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HICKORY DAILY RECORD

WEATHER
Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday, no change in temperature.

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HICKORY, N. C. FRIDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 15, 1922.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

UNION HEADS HOPE TO LINE UP ROADS

Principal Effort Now to Bring Large Lines Into Scope of Agreement Signed Wednesday—Shopmen Expected to Return to Work Soon On Several Roads.

By the Associated Press.
Chicago, Sept. 15.—Refusal of a number of the country's largest railroads to enter into the Warfield-Wilbur-Jewell plan for ending the railroad strike by individual settlement developed an element of uncertainty in railroad circles today.

While some of the largest roads had flatly rejected the plan, others had virtually complete arrangements for returning strikers at once to their former jobs under the terms of the negotiated plans.

Efforts were under way by shopcraft officials to effect more settlements.

Some leaders were said to be addressing communications to some of the leading roads asking them to reconsider their rejections.

No objection will be placed in the way of shopmen returning to work on railroads parties to the settlement plan, B. M. Jewell, head of the railroad employees department of the American Federation of Labor, in denying statements made by Fred W. Rausch, union leader in St. Louis, last night.

Rausch said last night a letter signed by Mr. Jewell directed that no men return to work until all the roads had been signed up.

Such a letter might have been sent before the settlement was reached, Mr. Jewell said, "but it does not apply now."

MR. FENSTER ACTED FOR SOLICITOR HUFFMAN
A disposition of some other form of typographical error in the Newton correspondence yesterday made it appear that Solicitor R. L. Huffman had designated Mr. L. F. Klutz to represent the state in the prosecution in Canada superior court. The solicitor left in charge of Mr. W. C. Fenster and the correspondent so stated the error being made in this office.

Solicitor Huffman was compelled to return to his home at Morganton because of illness. He was reported to be again today and expects to be out again in a few days.

Representatives of the clerks, freight handlers and others decided to use their influence at a meeting tonight in New Jersey to prevent a walk-out of 6,000 men on the Pennsylvania system.

BRANTIE MARTIN HIT BY AUTOMOBILE TODAY
Brantie Martin, nine-year-old grandson of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Martin, was struck by an automobile at 1:45 this afternoon and painfully though not seriously injured. The accident occurred at the First Baptist church corner and the car was driven by Mr. Bill Shuford, who carried the lad to Dr. Shuford's office, waited until the injuries had been dressed and then took him home.

The machine did not pass over the child's body, it was said by persons who hurried to the scene. Brantie apparently caught hold of the car when it struck him and held on until Mr. Shuford, who threw on the brakes, was able to come to a stop. The child suffered bruises and a big knot on his head, but is expected to be out in a few days.

EFFORT TO AGREE ON PRICE OF COAL

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Sept. 15.—Consideration of a voluntary program to limit fuel prices was the purpose of a conference in which half a hundred representatives of business, industry, railroads, public utilities and the government met today at the department of commerce.

Invitations for the conference were issued by Secretary Hoover of the commerce department at the request of the United States chamber of commerce with a view to considering the question of coal.

TO RESUME WORK

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Sept. 15.—President Harding, due to the steady improvements in the condition of Mrs. Harding, was able to transact business at the executive chamber today.

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TWO PAY DEATH PENALTY FOR ATTACK

By the Associated Press.
Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 15.—Angus Murphy and Joseph Thomas, negroes, convicted of charges growing out of the attack on Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ketchens of Miami, Fla. near South-eastern Pines several weeks ago, were electrocuted in the state prison here today.

Murphy was the first to be electrocuted, being placed in the electric chair at 10:30 and pronounced dead after three shocks.

Thomas quickly followed Murphy to the death chamber, only two shocks being required to dispatch him.

Murphy this morning made complete confession to his spiritual advisor. He declared that Thomas had nothing to do with the actual attack, but that the latter actually took some of the articles.

Both negroes walked calmly from their cells to the death chamber, Thomas hesitating a second at the cells of other prisoners in "death row" to bid them good bye.

Four women were among the few spectators permitted to witness the electrocution. They did not show the slightest emotion while the lives of the men were being snuffed out.

REACHES DAYTON

By the Associated Press.
Dayton, O., Sept. 15.—The army dirigible C-2 arrived at Wilbur Wright field at 1:45 p. m.

NEW YORK CENTRAL SIGNS AGREEMENT

By the Associated Press.
New York, Sept. 15.—The entire New York Central railroad today signed an agreement with its conductors and trainmen covering rules, wages and working conditions for a period of one year. A statement by officials of the road said that the settlement would bring to an end any dispute between it and its employees.

END TROUBLE HERE

By the Associated Press.
Pittsburgh, Sept. 15.—Officials of the Pennsylvania system issued a brief statement this afternoon saying they were in conference with their conductors and trainmen. "The conference is with reference to the present agreement," said the statement.

