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## NEW YORK IS MENACED BY A FAMINE

### Complete Tieup Of Passenger Traffic Also Threatened

New York, April 10.—New York tonight faced the menace of a food famine and complete paralysis of passenger traffic by the unauthorized strike of 20,000 railroad workers, coupled with the harbor employes' strike. Railroad schedules already have been disrupted and railroad stations are crowded with those waiting for trains that have been cancelled. Many slept in the waiting rooms.

Half a million persons were kept idle today by the strike, it was estimated, and strike leaders said "all freight and passenger service" would be paralyzed tomorrow. Railroad officials said conditions were "extremely grave."

Meanwhile, with the New York Central and New Haven lines still able to bring in a few food trains, railroad officials set at work to bring in all supplies possible. Other lines reported little success in efforts to bring perishable freight here. The Pennsylvania announced that 200 carloads were marooned in the yards at Wilmington, Del., and that 22,000 carloads of freight of all kinds, booked for New York, were stalled all along its lines.

First actual effects of the strike were experienced today by the thousands who daily commute to Manhattan. Finding local passenger service sadly disorganized on most of the Jersey railroads, many struggled to the shore of the Hudson by jitney and trolley, only to find the tubes closed by a walk-out this morning and ferry service irregular because of the strike of railroad marine workers. With a minimum of traffic tomorrow, however, railroad officials hope to reorganize service for the Monday morning rush. Public Service Commissioner Nixon estimated tonight that approximately 700,000 commuters were affected by the strike.

Passenger service showed improvement late today, following the walkout early this morning of a number of tractors on nearly all lines terminating in Jersey and virtually all the firemen employed by the Erie. This necessitated cancellation of some local trains and ingenuity of officials was taxed to the limit in caring for the regular travel.

Accompanied with the report that agents of the department of justice were investigating the situation here, railroad officials announced they had sought in vain for leaders of the walk-out. No demands, they said, had been made upon them.

## SENATORS WORRIED BY NEWBERRY CASE

### Michigan Member of Senate "White Elephant" On Hands of G. O. P. Majority

Washington, D. C.—Senate Republicans must now get down to real business on the Ford-Newberry election contest case. Senator Newberry and sixteen co-defendants were convicted of criminal conspiracy in the United States District Court of Michigan. Newberry was sentenced to two years in prison and to pay a fine of \$10,000. Senator Newberry will fight his case through all of the courts. In the meantime, what will the Republican leaders of the Senate do?

Months ago supporters of Henry Ford, who ran against Newberry for the Senate, charged that Ford had been cheated out of the election, and demanded an investigation. Senator James E. Watson, Republican, chairman of the subcommittee of the Committee of Privileges and Elections, authorized to investigate the charges, but has gotten nowhere with the inquiry. The Republican majority in the Senate is so small that the ousting of Newberry might prove fatal. But since Newberry has been convicted, the wise partisans are afraid to stand by him lest there be a reaction against the Republicans and Newberry has become a "white elephant" on the hands of the Republicans. They are afraid to give him up, and afraid not to.

It is now urged by the Democrats that the "full and complete investigation" of the Ford-Newberry election charged by the Senate "proceed without further delay."

## 1829 BURNED, \$200

On April 10, 1829, a small wooden building, known as the "BURNED," was destroyed by fire. The building was owned by the late John A. ...

## FRENCH OCCUPY MORE GERMAN TOWNS

### Refusal to Comply With Some Peace Terms Causes France to Make a Move

Paris, April 10.—Premier Millerand, in a statement today to the Associated Press, declared that Germany's request for permission to send troops into the Ruhr region was merely for the purpose of violating the terms of the peace treaty. He said France felt the danger of her position in a way it could not be felt in America and pointed to the fact that Belgium had assumed a position identical with that of France because Belgium like France, felt the danger of her proximity to Germany, M. Millerand said.

"France's position is absolutely simple. We were in the presence of a series of German violations of the treaty, the last of which affects precisely those articles of the treaty which were covered by the French-British-American agreement under which England and America were to come to our assistance.

"I enumerated to the French chamber on March 26 the German violations—failure to deliver coal as agreed under the treaty, refusal to surrender those guilty of atrocities, failure to comply with the terms of the articles on reparations, and refusal to disarm. I said then that France could not always accept passively violations of the treaty.

