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## PRESIDENT EXPECTS BILL TO AVERT STRIKE TO BE PASSED BY CONGRESS BEFORE NIGHT

### TELLS CABINET HE IS CONFIDENT THAT ADAMSON MEASURE WILL BECOME LAW IN NEXT FEW HOURS; EVERYTHING GIVES WAY

#### Eastern Roads Waiting for More Definite Assurances, However, Before Removing Embargoes Which Are Driving Up Prices of Foodstuffs in Cities—Produce and Meats Up 25 Per Cent.—New York Local Authorities Preparing to Prosecute Unscrupulous Dealers—Railroad Companies Declare Congress Is Working Against Them and That They Will Take Grievances to Supreme Court—Government May Have to Enforce Wage Increases, Intimated

(By the United Press)

Washington, Sept. 1.—Legislation intended to prevent the impending strike of four hundred thousand railway employes was put under way at noon when the House adopted a special rule under which it is proposed to pass the Adamson eight-hour bill before night.

President Wilson told the cabinet this afternoon that he confidently expected its passage by night. The legislation was given precedence in both Houses. A bill was introduced in each. The two bills conform and obviate the committee delay on the question of time in which the provisions of the bill would become operative, which has been causing disagreement.

#### Food Prices Soar Alarmingly.

New York, Sept. 1.—The big eastern roads are waiting more definite assurances that the strike will be averted before removing the embargoes effective today and tomorrow. Embargoes on all foodstuffs, perishable goods and munitions are now in effect. The larger cities will pass Sunday without a fresh supply of vegetables and meats unless the strike is suddenly called off. Prices are advancing. Poultry is up eight cents a pound, and produce is up twenty-five per cent. as well as meats. Municipal action is likely against dealers who take unfair advantage of the situation.

#### Fight Promised.

Chicago, Sept. 1.—Railroad executives today indicated that they will take their fight to the Supreme Court. They declare the present proposed legislation is an effort to fix wages. "The bill might postpone the strike, but it cannot settle the issue," they said. It is indicated that the roads will refuse to pay increased wages despite the bill. Then the government would have to sue and compel them to pay them.

Washington Hopeful; Congressional Action Looked For.

Washington, Aug. 31.—Belief grew in all quarters here tonight that the great railroad strike called for next Monday morning would be averted. At the close of a day of conferences and hearings Congress apparently was prepared to pass tomorrow or Saturday the 8-hour day legislation which heads of the employes' brotherhoods have declared officially will cause them to telegraph the code message necessary to revoke the strike order.

Although President Wilson still desires strongly to see his whole legislative program accepted, and Democratic leaders in the Senate have ideas of their own about what should be done, administration spokesmen virtually conceded tonight that the bill finally passed would provide only for:

"An eight-hour day for trainmen in interstate commerce, effective December 1, or January 1, with the present ten-hour rate of pay and pro rata overtime; and,

"A small commission appointed by the President to investigate the working of the law for from six to nine months and report to Congress."

This, in substance, is the Adamson bill devised by Representative Adamson and Democratic Leader Kitchin after conferring with President Wilson, which A. B. Garretson, spokesman for the brotherhoods stated formally late today would be considered a "satisfactory settlement" and prevent the walk-out.

Tonight the Interstate Commerce Committee agreed to report out a similar bill with the date January

1 and roads under 200 miles in length excepted.

### OYSTER SEASON GETS UNDER WAY; BIVALVE TO BE REAL LUXURY

(Daily Free Press—Sept. 1)  
The oyster season opened today. Dealers are expecting a big season. It will be several weeks before the bivalves will be brought here in any considerable quantity, because quite a bit of warm weather can be expected yet and no one wants to eat oysters with a temperature of 90 or 95 shrivelling the carcasses.

And now, as William Shakespeare said, anybody who wants to cry on the subject get ready to shed tears, for shippers predict a rise in prices, for these reasons in addition to another: "General higher wages to labor; higher cost of gasoline and lubricants (not for the oysters); higher cost of boat equipments, tackle and implements; higher cost of cans and cases; higher cost of paper and all p-nted matter; higher cost of shell stock, which must undoubtedly follow the above; higher cost of shucked stock packed."

#### GEN. ROBERTSON RETIRED.

Raleigh, Sept. 1.—Col. Thos. R. Robertson, for many years in the State and National Guards as enlisted man, lieutenant, captain, colonel and adjutant-general (brigadier-general), was retired yesterday at his own request. He was made chief of ordnance with the rank of colonel in 1909.

### ANOTHER LINK FOR CHAIN OF WIRELESS AROUND THE WORLD

(By United Press)

San Diego, Sept. 1.—The third of five links in the longest chain in the world—from Washington, D. C., to Cavite, Philippine Islands, via the Panama Canal, was completed here today.

The chain is the Navy's and the links are wireless stations that will enable United States fleets all over the world to keep in touch with Washington without the aid of carrier pigeons, mails or prestidigitations.

