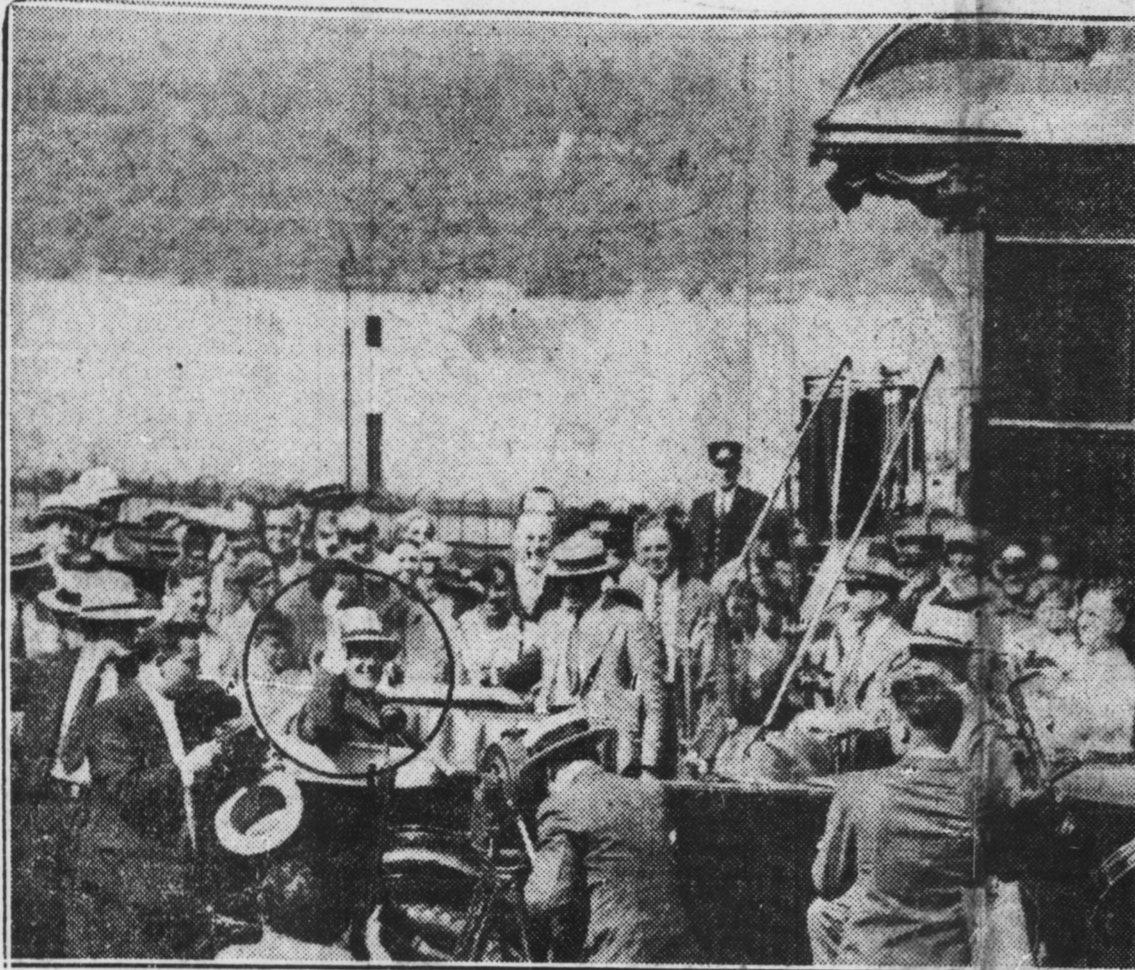
Declare They Will Make Every Effort To Continue This Method of Dealing With Employees; Lamont Announces Industry's Stand

Washington, July 31.—(AP)—The "company union," perennial source of conflict between organized labor and the great steel makers, was eliminated today from the code proposed by the industry at the insistence of Hugh S. Johnson, recovery administrator, but the manufacturers served emphatic notice that they will make every effort to continue this method of dealing with their employees.

Hardly had hearings begun in a hall taxed with perspiring spectators, than Robert C. Lamont, secretary of commerce under President Hoover, and now president of the American Iron and Steel Institute, announced that the industry was ready to eliminate the much-disputed section, designed for perpetuation of the company unions.

"While it is probably a border line case, it seems to me that that matter is inappropriate, in that particular section of this code which contains the mandatory provisions of the recovery law," Johnson said as he sprawled in a huge leather cushion chair.

The President Spends a "Quiet" Vacation at Old Home



President Roosevelt's "quiet" vacation at the family estate at Hyde Park, N. Y., isn't much different from life in the White House. He is there with contingent of secretaries, clerks and newspapermen, and Presidential matters are conducted daily at all hours. Photos show the welcome home reception given him by fellow townsmen, and the President standing unaided, an unusual occurrence.



