

## To Operate Railroads Under Military Control Wilson's Purpose, Says

### Congress Asked for Legislation Prevent Nationwide Suspension

**BROTHERHOODS DETERMINED TO TIE-UP TRAFFIC WITH GREAT STRIKE ORDERED EFFECTIVE MONDAY—EXECUTIVES OF SYSTEMS AS DETERMINED NOT TO BOW—'LET IT COME AND SHOW NATION' IS THE STATEMENT OF ONE—PRESIDENT DECLARES UNDER MILITARY MEASURE HE INTENDS TO HAVE FORCED THROUGH RAILROAD MEN WILL BE FIRST DRAFTED—CAN BREAK STRIKE WITHIN WEEK, SAY MAGNATES—TRAFFIC WILL NOT BE PARALYZED, DECLARE**

(By the United Press)

WASHINGTON, AUGUST 29.—THE PRESIDENT IN HIS MESSAGE TO CONGRESS THIS AFTERNOON RECOMMENDED:

1. REORGANIZATION OF THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION.
2. THE EIGHT-HOUR DAY FOR ALL RAILWAY WORKERS.
3. A COMMISSION TO STUDY THE OPERATION OF THE EIGHT-HOUR DAY, AND REPORT TO CONGRESS.
4. AN AMENDMENT TO THE FEDERAL MEDIATION LAW PROVIDING FULL PUBLIC INVESTIGATION, PENDING WHICH A STRIKE OR LOCKOUT WOULD BE ILLEGAL.
5. CONSIDERATION OF INCREASED FREIGHT RATES BY THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION.
6. FEDERAL OPERATION IN THE EVENT OF A STRIKE AS A "MILITARY NECESSITY."

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 29.—Military operation of the railroads of the country with the present train crews operating the trains under military draft is a definite prospect.

If the strike, now set for Monday by the Brotherhoods, takes place, that is the course that President Wilson has in mind, it today became known.

The President is quoted as saying to the Railway Brotherhoods at a conference with their leaders last night: "I intend to get through a measure empowering me to draft into service men for military operation of the roads, and you will be the first I shall draft."

President Wilson will go before a joint session of Congress at 2:30 this afternoon and ask legislation. At conferences last night, both with executives and brotherhoods, it developed that neither side would yield anything. The brotherhoods refused Mr. Wilson's request to recall the strike order dated September 4. The executives were defiant.

"There's going to be a strike," said one executive. "Let it come and clarify the air. Show the people of the country what really is going on in the industrial world."

The President, it is said, will seek legislation providing for an eight-hour day for railroad workers, with a sufficient time to work out the details of its application; also a measure creating authority to operate the roads in the event of a strike, pending settlement, and increasing the number of members of the Interstate Commerce Commission from seven to nine.

Railroad presidents claim they can "break the strike within a week." They say traffic will not be paralyzed. It will mean that trains will be run by emergency crews of pensioned employes and a few loyal men. The men are opposed to any compulsory measure such as the Canadian disputes Act, which it is believed, is advocated by the President, providing that both sides submit to arbitration in a certain period under that act, if not satisfied. The men say this is not acceptable, as the roads utilize respite time in which to prepare to resist the strike.

### T. H. MARTIN HEADS TOBACCONISTS FOR SEASON 1916-1917

**Largely Attended Meeting Monday Night — Sales Limit Raised — Territory for Drumming to Be More Definitely Marked**

The annual meeting of the Kinston Tobacco Board of Trade was held in the offices of the Hughes-Martin Company Monday night. A large number of the resident and season's tobacconists were present.

Aside from the election of officers, the important matters given attention were the increase in the limit from 200 piles an hour to 240 or more and the appointment of a committee to circumscribe the territory in which the Kinston warehousemen will not be allowed to drum for patronage.

Mr. T. H. Martin was elected president and the other officers were: Vice-President, Mr. C. R. Dodson; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. E. Y. Speed (re-elected); Sales Committee: Messrs. C. R. Dodson, G. A. Jeffries and E. V. Webb; Arbitration committee—Mr. T. A. Duke, chairman; Messrs. A. G. Hobgood, Luther Carleton, G. P. Fleming and W. A. Knott; Executive Committee, Mr. L. P. Tapp, chairman; Messrs. J. H. Parham, G. B. Daniel, W. L. Holderby and R. L. Crisp.

It was pointed out that with five warehouses now operating here that the increasing sales would soon become blocked unless the limit was increased, and after some discussion it was decided to require the auctioneers to average at least 240 piles to the hour. This will enable the five houses to handle very conveniently, it is thought, the large breaks which are expected from now on for the balance of the season and will encourage the farmers to bring their tobacco here because of the knowledge that they will not be disappointed or held an unreasonable length of time for the sale.

