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WEATHER
Partly cloudy tonight and Friday. Probably local thundershowers Friday.

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LOOK TO PRESIDENT TO RESTORE TRAFFIC

Early Settlement of Rail Strike Believed Likely Now—Mr. Harding Confers with Leaders of Roads and Unions—Passenger and Freight Service Maintained.

President Harding's conference with railroad executives and union leaders revived hope for early settlement of the rail strike.

Efforts to negotiate separate peace by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road ended without result at Seattle, while parleys between the Baltimore and Ohio and its men continue.

Railroad officials asserted that passenger and freight service was practically normal and added that increased recruiting of shops was going on.

Union leaders still maintained that the walk-out of shopmen was 100 per cent strong.

WHITE HOUSE BUSY

Washington, July 27.—The white house again today became the center of developments in the rail strike and the focus of efforts toward peace.

President Harding today holding a conference with T. Dewitt Cuyler, chairman of the association of railway executives, and then with the strike leaders, headed by B. M. Jewell, who reached Washington from Chicago.

Mr. Jewell and his colleagues went into conference with the president at 11 o'clock shortly after Mr. Cuyler had concluded an hour's discussion with the president.

Mr. Cuyler on leaving the white house said he has presented the view of the railroad managements and would wait until Mr. Jewell had finished his conference.

Mr. Cuyler indicated that he would return to the white house for another conference after Mr. Harding had conferred with Mr. Jewell.

Pressed for a statement as to whether the strike was the sole stumbling block, he said he had seen no statement from Mr. Jewell and could not say whether this was the case or not.

STATE PROGRAM WOULD RUIN MINES

Springfield, Ill., July 27.—Disruption of the united mine workers of America if President Frank Fearington of the Illinois mine workers is permitted to proceed with his program adopted in St. Louis yesterday was predicted today by John Watt, secretary-treasurer of the Springfield sub-district, who declared it was up to John L. Lewis, international president, "to act and act quickly."

Watt said Fearington's motive in calling a separate state convention was to sign a separate agreement for Illinois.

He urged that President Lewis set up a provisional district in Illinois to overthrow Fearington.

INSANE MAN GIVES UP—WAS THIRSTY

Hinton, W. Va., July 27.—John Fiedeking, the insane man, who, barred himself in his house and for 15 days resisted the efforts of deputy sheriffs and state police to arrest him after he had killed one man and wounded two others, this morning appeared at his front door, threw up his hands and asked for a drink of water.

Two troopers who, with other officers have resorted to every known means short of firing the house, stepped up to the door, got him the water and then carried him to the county jail.

He refused to answer questions and appeared to be dazed. Physicians arrived from hospitals where they had been treating the men wounded in the last few days and dressed two bullet wounds in his shoulder.

LEWIS HOPEFUL CONFERENCE BE HELD

Philadelphia, July 27.—John L. Lewis is head of the miners' unions, said here this afternoon that he had every reason to believe that an interstate joint conference of the central competitive field would be arranged "within a few days."

Mr. Lewis made the following statement:

"It is undoubtedly true that for all purposes and effects, the mine workers have won their present strike and it is also universally recognized that wages will not be reduced.

"It only remains for an interstate joint conference to be convened in order to permit the immediate negotiation of a new wage agreement. This is the only way a settlement can be reached.

"I have every reason to believe that an interstate joint conference of the central competitive field will be arranged in a few days. Such an arrangement will permit a resumption of mining and relief to embarrassed industries and a suffering public."

It was pointed out by leaders that all district presidents of central competitive fields are here except Frank Farrington of Illinois. It was understood that the conference will be called as soon as there is assurance that sufficient tonnage would be represented to make a basis wage scale possible. This has been the attitude of the miners all along, it was said.

READY TO MEET

Indianapolis, Ind., July 27.—Indiana operators would meet with miners representatives in a four state conference if the other operators in the central competitive field would agree to a conference, Governor Freay of Indiana said in a message to John Hessler, president of a local district, today.

MINERS IN BRITAIN MAKE GOOD MONEY

London, July 27.—The question of whether British coal miners will take any action against exportation of coal to America will be discussed at a meeting of the executive committee of the miners.

Meanwhile reports from British coal fields indicate that nothing will be done by the miners who, after a lean period in their industry, are appreciating the stimulus given to employment through the American demand.

William Starker, member of the executive committee of the federation, said he did not believe the federation would take any action for "obvious reasons."