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Johnson Gives In For Small Stores At Their Request

World Taking of Cotton a Record

New York, July 31.—(AP)—Consumption of American cotton during the past 12 months was approximately 14,132,000 bales, the largest since the season of 1928-29, the New York Cotton Exchange reported today. Last season world consumption totalled 12,506,000 bales. The largest increase in consumption of the American staple was due, according to the Service, to the sharp upturn in general business activity, rising prices, and a slight improvement in trade abroad.

Spokesman for That Group Contend They Are Financially Unable To Carry Through

TEMPORARY CODE IS ALLOWED FOR THEM

Authorization to Retailers Is Under Provision of President's Agreement Pending Permanent Code; Minimum Wage Scale Is Accepted, However

Washington, July 31.—(AP)—Authorization for retail merchants to put into effect temporarily their own proposed code providing for a 48-hour week instead of 40, as provided in President Roosevelt's blanket wage and hour agreement, has been given by Hugh S. Johnson, the recovery administrator.

Spokesmen for the smaller stores had contended that they were financially unable to carry through terms of the proposed general agreement. The authorization for the retailers to operate under their tentative code was taken under the provision of the President's agreement providing that it should be effective only until more permanent codes were adopted.

Drafting of the code was completed late last night after a series of conferences between Johnson and representatives of the industry and labor. The representatives of the merchants accepted the minimum wage scale of \$12 to \$15 a week, provided in the agreement with the President.

LIQUIDATION COSTS FOR BANKS SHOWN

Over \$38,000 Paid Auditors and Attorneys of Asheville Bank

COST RATIOS STATED
Figures Contained in Report By State Bank Commissioner Gurney F. Hood as Called for By Last Legislature

Raleigh, July 31.—(AP)—Reports on the cost of liquidation of every bank which closed in North Carolina from 1927 up to June 1, today were filed with Secretary of State Stacy W. Wade by Gurney F. Hood, State bank commissioner. Hood sent over 139 voluminous reports, containing 1,291 pages, as the final quota of the reports demanded of him by the 1933 General Assembly. He had previously filed 11 reports.

The report of the Central Bank and Trust Company of Asheville, largest bank in the State, which is now in liquidation, showed that, since it closed in 1930, auditors have been paid \$16,427.47 and waterworks \$21,882.23, while \$1,882,117.09 has been collected by the bank. The ratio of the payments to the collections was \$7-100 of one percent for auditors, and \$1-155 for attorneys.

The bulky pile of reports contained lists of payments to attorneys by individual banks, which varied from

Body of Textile Worker Is Found In Cotton Field

Chester, S. C., July 31.—(AP)—The body of Renos Morton, 60, Rock Hill textile worker, was found in a cotton field near Fort Lawn, early today. Four men, three of them white, were arrested for questioning by Chester county officers, who said Morton had apparently been beaten and strangled to death.

Herbert L. Patrick, deputy sheriff, said Morton's body was found by a Negro named Gooch, who, with a companion, was walking across a cotton field about a mile and a half from Fort Lawn. Gooch notified authorities. William H. Caldwell, Chester county coroner, said an inquest would be held later. Patrick said it appeared that Morton had been disrobed, whipped severely with a thorny bush, and his clothes put back on his body. The man's throat, Patrick said, showed signs of strangulation.

Standard Oil's Pledge Of Support Pleases President

Hyde Park, N. Y., July 31.—(AP)—President Roosevelt turned attention to government problems today, but the sweltering heat confined him to the wind-swept high-ceiling study at Krum Elbow throughout the day. Marvin H. McIntyre, a secretary, carried to the summer White House a batch of correspondence and official business. There were no callers, and Mr. Roosevelt took it easy amid home quietness.

Thoughts of the President were focused primarily on the national recovery drive. He noted with obvious satisfaction, but in silence, the declaration of Walter Teagle, president of the Standard Oil Company, of New Jersey, promising support for the recovery campaign. Mr. Roosevelt has called to service James Moffett, who resigned as vice president of the Standard of New Jersey after a dispute with Teagle over participation in the President's industrial organization.

Holding High Point Men As Possible Suspects In Taylorsville Bank Case

Freed for Ransom



J. J. O'CONNELL, JR.

O'CONNELL IS FREED IN \$40,000 RANSOM

Two Held In Kidnaping Wealthy New Yorker; Other Cases Probed

(By the Associated Press.)
Two men whose names were kept secret were in custody in Albany, N. Y., today for questioning in the kidnaping of John J. O'Connell, Jr. O'Connell, youthful member of a politically powerful Albany family, was freed Sunday after 23 days captivity. The kidnapers were paid \$40,000.

B. G. Green and Lester Green Ordered Taken Into Custody on Treasuring Charge

TWO EX-EMPLOYEES OF CITY ARE HELD

Now In State Prison In Raleigh; Meantime, Bank Cashier Dies of Wounds In Hold-Up; His Assistant's Condition "Unchanged" at Hospital

High Point, July 31.—(AP)—George B. Wumberly, captain of High Point detectives, today instructed officers to arrest B. G. Green, and Lester Green for "trespassing in Saturday's hold-up of the Merchants and Farmers Bank at Taylorsville, when one man was fatally wounded and another seriously shot."