The matter of drumming for trade was taken up and gave promise of provoking a spirited discussion, but the appointment of a committee to designate the territory in which the local warehouses could not drum for patronage disposed of the matter temporarily. Messrs. E. V. Webb and C. A. Jeffries together with a representative of each warehouse constitute the committee which will report at a special meeting Wednesday night. The idea in limiting the territory is to prevent the local warehouses from soliciting within a radius of a few miles of Kinston, the farmers of which territory will logically bring their tobacco here for sale without solicitation and to stimulate the working of territory further away. This rule will, it is said, require the warehousemen to go into doubtful territory and bring tobacco here which otherwise might go to other markets.

There is a determination to make Kinston the leading market of the East Carolina belt, and everything is going to be done. The Free Press is informed, by the Tobacco Board of Trade to stimulate the bringing of the weed to the local floors and the satisfactory sale of it.

### SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONS FLOOD SUFFERERS' FUND

Contributions to the Flood Sufferers' Fund here are heavier today than in some time. Donations of \$8, \$2.45 and \$1 are reported. The list now stands: Pleasant Hill Christian church (Jones county) through Pinkney Small, treasurer ..... 6.00 J. T. Watkins, Kinston ..... 1.00 Caswell Lodge No. 445 (color- ed), Falling Creek ..... 2.45 Grand total to date ..... \$18.14

### ROUMANIANS ALREADY ACROSS FRONTIER FOR INVASION OF HUNGARY; WILL TRY TO CAPTURE TWO TRANSYLVANIAN CITIES

**Berlin Planned to Combat New Foe Before Declaration— Sent Troops Eastward to Reinforce Austro-Hungarians—Kaiser Plans to Put Roumania on Defensive and Eliminate Country From War as Soon as Possible— Von Mackensen to Command German-Bulgars—Roumanian Minister Refused Last Interview With Chancellor and Got Away from German Capital as Quickly As Possible—Roumanian Troop Movement Is Perfect, Says Report**

(By the United Press)

The Hague, Aug. 29.—Field Marshal Von Mackensen, who led such a successful drive through Serbia a year ago, will command the German-Bulgarians operating against Roumania, say Berlin advices. Speedy Advance of Roumanian Army.

London, Aug. 29.—Eighty thousand Roumanians are already advancing toward the Transylvanian frontier for the invasion of Hungary. Their advance guards have crossed the frontier in a swift advance on two Transylvanian cities, Hermannstadt and Kronstadt. The whole Roumanian troop movement is going like clockwork. The Germans acted with equal swiftness, meeting the new enemy in the Balkans.

Dispatches from Lausanne say Germany closed the Swiss frontier in less than an hour after Italy declared war. The German staff knew this preceded a declaration from Roumania, and it is believed, began shifting troops eastward to reinforce the Austrians several hours before the Roumanian declaration became known.

Germany is determined to push an aggressive campaign, carrying the fighting to Roumanian soil, it is stated. The plan is to paralyze Roumania with a blow that will eliminate that country in a few months.

The Roumanian minister at Berlin refused a farewell interview with Von Bethmann-Holweig, speeding home.

### Germany Expects Greece to Fight; Von Jagow Said to Have Thrown Up Place

LONDON, Aug. 29.—Germany is preparing for Greece's entry into the war, the Copenhagen dispatch states.

A number of Greeks have left Germany already. Diplomats in Berlin believe war is inevitable. Chancellor Von Bethmann-Holweig will receive the Greek minister tomorrow.

Roumanians attacked on the whole Teutonic front yesterday, obtaining successes, says a Bucharest dispatch via Rome by wireless.

Von Jagow Said to Have Resigned.

The Hague, Aug. 29.—A report is circulated in diplomatic circles that both Foreign Secretary Von Jagow and Under Secretary Zimmerman have tendered their resignations to the German chancellor as the result of Roumania's declaration of war. The resignations are reported to have been accepted.

### EPIDEMIC OF CHILD PARALYSIS IS GIVING WAY TO COOL SPELL AROUND QUARTER OF MILLION POUNDS IS LEAF TOTAL TODAY

**For the First Time Fewer Patients Are Being Admitted to Hospitals Than Discharged—1,857 Deaths Total So Far**

(By the United Press) New York, Aug. 29.—Cool weather is checking the epidemic of infantile paralysis against which the leading medical knowledge of the country has battled in vain for three months. For the first time since the outbreak of the disease which has taken a toll of 1,857 lives out of 7,835 affected, more patients are being discharged than are being received at hospitals in Greater New York.

Nearly a quarter of a million pounds of tobacco was sold on the five warehouse floors here today by the best estimate obtainable this afternoon. At 1:45 o'clock it was figured from rough estimates that 244,541 pounds had been gotten off. At that hour only one warehouse had completed its tabulation.

Prices jumped a little, and the average, it seems from the guesswork averages announced at the warehouses, went again almost to 31 cents, in spite of the fact that at some of the houses the offerings were inferior. Cloudy weather kept today's sales down, very satisfactory though they were. Much tobacco that would have come from a distance did not reach the market.