San Diego's link consists of three towers, each 600 feet high. They will connect with the two stations already in working order at Arlington, Va., near Washington, and in the Canal Zone, half way between the Canal's Atlantic and Pacific terminals and with the proposed huge station at Pearl Harbor, Honolulu. The Honolulu station will connect the Philippines with the United States.

The San Diego radio cost Uncle Sam \$250,000.

When the wireless chain is complete the United States will be far ahead of all other nations in this respect.

The formal opening of the big radio station here will take place later, possibly not before December 1, when the first messages will be sent out to the world by the proprietor, Uncle Sam.

A force of twenty operators will be on duty at the station. The equipment provides for the reception and dispatch of messages at the same time. The flashes will travel practically around the earth at the speed of light.

Lieut. J. M. Ashley of the Navy will be in command here.

### OHIO MOB WENT THE LIMIT IN INHUMAN TREATMENT OFFICER

#### Would-Be Lynchers Held Responsible for Death of Baby of Sheriff They Maltreated—Woman's Assailant Still Safe.

(By the United Press)  
Lima, Ohio, Sept. 1.—Two hundred are expected to be indicted as the result of the lynch rioting following the assault upon Mrs. John Baber by Charles Daniels, colored.

The three-year-old daughter of Sheriff Sherman Ely, whom the mob maltreated, died last night. Her death, it is charged, was due to shock and pneumonia contracted when Ely and his family were forced to flee from their home. Daniels is safe.

### CHILD LABOR BILL IS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT TODAY

(By the United Press)  
Washington, Sept. 1.—"I am glad to have had my small part in this," President Wilson said today as he signed the child labor bill.

"It means much to the health and vigor of the country and the happiness of those it affects."

### FOR TEN MILES ON EVERY SIDE KINSTON IS 'NO MAN'S LAND'

#### Tobaccoists Dassen't Drum for Trade in That Territory—Can Go to Halifax If They Want to Outside of Restricted Territory

(Daily Free Press—Sept. 1)  
The Tobacco Board of Trade has gone on record for good roads for the first time. At a recent meeting the board instructed the secretary to write the Board of County Commissioners urging improvement of highways leading into the city, for the benefit of the tobacco market and the general public. While its members have nearly all long been known to favor better roads, the Board probably considered such action not strictly within its province heretofore.

At the same time the Board of Trade proclaimed all the territory surrounding Kinston for a distance of ten miles in all directions, "neutral ground." That is, the members will not "drum" in that territory. There are a number of good reasons, according to tobaccoists, among them the fact that the weed in the territory is coming to Kinston anyway and that all hands interested might not get a fair shake in the bartering.

Outside of the neutral zone a Kinston tobaccoist may seek trade anywhere. He may go to China if he likes; and it is his bounden duty to fetch business here from any point outside the "No Man's Land" that he can.

### KINSTON BANDSMEN COMING HOME IN A BODY FOR WEEK-END

#### Organization 'Intact' Gets 2-Day Furlough—Bring Instruments and Make Things Merry—Get Ready, Mother

Camp Glenn, Sept. 1.—The Second infantry band is going home tomorrow. The whole 28 or 30 men of the headquarters company comprising the band detachment are expected to entrain here early in the morning, reaching Kinston about 10 o'clock or such a matter. They will carry their instruments; Director Jim Mehegan promises to play a few tunes for the benefit of the public. The visit of the musicians might win a few recruits, although that is not primarily the purpose of the furlough. The band will play a selection at every way station and New Bern, according to the program, arriving at Queen street all wrought up and ready to fall all over their mammas, poppers and other members of their families in sheer ecstasy.

Kinston is the nearest town to have any considerable number of men in camp here, and the band is the first outfit of any size to get furlough all together or any length of time, for the return will not be made, according to the special order granting the trip, until Sunday evening. The writer is asked to advise the heads of the various households interested that chicken would not be out of place at Sunday's dinner.

### KING CONSTANTINE REPORTED TO HAVE ABDICATED THRONE; CROWN PRINCE NOW REGENT AND GREEK ARMY CALLED, SAID

#### Unconfirmed Report States That Venizelos Is Supporting the Cabinet and Indicates That Athens Is Preparing to Enter War Against Central Powers—Roumanians and Russians Joined in Smashing Advance Into Hungary—Austrians Abandon Wide Strip of Territory to Invaders, Who Occupy Important Towns Without Much Resistance—Roumanians Employ Tactics Copied From Germans in West With Great Success—Move Forward Everywhere

(By the United Press)

London, Sept. 1.—Twenty-six-year-old Crown Prince George assumes the regency following his father's abdication, Salonika reports. He is the idol of the Greek populace and pro-Ally in sympathy. He is understood to have the backing of ex-Premier Venizelos, leader of the pro-war party. It is believed Greece will immediately declare war.