Wumberly had just returned from Taylorsville and said that two men taken to State's Prison in Raleigh last night for safe keeping in connection with the attempted robbery were R. E. Black and Mike Stevenson, both former High Point city employees.

The detective said B. G. Green is Black's father-in-law, and that Lester Green is Black's brother-in-law.

Taylorsville, July 31.—(AP)—Approximately 200 armed citizens and officers continued their search in this area today for two of the bandits who killed T. C. Barnes, bank official, in an attempted bank robbery here Saturday while officers elsewhere watched highways following reports that the pair were seen at Columbia, S. C. enroute to Denver, Col.

Sheriff H. B. May said he believed, however, that the men sought as the remainder of a quartette that attempted to rob the Merchants and Farmers Bank and shot Barnes and Solon Little, assistant cashier, were possibly still hiding near here.

Barnes, cashier of the bank, died yesterday morning, and today Little was reported "about the same." He was wounded in the abdomen. Both men were shot before they could comply with the bandits' demands to hand over money from the vaults. No cash was taken.

Two of the bandits, who told officers there were two others, were under arrest. Both were removed to State's Prison at Raleigh.

Hold-Up Men Not Battleboro Gang

Rocky Mount, July 31.—(AP)—Three convicts, arrested near Vanceboro Saturday were viewed by witnesses here today and said not to be the bandits who robbed the Bank of Battleboro several weeks ago. The bank was robbed shortly after the men escaped, and they were captured Saturday by a posse near Vanceboro after they had slugged and robbed a filling station owner and his wife near there.

HOTEL WRECKED IN BLAST; MANY DEAD

Scores of Guests Buried In Ruins of Czechoslovakia Hostelry

Brunn, Czechoslovakia, July 31.—(AP)—An explosion of undetermined origin blew the front off the four-story Europa today, burying scores of guests in the ruins. Three bodies were recovered shortly before noon. Twenty persons were taken to hospitals with injuries. Thirty were missing and were believed dead.

The blast rocked the whole city flames from the explosion shot 200 feet into the air. The explosion took place at 7:45 a. m., when most of the guests were still inside.

The entire first floor, including a restaurant, was demolished. Windows in all nearby buildings were shattered.

Police, firemen and soldiers were called out for rescue work and to maintain order among inhabitants, who were thrown into a panic.

It was not learned at first whether it was a bomb or gas explosion.

NEW SCHOOL BUSES WILL BE INSPECTED

State Division of Purchase Thinks Equipment Best State Has Had

Raleigh, July 31.—The 300 new school bus bodies recently purchased by the State School Commission through the Division of Purchase and Contract are being rigidly inspected to see that they have been built in accordance with the new specifications to insure the safety of school children that will be transported in them, according to Director A. S. Brower, of the division. W. H. Pittman, of the school purchasing division, is in Concord today inspecting the bodies being built there, and said

Tropical Storm Damage Is Slight On Florida Coast

Fort Pierce, Fla., July 31.—(AP)—A tropical storm which swept into Florida from the Bahamas this week-end apparently was blowing itself out across the peninsula today with negligible damage.

To-hurricane winds that lashed the state and endangered shipping dropped to gale force as they struck the Florida east coast, and, aside from seasonal disruption of power and communication lines and spotted damage to citrus groves, caused comparatively little trouble.

Weather Bureau observers estimated the highest wind velocities here at and at Stuart, 20 miles to the south, at 60 miles an hour.

New Roads Would Cost \$75,000,000

Requests Being Tabulated Rapidly, and Decision Will Be Reached Soon

Raleigh, July 31.—If it is possible to get all the hundreds of requests for new road work tabulated and estimates prepared the State Highway and Public Works Commission may

Minor Disorders Reported In Pennsylvania Mine Area

Brownsville, Penn., July 31.—(AP)—A minor case of disorder increased tension today between striking coal miners and Pennsylvania National Guardsmen who began patrolling mine entrances insisting that pickets give way to men wishing to return to work. Guardsmen reported that a man in a patrol line at Colonial Mine No. 3 of the H. C. Frick Coke Company, where four men were shot last week, threw six stones into a group of miners accompanied by a few women. A patrol of ten Guardsmen, in com-

mand of Lieutenant Clarence Urban, faced 200 pickets who, soldiers said, attempted to block the mine entrance to men seeking to return to work.

Serjeant Isidore Catapano seized the stone-thrower and turned him over to State police, who sent him home. They said he was standing next to a woman of 60, who also had stones in her hands. She was not molested. Pickets and strikers resented being forced to clear a patch to the mine entrance.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Generally fair and continued warm tonight and Tuesday.

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