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RAILROAD UNION HEADS STUDY WILSON'S ANSWER

But Nobody Indicates What It is—President Receives Committee on South Portico of White House—Strike of Some Employees Expected

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Feb. 13.—President Wilson was prepared today to personally hear proposals from organized railroad workers for settlement of their increased wage demands. At the conference with the employees' spokesmen he will go thoroughly into the question.

The high cost of living has been the keynote of the employee's contention for more pay. The union officials declared their membership is becoming restless and has insisted either on higher wages or a reduction of living costs.

President Wilson was not expected to announce a general wage increase, but his proposal, it was understood, would be along lines looking to lowering the cost of living. Union officials are understood to have said that reduction of living costs would be satisfactory to them.

The employees will be represented in the conference by three spokesmen—B. M. Jewell, E. J. Manton and Timothy Shea, the latter acting president of the brotherhood of locomotive engineers.

President Wilson has reached a decision in the railroad wage controversy and will present it to the three representatives of the employees. The president has dictated a memorandum embodying his decision and this will be read to the brotherhood representatives in the green room of the White House.

The original plan was for the president to meet brotherhood representatives on the south lawn, but because of a drizzling rain the green room was selected instead. The conference was not expected to continue long.

The White House was expected to issue a statement later in the day. Meanwhile there was no intimation whether the president had offered a substitute or an increase in wages or the nature of the continuation of the fight on the high cost of living or whether he asked the workers to delay pressing their demands until the railroad were returned to the private owners March 1.

B. M. Jewell, president of the railroad department of the American Federation of Labor, said the proposition would have to be put up to the men before any announcement could be made by the union representatives.

Besides Mr. Jewell, Mr. Shea was present at the conference. The president met the representatives on the south portico of the White House and read a statement he had prepared on the wage negotiations presented him by Director General Hines.

Mr. Shea immediately notified the other union officials who had been conferring with Mr. Hines advising them to call a conference to consider the president's statement. He indicated that the conference would continue most of the day and might continue most of tomorrow. He said there was no disposition on the part of the union men to act hastily and that they desired to give the president's statement thorough consideration.

The president's proposal, whatever it was, was not expected to stay the strike of the maintenance of way employees and shop laborers.

RECEIVE CONSIDERATION

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 13.—Any proposal President Wilson has made to representatives of the railroad brotherhoods in an effort to adjust their wage demands will receive "earnest consideration" by the officers of the united brotherhoods of maintenance of way and shop employees. President Allen Barker said today. Mr. Barker said he was still hopeful the president's decision was such as to make possible a withdrawal of the order calling for the strike of February 17 of the brotherhood's more than 300,000 members.

Deputy Sheriff W. J. Kennedy has returned from Raleigh, where he and Winston-Salem, where he spent two days. He and Deputy Sheriff J. O. Gilbert of Newton carried two prisoners to the state penitentiary on Monday.

FREIGHT STEAMER NOW IN TROUBLE

By the Associated Press.
New York, Feb. 13.—A wireless call for assistance was received early today from the United States shipping board steamer William Henry Webb, which reported she was anchored six miles off Tucker's Beach, N. J., because of a broken engine and boiler troubles. The freighter asked that tug be sent immediately as the wind was increasing. She left Philadelphia yesterday for Boston on her first trip.

ARTICLE TEN PLAN IS MAKING LITTLE SPEED

Washington, Feb. 13.—Little progress was apparent in negotiations over the article ten reservation to the peace treaty brought forward yesterday by Republican senators. In addition to its failure to command the Democratic support for which its sponsors had hoped, it was said the new draft had been found unacceptable to some reservationists on the Republican side who threatened to join the irreconcilable opponents of ratification if the modifications proposed were made in the original Republican reservation.

A canvass of the 49 Republicans is understood to have shown that only about 30 could be counted on to vote for ratification with the changed reservation, under which the United States would decline to guarantee the integrity of league members by force, economic boycott or "any other means" except when congress acted. Sixty-four votes are necessary to ratify, and doubt was expressed generally whether 34 Democrats could be induced to desert their party leader, Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, who has declared the revised draft would embody a surrender of the treaty's friends.

