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PRESIDENT'S LETTER READ TO INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE

Wilson Urges Cooperation Between Employe and Manager, but Labor Delegates Receive It in Silence—They May Withdraw From Big Conference

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Oct. 22.—Organized labor was represented in the national conference called here for the reading of the letter in which the president addressed from his sick bed [illegible] he declared the country expected the conference to stand [illegible] a way is found to insure industrial cooperation without [illegible] the applause of the other [illegible]

[illegible] Samuel Gompers, president of the American federation of labor, declared a motion by John [illegible] public group that the [illegible] the president a solution [illegible] finding every group and [illegible] and nothing would be left [illegible] solve the problems would [illegible] unfortunate.

[illegible] which had been seconded by Harry A. Wheeler, chairman of the capital group, was withdrawn.

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Oct. 22.—In a last effort to prevent the dissolution of the industrial conference, Chairman Lane read to the delegates the letter prepared by President Wilson while on his sick bed urging the paramount necessity for some action by the conference to insure industrial peace during the period of reconstruction.

The president said the public expected the conference to stay together until a way is found to insure industrial cooperation or until it was revealed that the men who [illegible] and the men who manage the industry are so set upon their respective goals that all efforts at conciliation will fail.

"If the nation's industrial leaders and workers are to be without faith in each other, constantly struggling for advantage over each other, and doing naught but what they [illegible]," the president said, the situation "would be a national disaster."

Declaring that his mind turned [illegible] from such a possibility, the president said the conference should stand together for the development of a full program for the fullest cooperation of industry should be secured and not break because full agreement could not be had on each proposition suggested.

Before reading the letter, Chairman Lane told the conference the president considered this the greatest industrial meeting of this character during his administration.

The chairman said after he had informed the president of the "state of mind" of the conference, the president addressed to the delegates the letter which he signed lying on his bed and on his back."

All the groups in the conference capital, labor and the public—were present, but the labor delegates took no part in the applause which followed the reading of the letter.

On the conclusion of the reading, the conference gave a rising vote of thanks to the president. Immediately after the conference recessed, the labor delegates went into private session. The labor delegates were plainly impatient and some of the capital and labor representatives doubted if they would remain in the conference.

EXPRESS STRIKERS WARNED BY HINES

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Oct. 22.—Striking express employes in New York were warned today by the railway administration that unless they returned to work immediately their places would be filled and any interference with traffic would be prosecuted in state and federal courts.

Mrs. L. E Zerden and son, Glenn, are expected home this evening from Baltimore, where they have been several weeks with relatives.

KILLED BY TRAIN NEAR NEWTON IN NIGHT

Newton, Oct. 21.—Arthur F. Bolick, a young farmer living near Conover, was run over by the circus train last midnight and his body mangled beyond recognition. A mark on his collar and a new hat that he purchased yesterday enabled the officers to identify him.

Chief Lentz and Officer Pope were got on the telephone by Sheriff Isenhower and they came to Newton in an effort to identify the man, but his name was learned to be Arthur Bolick. Bolick is survived by his wife and eight small children, all of whom were ignorant of the tragedy until informed by neighbors.

It was said today that there was a good deal of drinking about the show ground last night.

REVIVAL MEETING BEGINS AT NEWTON

Newton, Oct. 22.—A series of revival meetings began at the First Baptist church in this city Monday night. Rev. George W. Wilburn, the pastor, is being assisted by Rev. J. L. Jenkins, of Parkton, N. C. Two services are being held daily, at 3:30 and 8 p. m. The meeting will continue for about ten days.

Mayor L. F. Long is in receipt of a statement from the United War Work campaign committee which shows that Catawba county is thirteenth in the list of one hundred counties in North Carolina in cash contributions, the total sum being $19,134.50. Our neighboring counties show the following contributions: Iredell, $9,419.52; Lincoln, $3,411.64; Caldwell, $8,329.08; Alexander, $2,586.38; Burke, $6,250.19; Cleveland, $7,601.99. This shows where Catawba county stands when there is a crisis and money must be raised.

Attorney W. C. Feimster of the local bar, is attending Lincoln county court this week.