RAILROAD MANAGER VICTIM OF BOMBERS

Chicago, July 27.—Chas. D. Signer, assistant general manager of the Delaware, Lackawana and Western railroad, reported to the police today that explosives had been placed in a bottle of milk caused the loss of a thumb when he picked up the bottle to carry it into the house.

Signer, who is 61 years old, said the incident occurred yesterday morning. It was not reported to the police until today.

Still "Mopping Up" in Mine Battle Area



State police and deputy sheriffs are still "mopping up" in the hills of Washington county, Pa., seeking participants in the mine battle at Cliftonville, W. Va., in which Sheriff H. H. Duval and six others were killed. This photograph, taken by Bob Dorman, NEA Service staff photographer, shows officers rounding up men in Avella, Pa., for questioning.

COAL PRICES TO SOAR IN NEW YORK

New York, July 27.—With retail coal dealers here predicting that coal will cost \$25 a ton this winter, with substitutes likely, unless the strike is settled promptly, a new angle developed after a meeting of officers of the longshoremen's union, where the question of handling British coal was discussed.

Anthony J. Chopek, president declined to indicate whether a plan of action had been agreed upon.

Coal dealers said that public utilities are supplied for a short period, as are gas and electric companies, but the stocks will soon run out.

COUNTY SUMMER SCHOOL IS SUCCESS

Newton, July 27.—Catawba county summer school has just closed its fourth annual session. Seventy teachers were enrolled. The teachers say that this has been one of the most profitable schools that has been conducted up to the present time. In connection with the regular school or teachers a demonstration school was conducted. In this school two teachers, Miss Annie Whitener and Miss Eula Yount, in addition to giving demonstration lessons for the teachers, taught children from the first through the seventh grades. As a further result of the demonstration school a number of children will be enabled to pass to a higher grade by making up back work.

In the regular work Prof. M. S. Seam, superintendent of the Newton schools, was assisted by Miss Nannie Leach, former principal of Lincoln high school, and of the Newton graded school faculty for the year 1922-23, and Miss Irene Myatt, of Smithfield graded school faculty. The state school at Lenoir College offered courses to those teachers of the county and surrounding counties who held elementary certificates and higher, while the county school at Newton offered courses to those holding provisional certificates and lower. It is estimated that more than ninety per cent of all the teachers of the county attended summer school this summer. This is indeed encouraging to those who believe that education in Catawba county is on the upward trend and not the downward.

COAL PRODUCTION INCREASES AT MINES

Washington, July 27.—Favorable reaction to the government's efforts to stimulate coal production despite the strike was seen in the statements by railroads today showing that 13,083 cars of coal were loaded on Monday at operating mines as compared with 9,860 cars last Saturday and with a daily average of 10,914 cars during the six working days previous to Saturday.

The smartest thing some dogs ever do is, when looking for something to bark at in the night to pick out a tree or something that will be there all night.—Kansas City Star.

THREE LIQUOR BOATS CAPTURED TODAY

New York, July 27.—Seizure of three alleged rum running boats overnight was declared by federal prohibition agents today to mean the resumption of the illegal traffic.

SOUTHERN CLERKS WILL NOT STRIKE

Chattanooga, Tenn., July 27.—F. H. Gross, local chairman of the Southern Railway upon his return from a conference at Washington with railroad officials, announced that there would be no strike of the clerks. He said a settlement satisfactory to all concerned had been reached. He declined to make a statement.

TO LAY DRESSING ON CONCRETE ROAD

The Union Paving Company has secured a location for its asphalt mixer in Highland and will begin placing the top dressing on the Central highway within three weeks. First work will be done in Highland, after which the concrete between Hickory and the Burke county line will be attended to. All the work between the Burke county line and Oyama will be completed in the next two months and the highway thrown open to traffic.

COTTON MILLS VS POWER COMPANY

Raleigh Times.

Judge Bryson, presiding over the special term of court convened at Shelby for the purpose of hearing the counsel of the cotton mills and the Southern Power Company discuss the fixation of rates for hydro-electric power, will have ere (that's poetic, that ere; but this illuminating article is going to deal with bald facts hereafter now passed on the contention of Judge W. P. Bynum of the mill's counsel that the state corporation commission has no right to fix the rates of the big public service company because it is engaged in interstate commerce and must therefore be regulated by the interstate commerce commission. It isn't pertinent to this discussion how Judge Bryson rules; but we'd give two-bits to see the look of chagrin that would possess the faces of Judge J. Crawford Biggers of Raleigh and Attorney E. W. Faires of Graham, also of counsel for the cotton mills, when they learned that the judge had held with their skirmisher and there were no more speeches to be made until the case could be shifted into a federal court.