"The German government asked permission to send troops into the Ruhr. Why? Because they knew that the sending of troops into that region was forbidden by the treaty. We refused to give that permission, nevertheless, the German government ordered troops into the Ruhr. The only thing possible for us to do was immediately occupy Frankfurt and the other German cities.

"We have given notice to our allies that we intended to do so and they had not objected. Our information was absolutely clear and authoritative that the sending of troops into the Ruhr was not necessary in the interest of public order. They were being sent there simply as an infraction of the treaty.

France's position is quite different from that of America and England. We are living next door to Germany and we feel the danger of our position in a way in which America could not feel it. Why has Belgium taken an identical position with France? Because the Belgian people are in the same dangerous situation. They are living next door to Germany and are obliged to protect themselves."

## SURRENDERS 14 YEARS AFTER KILLING MAN

### Tennessean Promised Wife On Death Bed He Would Come Back and Yesterday He Did So

Athens, Tenn., April 11.—After 14 years, during which time he has been living in security somewhere under an assumed name, Richard Derick today astonished Sheriff Lawson, of this county, by walking into the jail and surrendering for trial on charges of having murdered Hugh Duggan near Englewood.

The killing took place 14 years ago this month and almost had been forgotten. Few persons can be found now who can tell any of the details. Derick was indicted at the time but he escaped arrest, left the community, later sent for by his family and under another name has lived and prospered.

He told the sheriff that two weeks ago he promised his wife, who was on her death bed and has since died, that he would bring the children back to Athens and give them their right name. In carrying out that promise, he said, he could do nothing but surrender to the authorities, face a trial and accept his fate.

Circuit court will open here tomorrow morning and the Derick case will be advanced on the docket so it can be heard this week.

## Over 50,000 In Pittsburgh District

Pittsburgh, Pa., April 10.—More than 50,000 workmen in the Pittsburgh district, it was estimated by railroad and industrial authorities, were idle tonight as a result of the strike of switchmen which spread rapidly thru this section today. Not a railroad escaped with the exception of the eastern division of the Pennsylvania, and it was reported that in some of its important yards the men have been voting on the strike question.

Before noon 14 blast furnaces of the United States Steel corporation and a number of steel mills had been closed.

## BUNCOMBE DEMOCRATS MIGHT NAME A WOMAN

### Talk Of Nominating Miss L. Exum Clement For the House

Asheville, April 11.—The Democrats of Buncombe are determined to do even more for the suffragists and now they are talking of bringing out a woman candidate for the nomination as one of the representatives of the county, at the June primary. Miss L. Exum Clement, Asheville's first woman lawyer, is being urged to consent to make the race, but she has not yet decided what she will do.

The question then arises if Miss Clement is elected, and she surely would be if she receives the Democratic nomination, would she be legally entitled to take her seat? This question has been debated pro and con here and no decision has been reached on the matter. It is held by several of the local attorneys, however, that if the federal amendment is ratified by this state or some other, then the woman will at least vote in the fall elections.

Miss Clement is one of the brightest young ladies in the west, standing one of the highest examinations ever taken before the state Supreme court for the law license. She studied law here under former Congressman J. J. Britt, while working in an office. She is a deep student, well versed in languages and can make a splendid talk on almost any subject.

"The Republicans are also 'flirting' with the women and at their county convention next Saturday will probably take up the question of placing a woman on the county ticket, perhaps for county treasurer.

## State Democratic Convention Endorses Woman's Suffrage

Assembling in Raleigh last Thursday the state Democratic convention, with an attendance that taxed the huge auditorium, voted favorably upon the question of woman suffrage. Indeed Senator F. M. Simmons for the presidency, selected electors and delegates to the San Francisco convention, announced the platform for the approaching campaign and called the day's work completed. It was a day full of work but good nature and good fellowship prevailed throughout. Were it not for the introduction of the suffrage issue the meeting would have been of the unanimous variety.

It was apparent from the beginning that the Susan B. Anthony amendment was foremost in the mind of every delegate. The issue came so suddenly and with so little warning that some had hardly given the matter serious thought but from the moment when Chairman Clyde R. Hoey, in his opening address, signified his position as being similar to that of Senator Simmons, the fight was on. There was a large number of women delegates in attendance, while a considerable number, curious to witness the proceedings, were in constant attendance throughout the day.