Salonika, Sept. 1.—A revolution has broken out in several Greek cities. The revolutionists today surrounded the Greek garrison at Lessi Kara Burnu, which surrendered. A revolutionary committee is now administering this part of Macedonia. The Salonika garrison was besieged but the attack was repulsed. Three persons were killed. Three regiments of Greek troops at Vodena have revolted.

#### Bulgaria Declares on Bucharest.

Salonika, Sept. 1.—Bulgaria today declared war on Roumania, it is officially stated.

#### Germans Gain in West.

London, Sept. 1.—The Germans delivered their heaviest counter assaults in the Somme offensive last night, launching five separate attacks on a front of two miles in the region of Ginchy High Wood, after a terrific bombardment. General Haig says four of the assaults were repulsed with heavy losses to the Teutons, but they captured one advanced trench.

#### Reported King Abdicates; Mobilization On.

London, Sept. 1.—An unconfirmed report to Reuter's from Salonika says King Constantine has abdicated his throne, that the Crown Prince has been appointed regent and that a general mobilization of the army has been ordered. Venizelos is supporting the Zaimis ministry.

#### Bucharest Elated.

Bucharest, Sept. 1.—The Roumanians are continuing to advance in Transylvania with successes in all directions, it is said officially. In Tarlung valley several important places are now occupied.

#### "Fighting Fire With Fire."

London, Sept. 1.—Using the famous German "nut-cracker" tactics, the Roumanians are advancing rapidly, squeezing the Austrians out of all southeastern Transylvania. The Austrians, caught by the offensive's center, are in danger of being crushed in the "jaws" of the "nut-cracker." They have already abandoned 400 square miles of territory. At least a dozen towns have been captured, with little heavy fighting and few prisoners taken. The Roumanian right is linked with the Russians near the Bukovina frontier, and both armies are advancing on the famous old Hungarian city of Bistritz.

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H. GALT BRAXTON, Editor.

### AUTHORITIES MAY STOP BIRTH CONTROL CLINIC

(By the United Press)  
New York, Sept. 1.—If the police don't stop her, Mrs. Margaret Sanger will open a clinic in Brooklyn today to teach birth control to mothers.

Mrs. Sanger was indicted here a few months ago by Uncle Sam for "The Woman Rebel." But she and her New York society men and women friends caused so many scenes in Federal Court and raised such a rumpus about it that the prosecution was dropped.

### THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR MILLION AND HALF POUNDS OF TOBACCO IS ESTIMATE FOR TWO DAYS ON THE MART!

It is stated that bigger breaks of tobacco than were sold Thursday were had on the Kinston market today. Tremendous piles of the golden product filled every warehouse almost to the overflowing point. Thursday's overflow was disposed of today.

At 2:30 it was estimated that 705,000 pounds would be the day's sales, in addition to the between 550,000 and 650,000 pounds sold Thursday. Today's sales total may be record-breaking both in quantity and value; the record for value was established only Thursday, when more than one hundred thousand dollars was turned loose!

Sales at several warehouses had not been finished or had not been started in the forenoon. Those which had sold had maintained an average price of right around 20 cents. When the records for the two days' sales are completed it is believed that nearly a million and a half pounds will be shown to have been sold, at a value of three hundred thousand dollars!

### VAN VLISSENGEN, OUT OF PRISON; FARMHAND

Chicago, Aug. 31.—Poter Van Vlisengen, after eight years in the State Penitentiary at Joliet Prison for gigantic frauds in real estate securities transactions committed by forgeries which shook Chicago's business circles, is working as a farmhand near Chicago unknown to those around him.

Van Vlisengen does not propose to go back to the financial and business mart of Chicago or any other city. He plans to become a social service worker. "I will never handle other people's money again," he said today. I have learned that transgressions entangle a person in toils of his conscience as the spider web entangles a fly."

### WAR DEPARTMENT SAYS NOTHING ABOUT TROOP MOVEMENT FROM LINE

Washington, Aug. 31.—National guard regiments and regular coast artillery companies en route to or from the border have been ordered equipped with extra supplies for the journey against the possibility that a general railway strike will delay their movements.

Secretary Baker and other War Department officials refused to dis-

### HUGHES STARTS EAST AFTER HIS VACATION

(By the United Press)  
Estes Park, Colo., Sept. 1.—Refreshed by a week's vacation here, Charles E. Hughes and his campaign party left this afternoon for Topeka and Kansas city, where he is scheduled to deliver two speeches tomorrow on the last lap of his western tour.

### BRAGGING ABOUT BIG SALES IN OLD BELT

Winston-Salem, Aug. 31.—One of the very biggest breaks in years in the local tobacco market for August occurred here today when approximately 100,000 pounds of tobacco was sold in the various warehouses. The price averaged about 12 1/2 cents a pound.

News reports that the 15,000 guardsmen suddenly ordered northward last night were being moved as a precaution against strike violence. It is known, however, that the States to which the troops are returning are those where only a small portion of the guard was not called into the Federal service and in most of them large railway terminals are located. Approximately 30,000 troops are under orders to move to or from the border.