ATTACK BY COWS NEW DANGER TO AIRPLANES

By the Associated Press.
Llanudno, Wales, Aug. 26.—An airplane was recently compelled to land in a field near here, and the mechanic went off for assistance.

Several cows then appeared. They nosed around, gored holes in the wings, and licked off the castor oil which had been splashed out by the engine. The animals finally were driven off, and their owner had no compensation for the damage they did to the machine.

PRESIDENT ABLE TO RESUME WORK

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FORD PLANTS WILL CLOSE TOMORROW

By the Associated Press.
Detroit, Sept. 15.—In response to questions concerning conflicting rumors in regard to the closing of the Ford motor plants tomorrow G. E. Liebold, personal secretary of Henry Ford, today said:

"Mr. Ford's statement of several weeks ago that all plants would close September 16 still stands, I believe. He has made no statement to the contrary, and if he has any new plans, he surely will issue a new statement."

FIND NO RECORD OF MANNING MURDER

By the Associated Press.
Augusta, Ga., Sept. 15.—Chief of Police Grubbs today received a telegram from Sheriff Lewis of Robeson county ordering him to release Frank Summers because he could find no evidence of the murder at Marietta of Manning Ford on Feb. 19, 1921.

According to Sheriff Lewis' message, there is no record of the murder and the authorities have no charge against Summers.

Chief Grubbs has wired the attorney general of North Carolina for instructions.

Summers will be held in the local jail until the North Carolina authorities order his release.

CARRY SAFE AWAY ROB ITS CONTENTS

By the Associated Press.
High Point, N. C., Sept. 15.—A small safe in a gasoline filling station owned by D. O. Cecil on the outskirts of this city was carried away by robbers last night to a point on the Winston-Salem road five miles from here, broken open with a heavy sledge and robbed of \$155 in cash. Police say the robbers loaded the safe on a truck. The robbers escaped.

THREATEN STRIKE ON PENNSYLVANIA

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Sept. 15.—A hurried conference between officials of the department of labor and leaders of clerks, freight handlers and ticket sellers and other labor leaders was held today at the labor department in an effort to avert a strike of such employees on the Pennsylvania system.

BIG MANUFACTURING CONCERN TO WALL

By the Associate Press.
New York, Sept. 15.—Alleging liabilities of \$1,000,000, an involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in federal court today by Gatti McQuade Company, manufacturers of mill products, with plants in New Jersey and New York. Assets were listed at \$500,000.

RUSSIA IS READY TO RECEIVE EXPERTS

By the Associated Press.
Moscow, Sept. 15.—A note which is considered a reply to the unofficial inquiry of the United States as to whether an American unofficial technical commission would be welcome in Russia states that soviet Russia is ready to enter preliminary negotiations for the establishment of official relations between the two countries.

COTTON

By the Associated Press.
New York, Sept. 15.—The cotton market opened steady today at a decline of six to nine points. This was attributed partly to overnight selling orders from the south, while there was also liquidation due to more favorable weather conditions than expected and to reports that cotton was being sold as rapidly as ginned.

Open Close
October 21.43 21.33
December 21.75 21.63
January 21.61 21.50
March 21.63 21.57
May 21.58 21.52
Hickory cotton 21 cents.

HIGH POINT PLAYER IS SEVERELY CUT

By the Associated Press.
High Point, N. C., Sept. 15.—A. W. (Gus) Thompson, catcher of the High Point baseball club, is in a local hospital suffering with a severe cut, across the abdomen, the result of an affray here last night. Physicians say Thompson will be unable to play in the championship series with Durham next week. Up to noon today the police was unable to learn who had been involved in the trouble.

TWO COURTS MAY TRY RUSSELL CHARGE

Jackson, Miss., Sept. 15.—Another chapter in the administration of Lee M. Russell, governor of Mississippi, is expected to be written at the term of the Hinds county circuit court, which meets Monday, with the hearing of a suit for \$100,000 damages filed by Miss Frances Cleveland Birkhead, of New Orleans, La., stenographer and former secretary to Mr. Russell, charging the governor with seduction, breach of promise and responsibility for a criminal operation.

The charges made by Miss Birkhead thus far have resulted in a legislative investigation of allegations made by Mr. Russell that the suit was inspired by agents of what he termed "out-lawed" fire insurance concerns; transfer of the suit from the federal court here in which it originally was filed to the state courts when attorneys for Governor Russell challenged the jurisdiction of that federal court, and a recent re-filing of the suit in the United States district court at Oxford, the governor's home.

As the case now stands it is pending on the dockets of both the Hinds county court here and the federal court for the northern district of Mississippi at Oxford.