Numerous other proposals to solve the article ten difficulty were discussed during the day, the leaders on both sides conferring among themselves on the subject. Senator Hitchcock also saw several Republicans of the mild reservation group, but it was declared that no conclusions were reached.

DEFICIT IN CHILE

By the Associated Press.
Santiago, Chile, Jan. 19.—Chile's deficit for the fiscal year ended December 31 aggregates \$13,000,000, according to a statement by the finance minister, Guillermo Subercaseaux. This is attributed to the great decline last year in exportation of nitrate owing to the transportation difficulties and other causes. Chile expected to export in 1919 2,500,000 tons of nitrate but actually shipped only 900,000 tons.

THE BAKER ESTATE

Half a dozen persons from Kings Mountain, some of them members of the Baker family, were in Hickory Wednesday afternoon for a preliminary conference on the Baker estate, which was in the public mind several months ago. A meeting of Baker heirs has been called for Hickory this month when the whole case will be gone into. Local attorneys have been employed in the affair.

OFFERS REWARD FOR BARIUM SPRINGS SLAYER

Statesville, Feb. 13.—The county commissioners of Iredell have authorized Sheriff M. P. Alexander to offer a reward of \$50 for the capture of information leading to the arrest of George Davis the boy who killed Laurie Auton at Barium Springs about 10 days ago. Davis is nearly 17 years of age and is blind in one eye.

TRADE WITH SOVIET RUSSIA

Chicago Tribune.
We traded peacefully enough with Russia under the czar. Yet the aristocracy of the czar was repugnant to us. There is now autocracy in Russia. It is the hand that intuitively toddles after "the little father" of Russia. Lenin is the little father. It keeps changing, but it's the same thing.
We were satisfied with the autocracy of the czar to the point of trading. Why should we object to trading with the absolutism of Lenin? The Russian people are daily demonstrating their instinct for the kind of government they always have known. It is only a syllable from Nicholas to Nikolai.

BRING MARSHALL SEND NEW NOTE TO TRIAL FOR MURDER REGARDING KAISER

By the Associated Press.
Aberdeen, Miss., Feb. 13.—Charles Marshall, charged with the killing of Robert Miller, a farmer, his son and daughter and an infant at the Miller farm house near Amory January 15, was en route to this city this morning under guard of state troops to protect him against violence.

Marshall was taken last night from the jail at Jackson under escort of the state militia to Durant, where he was held until early today, when he was placed aboard a train for this city. There was no indication that mob violence would be attempted.

It was stated that Marshall probably could waive preliminary hearing, but it was planned to hear the evidence of Pearl May Miller, 13-year-old daughter, on whose evidence Marshall was arrested.

According to the authorities, the girl witnessed the murder of the father and sister and the latter's child of which Marshall is alleged to have been the father, from the attic of the farm house, where she took refuge after a stick of dynamite had been thrown into the dwelling.

TO PERPETUATE NAMES OF SUNKEN VESSELS

Liverpool, Feb. 12.—Names of several large Cunard ocean liners sunk by enemy submarines during the war are to be perpetuated in new vessels now under construction, it is announced by the Cunard Company. The company has nearly 500,000 tons of passenger ships now building.

Of the vessels whose names are given none will approach the size of the Mauretania or Aquitania, but they will be big liners of intermediate type, ranging from 520 to 600 feet in length. They will have spacious accommodations for passengers, and will also be able to carry large quantities of cargo.

There are four ships of the 600-foot class, the Franconia, the Laconia, the Scythia, and the Samaria. There is only one vessel under construction in the 550-foot class, the Tiburnia, a name which appears for the first time among the company's ships. The 520-foot class comprises seven vessels, the Aleutia, Arandia, Aurania, Ausonia, Ascaria, Albania and Antonia. Of these the first five are the names of vessels lost in the war, and the Antonia appears for the first time.