County Agricultural Agent J. W. Hendricks and Mr. R. L. Shuford are among those from this place attending the state fair at Raleigh this week.

Rev. Mr. Sensenig of Conover, delivered a very interesting lecture at Catawba college yesterday morning on Capacity for Moral and Spiritual Development.

Mr. Carl Lutz of this city, has accepted a position in a bank in Akron, Ohio. Mr. Lutz graduated from Catawba college in 1918.

Messrs. Carl Wilkinson and Heath Gabriel of Mooresville, spent the week end in the city with friends. Mr. Wilkinson holds a position with the Morris Packing Co., and has been transferred from Tampa, Fla., to Winston-Salem.

The annual meeting of the Red Cross will be held in the court house tonight for the election of officers for the coming year.

RAILROAD MEN ARE TO STRIKE AT MINES

By the Associated Press.
Pittsburgh, Oct. 22.—W. Z. Foster the steel strike leader was notified today by John Fitzpatrick, chairman of the committee handling the strike, that the railroad brotherhoods had consented to the strike of union brotherhood men employed in and around the steel mills not associated with the iron and steel unions.

PRESIDENT SIGNS SOME BILLS TODAY

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Oct. 22.—President Wilson today signed several bills passed by congress, Secretary Tumulty announced.

SAYS PRESIDENT TRIED TO END WAR

By the Associated Press.
Berlin, Oct. 22.—Count von Bernstorff, former ambassador to the United States, who yesterday was the principal witness before a German committee investigating German officials conduct before the war, continued his testimony today.

While on the stand yesterday Count Bernstorff told of the effrots made by President Wilson in 1914 and in 1916 to find a way to bring peace proposals before the belligerent countries.

German peace feelers made from time to time, however, to Mr. Wilson, the former ambassador said, ended in failure because the allies believed Germany was weakening.

It was Count Bernstorff's opinion that Mr. Wilson proposed temporary peace which would not touch on territorial questions and which would call a conference of neutrals as well as belligerents. In 1916, the witness said, President Wilson was in position to propose "peace without victory," but he delayed action because of the anti-German sentiment in the United States.

RESERVATIONS TO PEACE TREATY ADOPTED

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Oct. 22.—Four revised reservations to the peacre treaty were adopted today in spite of the opposition by administration forces.

The four reservations related to article 10, the Monroe doctrine, withdrawal and domestic questions. In all of the roll calls, the vote was 10 to 6.

The committee also provided adopted a preamble providing that the treaty shall not become effective until three of the allied and associated governments had agreed to the senate's reservations.

PETROGRAD IS GOAL

By the Associated Press.
Lensingfors, Oct. 22.—The capture of Karsnia Gorka on the gulf of Finland, nearly opposite Kronstadt, by the northwestern Russian army was announced by headquarters of that army today. The capture was effected on Monday.

The battle for Petrograd is still continuing with a heavy engagements 6 1-2 miles from Petrograd.

WILSON IN FINE SHAPE THIS MORNING

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Oct. 22.—President Wilson was said by Secretary Tumulty "to be in fine shape this morning" and had a busy day yesterday.

Early this morning Mrs. Wilson telephoned Mr. Tumulty that the president was anxious to hear from the industrial conference.

The president's physicians reported that Mr. Wilson had one of the best night since his illness. The following bulletin was issued:

"The president had one of the best nights since his illness began. His temperature, pulse and respiration continues normal. His condition is satisfactory."

ALLIES ARE READY TO TRY EX-KAISER

By the Associated Press.
London, Oct. 22.—All necessary preparations for the trial of former Emperor William are being made, it was announced in the house of commons today by Bonar Law, the government leader. The request to the Netherlands government for the surrender of the ex-emperor, he explained, would not be made until all the powers had signed the peace treaty.

Lieut. Homer P. Flowe left this morning after spending a furlough with his mother, Mrs. M. L. Flowe. He will stop at Ranger, Texas, to visit his brother, Mr. B. B. Flowe, before returning to his post an San Antonio, Texas.