### ONE KILLED, NUMBER INJURED IN SEVERE STORM AT SALISBURY

**Big Damage In West Carolina City and a Neighboring Railroad Town—Narrow Escapes—Carpenter Met Death**

Salisbury, Aug. 28.—A storm of cyclonic proportions brought sudden death to Will Callaway, aged 45, a carpenter employed in doing repair work at the Marsh & Murdock cotton mills here, this afternoon, demolished the one-story brick building, unroofed dozens of business houses and dwellings in Salisbury and also wrought many thousands of dollars' damage to property. The Wallace building, the Murphy block, and other buildings were damaged and many stores flooded when the roofs blew off.

The plant of the North Carolina Public Service Company was put out of commission, and the city is in darkness tonight. The street cars were also put out by poles being blown down at vital points.

The storm played havoc in East Spencer, demolishing a two-story brick building occupied by the general store of C. E. Fesperman and the Majestic theater, blowing down a number of other buildings and injuring a half dozen persons. The most seriously injured is Mrs. D. A. Kluttz, who was caught under a ton or more of falling brick from the walls of the store building. One arm, one leg and her hip bone crushed, besides other serious bruises, she was rushed to a Salisbury hospital for treatment. In the store at the time was also Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fesperman and four children. Seeing

### BLACK CUT A WHITE MAN AND INSULTED WOMEN; MOB HUNT'D

Rocky Mount, Aug. 28.—Prompt action by the authorities and a speedy removal of Larry Hooks, a young negro, from Nashville jail to Louisville and thence to Raleigh later, probably averted serious trouble, for the negro was being sought by a mob and posse of several hundred citizens for the serious crime of murdering assault on Clarence T. Short, and for making himself objectionable to Mr. Short's wife and mother.

A fight followed the negro's declining to leave the house when told to do so by Mr. Short, and the negro brought a knife and razor into play, giving Mr. Short a number of stabs about the body, two entering his lungs and otherwise giving him injuries which it is now believed are fatal. The injured man was brought to the Rocky Mount Sanatorium and a report of his condition today indicates that it is critical.

### ALL CAMP GLENN TROOPS TO GO ON PRACTICE HIKE

Morehead City, Aug. 29.—The entire brigade of National Guardsmen here has been ordered on a practice march to a point beyond Mansfield. Infantry, cavalry, engineers and hospital troops to the number of nearly 3,500 will participate.

The top of the building had blown across the street they abandoned the store only to be covered with brick and timbers falling in front. With considerable difficulty they were extricated and all were more or less injured.

### NUMEROUS ROBBERIES WORRY THE NORFOLK SOUTHERN DETECTIVES

According to the Sun-Journal of New Bern, "Special Agent George Howard of the Norfolk Southern Railroad and the other members of the detective force are endeavoring to break up a series of car robberies which has been going on in this section for several weeks. According to a statement made by Special Agent Howard, almost every time that a carload of merchandise is brought into the local yard it is 'punctured' and some of its contents stolen. Not only is this the case here, but it is occurring at other points along the line. The detectives have been ordered to 'get' the thieves."

Otis Smith of Kinston was Monday placed under arrest by Howard on a warrant charging him with being drunk and disorderly on a train several days ago. He is also wanted at New Bern on a charge of wifebeating. He was jailed at that place.

### CAMERON MORRISON WILL ADDRESS THE LENOIR DEMOCRATS

Announcement was made today by Democratic County Chairman G. V. Cowper that Cameron Morrison of Charlotte, elector-at-large and one of the mainstays of the party in the State, will make an address here on September 30.

Chairman Cowper stated that special efforts are being made to have the meeting at LaGrange Friday night which will inaugurate the campaign in the county a record-breaker. It is hoped that every township will be represented. The time of speaking will be convenient for many Kinstonians. They can leave here at 8:14 and return at 11:22.

### OFFICER AFTER HIM, DARKY MADE A GREAT GETAWAY FROM TRAIN

The New Bern Sun-Journal Monday evening said:

"With the train running at a rate of speed estimated at forty miles an hour, an unknown negro yesterday morning made the most sensational leap from a passenger train ever seen in this section and escaped unhurt.

"The negro, a passenger on the train, had been making love to the wife of another negro, and when the woman's husband appeared on the scene, the would-be Romeo arose and drew his gun.

"Special Agent George Howard happened to be near and he made a grab for the colored man, took his gun away from him and attempted to hold him. However, the black man made a dash for liberty, reached the platform and sailed into space.

"He struck the ground and for a moment seemed dazed, but he soon arose and made a hasty retreat toward the woods. How the negro escaped death is a mystery to those who witnessed the affair."

The darky is said to have been Sidney Bruton, a Lenoir county farm laborer.

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