NORTH AND SOUTH UNITE IN SPARTANBURG STATUE

Spartanburg, S. C., Feb. 13.—A model of a memorial statue to the twenty-seventh and thirtieth divisions of the U. S. Army, designed by Karl Ilava, of New York, for erection in Spartanburg's memorial park was placed on exhibition here and attracted much attention.

The doughboys carrying full marching equipment, striding through the mud of France into battle position are the figures which Mr. Ilava has put into this memorial. They represent a soldier on the south marching shoulder to shoulder with a buddy from New York city, and is perhaps the first statue which has ever symbolized the complete reunion of the two sections which fought through the civil war.

The faces of the men and their carriage are contrasted to show distinct types of the sections from which the divisions were recruited. There is no mistaking the symbolism of the monument.

HONOR FOR GARY

Tokio, Feb. 13.—The emperor has conferred on John R. Gary, general manager of the General Electric Company here, the Order of the Rising Sun, fourth class, in recognition of his services in the development of Japan's electrical industries.

KOLCHAK'S EXECUTION FORMALLY ANNOUNCED

By the Associated Press.
London, Feb. 13.—News of the execution of Admiral Kolchak, former head of the all-Russian government, has been officially confirmed. He and one of his ministers were shot at Irkutsk on February 7.

NEGRO DESESTERS CAPTURED IN MEXICO

By the Associated Press.
Mexico City, Feb. 13.—Three negro deserters from the American army have been captured by Mexican troops, who are continuing search for four other deserters, according to information reaching the war department. Orders have been received to prevent other members of the same outfit from entering Mexico should they desert.

By the Associated Press.
London, Feb. 13.—A new allied note to Holland regarding the extradition of former Emperor Wilhelms according to the Evening Standard today.

The note, says the newspaper, makes a strong appeal to the Dutch government not to make a worse situation in Europe by insisting on the right of asylum for the man characterized as the main "author of the world's troubles."

From other sources it was learned this afternoon that he council was busy completing the note to Holland. The note will assert that the presence of the former emperor in Holland is a menace to European peace.

OPERATE SAIL SHIPS JAPAN TO MAINLAND

Tokio, Jan. 19.—Plans for the opening of direct lines of sailing vessels between Chile and Japan now are being made by leading business men of the two nations. With this object in view a shipping firm to be capitalized at over \$1,000,000, is being promoted with the intention to buy or build six sailing vessels, each of about 5,000 tons, and to be equipped with auxiliary engines.

Francisco Rivas, minister of Chile to Japan, has been encouraging the project since he reached this country two years ago.

Japan is one of the principal consumers of Chilean nitrates, and imports a great deal of copper and iron ores and other raw materials abundant in Chile. On the other hand, there is understood to be a great demand in Chile for Japanese cotton goods, glass wares, porcelains and other products; but their exportation to Chile is hampered by high freight rates.

Japan is now assiduously engaged in extending her trade to the South Pacific Islands, the Straits settlements and other places and it has been suggested that the proposed lines of sailing vessels could be outlined for this purpose.

LESS INFLUENZA BUT MORE PNEUMONIA NOW

Raleigh, Feb. 13.—Reports coming to the state board of health from 46 of the 100 counties, total 4,388 new cases of influenza, 122 cases of pneumonia and 19 deaths.

The figures for influenza were slightly under those of the preceding day, and pneumonia 23 in excess. Health authorities believe that the peak of the epidemic has been passed but expect pneumonia to follow.

NEW WIRELESS STATION

By the Associated Press.
Tokio, Feb. 13.—The Japanese government is erecting a powerful wireless station for the purpose of relieving pressing commercial communications between this country and the United States.

LAST CONVENTION

By the Associated Press.
Chicago, Feb. 13.—The 51st annual and final convention of the national American woman's suffrage association opened here today with 2,000 delegates in attendance.