ACTIVE MEETING CITY COUNCIL IS HELD

A large committee from the Community Club called on city council last night, made requests for improvements here and there and departed with the assurance that their recommendations would be carried out fully. The committee, headed by Mrs. Worth Elliott, president, presented three matters. The first, as stated by Mrs. Eubert Lyerly, was that a curbing be placed around the grounds of the high school building, the front plowed up so that it could be sowed to grass and shrubbery planted. On motion, Councilman Fred A. Abernethy was instructed to have the work done under the direction of Mrs. Lyerly, chairman of the school committee.

Mrs. W. L. Mitchell brought up the question of toilets in the North school, Mayor Elliott informing her that council had already ordered new automatic plumbing installed. There has been complaint about the toilets at this school and a commission visited them and saw conditions.

Mrs. W. B. Ramsay brought up the question of a care-taker for the cemetery and members of the committee joined in the discussion. Mayor Elliott said his idea was that the city keep the drives and walks in good condition and that the owners of lots keep them up. The city makes no profit from the sale of lots, and it spends money from that source on the walks and drives. Some plan whereby the owners might assist was suggested, and Mrs. Ramsay and her committee were satisfied that cooperation would be forthcoming.

The auditorium matter was also brought up and Mayor Elliott was informed that Maj. T. A. Mott would be here Friday and will take the question up. It is thought that an agreement will be reached with the Shuford and Ellis estates.

So little progress has been made on the library that the mayor was instructed to go to New York and see the head of the Carnegie foundation. All the facts in the case will be presented and it is believed the appropriation can be raised from $11,000 to $25,000 or more. Unless it is raised, the building cannot be erected.

A petition asking that Twentieth street between Ninth avenue and Eleventh avenue be graded and topsoiled was presented. The petition was signed by the Hickory Manufacturing Co., John A. Yentz and H. S. Leonard, agent. The matter will be taken up at once and acted upon.

The Texas Company was authorized to put in two large tanks on Mr. J. H. P. Cilley's property adjoining the company's property. The capacity of the two tanks will be about doubt that of the one tank now in use, which will be removed.

MEMORIAL TREES IN UTAH

Lester Park, the most beautiful and best known park in Ogden, Utah, was the scene of a very unusual ceremony says the American Forester Magazine of Washington when the members of the office of the District Forester planted three memorial trees for Captain Homer S. Youngs, Lieutenant Hubert C. Williams and Forest Ranger Rudolf E. Mellenthin. The first two died in France and the last was killed arresting a draft evader.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Shuford, Jr., arrived today to visit his mother, Mrs. E. L. Shuford.

NEW YORK COTTON

By the Associated Press.
New York, Oct. 22.—The cotton market showed continued strength and activity with active months ruling well above the 35 cents level at the early trading. The opening was 27 to 58 points, but offerings were readily absorbed by heavy trade bunting of near months and a broadening of outside demands, continued bad weather in the south, and strong Liverpool cables.

	Open	Close
October	35.30	35.90
December	35.45	35.85
January	35.30	35.50
March	34.95	35.37
May	34.82	35.19

For North Carolina: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday, with probably local showers, gentle variable winds.

RIOTING OCCURS YOUNGSTOWN PLANTS

By the Associated Press.
Youngstown, Ohio, Oct. 22.—Disorder due to the employment of negroes as strike breakers which broke out in several parts of the city late last night continued this morning. A number of strikers were cut, a number being cut with knives.

The first clash came in Brier hill last night when a crowd of strikers attempted to take a negro from a street car. Negroes within the Ohio works near by came out in a body and a small riot resulted when the police interfered.

This morning riots broke out in Poland avenue and in West avenue, near the Ohio works, when negroes, according to report, drew revolvers and knives. Eighten arrests weer made, 17 of them negroes. The whites were not armed.

HARD OPPOSITION IS OFFERED BY REDS

By the Associated Press.
London, Oct. 22.—General Yudenditch, commander of the northwestern Russian army, seems to have been brought to a virtual stand by the soviet forces.

East of Pultova the Yudenitch army appears to have encountered strong bolshevik resistance. Pultova is the most important point on the raliway line from Petrograd and the necessity for controling this road explains the stubborn resistance of the reds.