Without desiring to lay ruthless and barbarian hands on the veil of mystery with which these learned and able jurists seek to add to the allure of their mistress the law, we ascertained without fear of successful contradiction that this motion to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction is mere hocus pocus designed to convince court, clients and countryside that every foot of the battle is to be hotly contested. The first step in proving this alertness always consists in raising up a straw man of jurisdiction and having him flattened. This shows that the lawyers are willing to concede the existence of the constitution and are going to see that their employers get the benefit of every doubt.

The question raised by Judge Bynum has been decided before. The lawyers on both sides are fully aware that "errant brought in from South Carolina by the Southern Power Commission and are going to see that regulation by the same authority which fixes the rate on power produced in North Carolina.

BIG LIQUOR RING REPORTED IN NEW YORK

New York, July 27.—An embargo recently placed on liquor imported by the government was attributed by the New York Tribune today to a huge liquor combine in which warehouses once bulging with barrels of wine and liquor now bulge with water.

Lack of evidence prevents the government from prosecuting one of the biggest liquor scandals ever known, says the Tribune.

Bootleg rings, the articles say, are suspected of having corrupted government employes in various branches of the revenue service in a successful plot to divert hundreds of millions of dollars worth of liquor from warehouses.

NEWTON PEOPLE AT TRAINING SCHOOL

Newton, July 27.—The following left Newton on the Carolina and North Western at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon for Camp McLellan, Ala., where they will spend the next month attending the Citizen's Military Training Camp: Ex-Sheriff R. Lee Hewitt and son, Manuel Hewitt, Sam Yount, Earl Drum, Charles Trotter, Louis Yelder, Harry Hollingsworth, Snag Caldwell, Hugh White, Adrian Pope, Walter Long Howard Smith, John Henry, Capt. G. A. Warlick, Jr., has been at Camp McLellan for several days attending the Reserve Officers' Training Camp.

G. C. Little, cashier of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, of this city, has returned from Atlantic, N. C., where he spent his vacation. Mrs. Little and children, who have been spending a month there with the parents of Mrs. Little, returned with him.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Saunders and son, Walter, left this week for Knoxville, Tenn., where they will spend several days with relatives. They are making the trip by automobile.

Mr. Charles Garvin and daughter, of Providence R. I., are the guests of Mr. Garvin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Garvin, and brothers, Messrs. Fred E. Frank and Herbert Garvin.

Mrs. J. B. Leonard and daughter, Miss Eula Nicholson, have returned after a stay at All Healing Springs.

BLIMP IN LONGEST FLIGHT YET KNOWN

Bellevue, Ill., July 27.—The longest flight ever attempted by the army lighter-than-aircraft service was completed today when the dirigible balloon A-4 arrived at Scott field, near here. The blimp arrived from Langley field, Va., a distance of approximately 1,100 miles in 40 hours and 44 minutes of actual flying time. The blimp will remain here permanently.

FINE COCKLE BURRS

Several persons have told the Record that they appreciate the mention their cockle burr matches received. Each individual said he just knew The Record would notice it, and each has begun preparations to have the reaper get busy. As a matter of health, all the weeds and such stuff ought to be trimmed and trimmed at once.

EARLY CONFERENCE END COAL STRIKE

Lewis Believes Mines Will be Working Again in Few Days—Government to Set Up Machinery for Priority in Coal Shipments—Various Bulletins on Strike.

BOYS AND GIRLS ENJOY ANNUAL OUTING

At Ball's Creek camp-ground this week 110 boys and girls, members of the various juvenile clubs in the county, are having an encampment that is proving pleasant and profitable to them and the scores of relatives and friends who go out to spend an afternoon or night. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hendricks and Mrs. A. L. Harris are chaperoning the young people and Miss Catherine Wilson, home demonstration agent for Cabarrus county, is assisting in the work.

Hickory Kiwanis club went out last night, but owing to the threat of rain the attendance was small. Gus Seif played his banjo and made a good talk and President Bagby told the young people of his interest in their work.