MARKETS

COTTON	
By the Associated Press	
New York, Feb. 13.—Both Liverpool and New Orleans made a very fine showing over the local holiday and the cotton market here opened firm at an advance of 28 to 48 points. Private cables said the advance in Liverpool was due to Manchester buying and house with active brokers were buyers at the decline.	
PRODUCE	
Eggs and roasters per lb.	50c dozen
Hens and roasters per lb.	24c
Old Roosters, per lb.	12c
Country butter, per lb.	40c
Creamery butter, per lb.	68c
Pork (125 to 275), per lb.	18c
Pork (under 125 and over 275) per lb.	17c
GRAIN	
(Corrected daily by Horseford Milling Company)	
Wheat	\$2.75
Corn per bu.	\$1.90
Oats, per bu.	\$1.00
Rye, per bu.	\$1.90
Compeas	\$4.50
Weather	
For North Carolina: Fair and colder tonight; Saturday partly cloudy, fresh north west winds.	

LOSSES IN KILLED EXPECT TO SELL HEAVIEST IN N. CAROLINA LOWER GRADE COTTON

Washington, Feb. 13.—Tennessee suffered heaviest of the nine southern states east of the Mississippi, in casualties among her officers and men who were members of the American expeditionary forces during the world war, Virginia's losses were second, North Carolina's third, and Alabama's and Georgia's fourth and fifth respectively. A statistical summary of all casualties prepared in the office of the adjutant general of the army and just announced shows the total casualties of these southern states to have been 37,266, including officers and men, out of a grand total of 302,612 for the entire country. These casualties include losses from every cause which put the men out of action.

The total casualties for each state follow: Tennessee, 6,190; Virginia, 6,130; North Carolina, 5,799; Alabama, 5,169; Georgia, 4,425; South Carolina, 3,919; Mississippi, 2,303; Louisiana, 2,169 and Florida, 1,171.

North Carolina's losses from officers and men killed in action were heaviest, numbering 684; Tennessee's losses from that cause were second, totaling 680 and Virginia's, third, aggregating 664. In deaths from disease Virginia was first with 291; Tennessee second, with 250 and North Carolina third with 238.

JEWES FURNISHED NEARLY A MILLION MEN IN WAR

By the Associated Press.
London, Feb. 12.—Dr. Max Nordau told the English Zionist Federation the other day that in the world war the Jews had furnished 900,000 soldiers to the various armies. This, he said, was about seven percent of the whole number of Jews, a proportion equalled by few and surpassed only, he believed, by the French. The Jews had lost 80,000 dead and had about 200,000 casualties.

But what had the Jews fought for, he asked. Even in the advanced and highly civilized countries of the west he continued, a huge wave of anti-Semitism was weling up; in the new countries that had arisen in the East the most criminal passions were let loose against the Jews. In this dark picture there was one bright spot, the British Declaration in favor of a Jewish National Home in Palestine.

DEATH OF MRS. TEAGUE

Mrs. John P. Teague, aged 35 years, died at 5 o'clock Wednesday evening at her home near Mount Olive church, three miles north of Hickory, after an illness with influenza and pneumonia. She was a member of the Methodist church, was a splendid woman and her death will cause general regret. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock and burial was in Oakwood cemetery. Mrs. Teague is survived by her husband and one daughter, the latter being ill with influenza and the former just up from an attack of the disease. This is the second death from influenza reported in this section.

MRS. HEFNER DEAD OF INFLUENZA-PNEUMONIA

Mrs. Anne Hefner, wife of Mr. Raymond D. Hefner, died at her home in Clines township at 1 o'clock this morning following an illness with influenza and pneumonia. The burial will take place at St. Stephens this afternoon. Mrs. Hefner was 24 years of age and is survived by her husband and three small children. The husband also is desperately ill with pneumonia and the chances are more than even for his recovery.

Mrs. Hefner was a splendid young woman, was a member of the Lutheran church and her death has caused much sadness in her community.

FLIES OVER ANDES BUT HE LOSES MACHINE IN LANDING

Santiago, Chile, Feb. 12.—Lieutenant Pricur, of the French aviation mission, made a successful flight across the Andes yesterday. Leaving Mendoza, Argentina, he landed 80 kilometers beyond Ovalte, province of Coquimbo, Chile. The aviator was slightly injured through a bad landing in which his machine was destroyed.