Soviet troops who have been concentrated near Doff-Pitusk are said to have been scattered by the anti-bolsheviki. Kronstadt has not surrendered to the anti-bolsheviki and has not been attacked, the admiralty announces.

By the Associated Press.
London, Oct. 22.—Two bolshevik torpedo boat destroyers were sunk in Kattoria Bay, gulf of Finland, when they attempted to attack Esthonian vessels and British destroyers on Tuesday, the admiralty announced today. The six survivors were picked up by the British. Esthonian losses were not given.

RECALL SIDE IS BADLY BEATEN IN VOTE

By the Associated Press.
Charlotte, N. C., Oct. 22.—The recall ticket was defeated in the municipal election Tuesday by a majority of approximately 1,500 out of a total vote of 5,273, the largest vote ever polled in an election in this city. The administration forces received an aggregate vote of 3,397 and the recall candidates claiming to represent organized labor received little more than 1,900.

The latter failed on command but a scant majority of the votes of members of trade organizations here, which have a voting strength of approximately 3,500.

STORE IS ENTERED AND STUFF STOLEN

Breaking a glass on the west side, a thief or thieves last night entered D. W. Cook's confectionery and soft drink place on Ninth avenue and carried off cigars, cigarettes and other articles. Twenty-five pennies left in the cash drawer overnight were not touched, a circumstance that indicates wisdom on the part of the burglars.

Mr. Cook missed 600 Chesterfield cigarettes, 200 Lucky Strike, 200 Camel and two boxes of cigars, a loaf of bread and a dozen cans of sardines. Other articles might have been carried away, but the owner could not say today.

This is one of a series of robberies that have been committed in Hickory during the past few weeks.

By the Associated Press.
Rome, Oct. 22.—Rome was shaken by an earthquake at 7:50 this morning, the tremor warking up late sleepers. No report of damage done has been received.

SOME GOOD REPORTS HAVE COME FROM CANVASSERS

Aderholdt in South Carolina and George in Virginia Do Good Work—North Carolina Also Makes Fine Showing, but Catawba County Lags

Announcement has been made of the success of the campaign for Lenoir College Endowment as indicated by some reports that have been coming in from North Carolina. Encouraging reports still arrive. However, full reports from the congregations throughout the synod are not expected at campaign headquarters until the last of the week, or later.

Reports have been received from South Carolina and also from Virginia. Rev. O. W. Aderholdt made a visit to South Carolina last week for the purpose of completing the organization of that state for the big drive. Mr. Aderholdt reports most successful organization meetings and he believes that the subscriptions in South Carolina will be generous. There is no doubt, apparently, about their raising their apportionments.

Mr. John J. George sent a telegram this morning from Virginia in which he reports that two congregations in Shenandoah, which have completed their canvass, have more than doubled [illegible] Mr. George [illegible] Virginia throughout [illegible]. Aderholdt is also in Virginia aiding in the work in that state. The congregations in Virginia have been organized by the Rev. M. L. Pence, who has been one of the most active of the district chairmen in the whole campaign. Campaign headquarters has no doubt about the success of the movement in Virginia.

The "flying squadron" continue to raise some large subscriptions in North Carolina. Mr. D. W. Aderholdt reports 3,000 from yesterday's work in Grace congregation.

Much hard work has been done by the "flying squadron" in Catawba county and it must be said that this work has not been altogether satisfactory. While there have been very generous subscriptions and while many Catawba people have manifested great interest in the campaign, it yet remains to be said that Catawba county, so far, has not done its part. Lincoln and Gaston counties, further away from the college, have done better. These counties have not received the direct benefits from the college which Catawba county has received and yet their contributions are more generous. This fact has been apparent to the workers and has been very discourgaing to them. It is felt that Catawba county must yet better her record in this campaign. People living in and near around Hickory have been able to educate their children at Lenoir College at much less cost than they could have done had the college not been located in their midst. It would seem that these people would be the most generous and the most enthusiastic supporters at this time. They certainly should be. It is hoped, therefore, that better reports will yet come in from Catawba county.