The days are busy with lectures and play, both being mixed in such a manner as to afford the most fun and profit. Last night Curley Cline told how he was raising a fine Jersey calf and Earl Poovey of Hickory showed how it paid to raise good chickens a little Wagoner boy of Conover said that he and his sister had made \$2,100 in four years raising chickens and pigeons, and Miss Setzer made a report on the girl's sewing club. The visitors were thrilled at the work the young people are doing under the direction of Mr. Hendricks and Mrs. Harris.

The Newton Kiwanis club is booked for a program tonight and will be on hand 100 per cent strong. Tomorrow night will be stunt night at the camp.

John L. Lewis, international president of the united mine workers, announced hope of an early conference to settle the coal strike.

Indiana operators expressed willingness to join the conference involving the central coal field.

Frank Farrington, Illinois miners' president, rescinded call for convention at Peoria next week to consider a separate agreement. Illinois sub-district leaders predicted that Farrington would be ousted by Lewis.

Federal authorities expected government to set up machinery to cooperate in priority plans and maintain equitable distribution and fair prices.

Longshoremen may refuse to handle imported coal.

RUTH AND PIPP IN "LITTLE ARGUMENT"

St. Louis, July 27.—It was reported today that Babe Ruth and Willy Pipp came to blows in yesterday's Brown-Yankee game while the players were on the bench during the sixth inning of yesterday's game. Neither player showed any signs of the encounter. Manager Miller Huggins said:

"There were no injuries, whoever had the argument."

Both Ruth and Pipp told the Associated Press today that the reported encounter was "only a little argument" and that they had agreed not to say anything about it.

WARDAMAN STUNG BY WILSON'S LETTER

Jackson, Miss., July 27.—Stung by the opposition to his candidacy to the United States senate as contained in a letter from former President Wilson to Dr. Mack Caleb of Carlisle, Miss., made public Tuesday night, former Senator James Vardaman has issued a statement in which he said he did "not believe Mississippians need to be told how they should vote." Mr. Vardaman's statement said:

"Mr. Wilson's letter contained the assertion that he thought it would be a great detriment to Mississippi if he (Vardaman) was elected to the senate.

"I can only assume that his opposition is for the same reason that he opposed me in 1918. He then said in discussing the question that he would be obliged to accept my election as 'condemnation of my (his) administration.'"

Mr. Vardaman said Mr. Wilson's objection was founded on the fact that "I endeavored to please the white people of Mississippi rather than please the white house."

TO ALLOW TWO PICKETS NEAR SHOPS

Raleigh, N. C., July 27.—Judge H. G. Connor, who was to have heard the question of making permanent the temporary injunction granted the Seaboard Air Line against striking shopmen, continued until August 7 the hearing. He modified his injunction by allowing the unions to station two pickets near the railroad property. Their names will be filed with the clerk of federal court and they were warned not to overstep the bounds of the order.

COTTON

New York, July 27.—An advance of 14 points at the opening of the cotton market today was influenced by the strength of cables and the somewhat more favorable turn of early strike news.

	Open	Close
October	21.38	21.26
December	21.27	21.22
January	21.12	21.08
March	21.04	21.05
May	20.86	20.85

Hickory Cotton 21 cents.

CLAIM OF BURIED TREASURE WRONG

Oliver Barger endeavored to find \$3,100 under a sourwood tree in Kenworth this morning, but the money was not there. He went to the place he had left his cash, after he said he had taken it out of a Lincoln bank, in company with Chief Lentz, Sergeant Sigmon and other interested persons.

Oliver was the proud possessor of a new Willys-Knight for two days. Saturday he called up from Lincoln to find if he could buy a car. If he had the money, he could, Barger was told. Well, he had it and would be in Hickory that evening. He came.

Barger claimed to have a cashier's check for \$3,100 and was waiting only for Monday to transfer it to a Hickory bank. He wanted the car very badly and wrote his check for \$1,600. He has borne a good reputation here to date, had listed \$6,000 in property for taxes and appeared to be all right. He got the car.

Yesterday he got arrested. He had an alibi in the form that he had hidden his money under a sourwood tree in Kenworth, but it could not be located. The car, which had been run only 50 miles, is back at the garage in good shape and Barger is in the city jail to await trial tomorrow afternoon.

REFUSES TO TALK ABOUT CONFERENCE

Columbus, O., July 27.—W. D. McKenny, secretary of the southern Ohio coal exchange, declined today to discuss the probability of operators who are members of the exchange entering into negotiations with the miners.