Miss Birkhead charges in her complaint that she was betrayed while acting as a stenographer at the state capital, assigned to the office of Mr. Russell, then lieutenant-governor; that she was promised that Mr. Russell would obtain a divorce and marry her and that subsequently she went to Memphis at his instigation and that an operation performed there had resulted in a permanent injury.

Governor Russell has vigorously denied all the allegations made by Miss Birkhead; charged that an attempt had been made to "blackmail" him; declared that the suit was fostered by outside influences and that the complaint was filed at the particular time was, early this year, in an effort to discredit him before the legislature, then in session.

The legislative inquiry, which also investigated charges made by the governor that certain fire insurance interests was maintaining a "pernicious" lobby in Jackson in the interest of pending legislation, resulted in a committee finding which declared the governor's allegations not proven. The committee was named by the lower branch of the state assembly in response to a request made by Mr. Russell after a proposal to cite him before the bar of the senate in impeachment proceedings—based on the allegations made by Miss Birkhead—had been voted down. Governor Russell did not appear before the committee but submitted in writing his charges and outlined circumstances on which, he explained, he based the allegations.

A request that he be permitted to have a representative present at the hearings to cross-examine witnesses was denied by the committee.

Governor Russell has charged that alleged animus against him on the part of certain fire insurance concerns was due to the filing of anti-trust proceedings asking penalties aggregating more than 8,000,000. A wholesale withdrawal of "foreign" companies from Mississippi followed as chancey court ruling in favor of the state revenue agent who brought the suit. The case now is awaiting a decision by the state supreme court.

Dismissal of Miss Birkhead's original petition in the federal court for the Jackson district was on the grounds that Jackson was merely the official residence of the governor, and that such proceedings should have been brought at Oxford, in another federal court district where Mr. Russell maintains his permanent residence. Immediately after this ruling, the suit was transferred to the state court but was re-filed last month in the federal court at Oxford and service obtained on the governor when he went there to vote in the democratic senatorial primary August 15.

Hearing of the suit in the Oxford federal court has been tentatively set for the December term.

BRITISH THREATEN TO BOMBARD TURKS

English Squadron Commander Orders Massacres of Christians to Stop—American Property Destroyed by Fire—Several British Subjects Reported Murdered at Smyrna.

INTEREST GROWS IN CHURCH REVIVAL

By the Associated Press.
London, Sept. 15.—The admiral commanding the British squadron at Smyrna has warned the Turkish authorities in the city that if massacres continue, the Turkish quarters will be bombarded.

VICTIMS IN STREETS

By the Associated Press.
Malta, Sept. 15.—Hundreds of victims of the Turkish massacre were lying in the streets of the city when a British hospital ship left there with more than 4,000 refugees on board, according to a report received here.

U. S. DESTROYER ARRIVES

By the Associated Press.
London, Sept. 15.—An American destroyer has arrived at Piraeus. Greek sources report that Turks entered the British consulate at Smyrna and murdered an official who was assembling the archives, says a Retuter dispatch from Athens today. Postmaster Wilkerson is also said to have been murdered, as well as a number of other Englishmen.

Sir Harry Lamb, the consul general, is believed to have escaped on a warship.

2,000 MURDERED

By the Associated Press.
London, Sept. 15.—From 1,000 to 2,000 Christians had been massacred in Smyrna by the Turks before the fire which swept the Armenian and other quarters of the Adriatic port before the evacuation by the Greeks.

English are Killed

Among the Turkish outrages was the carrying off of many girl pupils of the American school there.

The Greek belief is that the fire was set by the Turks to conceal their crimes.

A considerable share of the property loss by fire, the total of which is estimated in Greek circles to amount to one billion francs (about \$75,000,000 in present exchange values), has fallen on American firms.

SMYRNA FIRE SPREADS

By the Associated Press.
Smyrna, Sept. 15.—The fire which started in the Armenian quarter of Smyrna yesterday morning had spread today to the Turkish section and is making rapid progress. Countless thousands of Armenians are homeless.

Fourteen naturalized Americans are missing, but all of the American born are accounted for.

ALL BELIEVED SAFE

By the Associated Press.
London, Sept. 15.—It is believed here that the 14 naturalized Americans reported missing in Smyrna are members of the American international college in Smyrna.

DRY NAVY BRINGS IN LIQUOR SHIPS

By the Associated Press.
New York, Sept. 15.—The dry navy today captured two alleged rum running schooners with cargoes worth about \$150,000 and \$40,000 in gold aboard near the entrance to New York harbor, as well as an unnamed launch which sank while it was being towed into port. Another schooner and fast yacht escaped.

DIRIGIBLE LEAVES

By the Associated Press.
Akron, O., Sept. 15.—The dirigible C-2 left Wingfoot aviation near here at 9:52 o'clock this morning for Dayton.

Don't blame the cat. A canary looks as good to him as a watermelon does to you.—Altoona (Kan.) Tribune.