REVALUATION ACT IS PRAISED BY BICKETT

The Raleigh correspondent of the Greensboro News sends his paper the following on Governor Bickett's address at the opening of the institution:

Bragging on revaluation to beat all the bands the chugging tractors the billion balloons, and the merry go rounds, Governor Bickett today opened the state fair with a talk limited to ten minutes and subject confined to taxation.

It has not been paralelled as a fair opener. The governor citing [illegible] the general assembly as authority for opening the state fair, chose to speak on the revaluation act of the late session and to commend both the measure and the men behind it. Thus he burns the bridges so far as he is concerned and it is quite patent that Collector Bailey and Supervisor Watts will never persuade him to advise backtracking when the general assembly meets in special session next year.

Doubtless the remnant of the old guard listened to the speech, turned up its nose at the "idealism" of the talk. And there are the members of the old guard who helped to frame the act. They do not regard it ideal but intensely practicable. Bickett has the idea, somehow, that people should begin to tell the truth for the sake of their souls. Others working with him think it is fine political wisdom to do this taxation business before the Republicans in the general assembly saw their chance and took it—they joined it.

Governor Bickett's speech was made to a crowd as big as any other governor has addressed out there. It is only when the negro people have their show that a governor gets his. Craig spoke four times to them and more than 5,000 people heard him. White crowds will not listen so well.

"I congratulate the management of the state fair upon securing for the edification and entertainment of the people such a large and attractive line of exhibits. These exhibits demonstrate in convincing fashion the abundance and variety of our natural resources and the industry and ingenuity of our people.

"But the most inspiring exhibit that can be made at a state fair is a fair state—a state arrayed in vestments of wisdom and justice seeking diligently to give to all her citizens the largest possible measure of opportunity and of hope.

"The one indispensable requisite to such a state is a just and adequate system of taxation. Therefore, ladies and gentlemen, I present to you as the fairest and finest exhibit at this fair the system of taxation enacted by the general assembly of 1919. Permit me to call your attention to several features of this magnificent exhibit.

1. It permits the people of the state to tell the truth about their property. The people have not heretofore enjoyed this privilege. The people have been plandered by a system, degraded by a mechanism of falsehood with whose operations they had little or nothing to do.

"2. The tax books are forced to tell the truth. The machinery is so constructed that of itself it cannot lie and any officer or idividual who tampers with the machinery in order to make it lie will find the jail doors opening to receive him.

"3. The new system through the revaluation act wipes out forever inequalities in taxation. True values are always equal values, but the wisdom of Solomon and the genius of Edison combined cannot equalize a series of lies. It has been said, 'The truth shall make you free,' and this applies with mathematical accuracy to freedom from inequalities in taxation. The revaluation act is an earnest search for the truth, and the man who runs away from it simply confesses that he is afraid of what the truth will reveal. Why?

"4. The fourth feature of this exhibit, upon which I desire to focus your attention is that it requires that what a man pays out in taxes shall be in part determined by what he takes in. This is the income tax amendment. Under the general law a reasonable tax is levied on all classes of property, but if these are found not to be sufficient to meet the demands of a growing state, then the additional burdens are laid on the shoulders best able to bear them. This is the very essence of

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COAL MINERS NOT ANXIOUS TO MEET

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Oct. 22.—There were reports before the conference of the bituminous coal situation got under way that Secretary Wilson would not attempt to hold representatives of the miners and operators here before the senate committee investigating strikers.

Some of the miners were reluctant about attending the meeting in view of the statement yesterday by John L. Lewis, president of the united mine workers of America that he did not see the necessity of adjourning over until today in face of the stonewall opposition of the operators.

KEEP OUT RADICALS SENATE ALSO VOTES

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Oct. 22.—A bill extending war time restrictions on passports for one year so as to exclude radicals and undesirable aliens was passed by the senate today without opposition. The measure now goes to conference.

SEVERAL BADLY HURT

By the Associated Press.
Baltimore, Oct. 22.—Fourteen men were badly burned or otherwise seriously injured by an explosion of gas on board the Standard Oil tanker W. E. Pilfer at the yards of the docks today. Four of the victims may die.