MILLERAND INSISTS ON TRYING GERMANS

By the Associated Press.
Paris, Feb. 13.—Premier Millerand, who is attending the meeting of the supreme council in London, is energetically insisting on the execution of the extradition clause of the Versailles treaty and urging that if the Germans refuse to surrender men for war crimes that they be tried by default, says the Echo de Paris.

Raleigh, Feb. 13.—North Carolina cotton dealers have cooperated with the American Cotton Association in the effort that is being made by President J. S. Wannamaker to sell 300,000 bales of low grade cotton to foreign spinners, and a large number of the signed options have been received by the North Carolina office of the association.

Those options are merely options, and carry, of course, no guarantee against the whole trend of the sale. President Wannamaker, however, has had negotiations with the foreign spinners and believes he will be able to put the deal through. In view of the fact that there is a possibility of the whole deal falling through, cotton association officials are stressing the importance of understanding that it is merely an option.

That a decided fight is being made against the whole scheme is indicated in the present trend of the cotton exchange. It would very materially hurt the interest of gamblers who have sold the cotton market short for low grade cotton to bring the prices the association is trying to get for these low grades of cotton. These prices range from 35 cents for ordinary cotton to 41 cents for low middling. These prices are not to the seller, f. o. b., his shipping point. The terms are eighty percent cash and twenty percent deferred payments, bearing interest at six percent.

Because it would be impossible to handle cottons of individuals in a deal of this magnitude, the association has found it necessary to get the collective opinions from county and township organizations of the cotton association. In a number of instances county meetings have been held and the county chairman or some official has signed the joint option blank for the cotton of all members who wanted to get in on this deal.

Some definite decision is supposed to be made about the sale of this cotton, in the near future. February 11th was the original date set for closing the deal, but there have been delays in getting the options in, and other delays not unexpected in a deal of this nature. Cotton men in all parts of the state are very enthusiastic over the proposed plan and every effort possible is being made by Mr. Wannamaker to complete it as early as possible.

WAGNERIAN OPERA RESUMED IN ROME

By the Associated Press.
Rome, Feb. 12.—Wagnerian opera has returned to the stage of the Costanzi theater in Rome without a protest. "Die Walkure" was advertised as the second offering in a season which opened with Mascagni's "Iris." No criticism of the plan to produce the German opera appeared in the press. The theater was crowded and no objectors interfered with a performance which the press of Rome commended highly.

"It is a strange coincidence that Richard Wagner again walked across the stage of the Costanzi at the same time Austrian children came into Italy by the thousands to escape the hunger and privations of their unhappy country," one of the Rome papers commented.

GENERAL WOOD DISCUSSES EMIGRATION AND "REDS"

Cleveland, Feb. 13.—Observance of the 11th birthday of Abraham Lincoln was featured here by the conference of the Lincoln-American alliance which ended last night with a banquet at which Gen. Leonard Wood was the principal speaker. Various labor, business and universal leaders discussed problems of reconstruction during the morning and afternoon sessions.

GRAND JURY IS ORDERED TO INVESTIGATE LEXINGTON MOB

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 13.—Brigadier General Marshall, in command of federal troops enforcing martial law here as a result of an attempt to lynch William Lockett, negro, last Monday, has ordered Judge Charles Kerr to impanel a special grand jury immediately to investigate the rioting and the actions of those who resisted civil authorities.

FAMOUS VIRGINIA WARTIME NURSE AN DAUGHTER DEAD

Winchester, Va., Feb. 12.—Miss Kate McVicar, widely known as poetess and writer under the pen name of "Nemo," died here today at the age of 76 as a result of pneumonia. Miss McVicar first came into local prominence during the war between the states when, as a nurse, she went upon the battlefields and gave first aid to federal and Confederate wounded.

SERIES OF TORNADOES REPORTED IN GEORGIA

By the Associated Press.
Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 13.—One person a 15-year-old negro girl, is known to have been killed and a number injured in a series of small tornadoes that swept various sections of Georgia yesterday.

Property damage was reported from Irwin and Mitchell counties. The one death occurred in Mitchell county.