The convention was called to order by Congressman Clyde Hoey, of the ninth district. Mr. Hoey was the first to address the assembly. He is a fluent speaker, of pleasing address and effective delivery, sometimes termed the "Young Zeb Vance of the west," and during the hour that he spoke he carried the complete attention of his vast audience.

In his keynote speech on state issues before the Democratic state convention at Raleigh Thursday, Representative Clyde R. Hoey, of the ninth congressional district, as temporary chairman revived the work of the party in the administration of the state's affairs, advocated passage at the special session of the assembly of the constitutional amendment granting full suffrage to women, and declared the Democrats boldly accepted the challenge of the Republicans, predicting that in the November election, "the Republicans will be buried under an avalanche of ballots from which there will be no political resurrection in North Carolina."

## Former Head Of Children's Home At Winston Is Dead

Reidsville, April 10.—News was received here today of the death this morning in St. Louis, of Prof. H. W. Hayes, formerly superintendent of the Methodist Children's home at Winston-Salem. It is understood here that the body will be taken to Richmond, Va., for burial Monday, the funeral service to be conducted by Rev. W. A. Lambeth, of High Point. Professor Hayes was for a long time head of the Methodist orphanage at Winston and after leaving the state went to Missouri. He is survived by a widow and three children, two sons and a daughter.

## 17 YEAR OLD BOY TO SERVE 40 YEARS

### South Carolina Youth Gets Long Term In Prison For Criminal Assault

Abbeville, S. C., April 10.—Kenneth Gossett, a 17 year old youth, will have to serve what is practically a life sentence in the state penitentiary for criminal assault on a 16-year old girl, a native of Abbeville.

After being out for four hours and 55 minutes the jury which has been hearing the case of the youth returned a verdict of guilty at 6 o'clock this afternoon with recommendation for the mercy of the court and Judge Sessas immediately pronounced the extreme penalty of the law, 40 years imprisonment at hard labor.

The finding of the jury and the pronouncement of the sentence were heard in staccato silence by the youth but a quiver ran over the frames of the father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Gossett, and his cousin, Mrs. McCullough, sobbed. Two of the brothers of the prosecutrix were in the court, and tears ran down their cheeks.

All attorneys for the defendant who had fought the case bitterly since last Monday in the face of public indignation against the crime, appealed for a new trial on the grounds that the court was illegally constituted and the venire was not drawn according to the law, in contravention to both the constitutions of South Carolina, and of the United States.

Their motion was overruled. They will appeal to the state Supreme court.

## STEAMER ETON'S CREW ARE SICK AND BRUISED

### Anti-Prohibition Celebrations Indulged In On Trip To Cape Town

New York, April 10.—Completing a round trip to Cape Town, which included "anti-prohibition celebrations" at sundry South African ports, the steamer Eton arrived here today with two members of her crew in the brig, a dozen in the sick bay covered with cuts and bruises and one buried at sea after a wood alcohol orgy.

The steamer sailed out of this port last January, six days before constitutional prohibition went into effect. She carried a crew of 128 men, most of whom, according to their officers, apparently had shipped for the sole purpose of going ashore at all the "wet" ports.

Life on the ocean wave aboard the Eton proved "merry," her officers said.

In a "jovial" mood the sailors are alleged to have threatened to throw the immigration officer overboard when he went out to the Eton at Port Elizabeth, Cape Colony. At East London, another South African port, police reserves met the steamer at her pier.

After participating in fights in East London, some of the crew, unsteady of limb, had to be hoisted over the ship's rail from the pier.

At Durban some of the crew spent six days in jail, until the boat was ready to sail. Two men were shot aboard ship when a revolver is said to have gone off by accident.

One seaman was taken to Ellis Island to answer charges of assault preferred by ship's officers.

## HELPFUL WORDS

### From A Mount Airy Citizen

Is your back lame and painful?  
Does it ache especially after exertion?  
Is there a soreness in the kidney region?  
These symptoms suggest weak kidneys.  
If so there is danger in delay.  
Weak kidneys get weaker fast.  
Give your trouble prompt attention.  
Doan's Kidney Pills are for weak kidneys.

Your neighbors use and recommend them.  
Read this Mount Airy testimony.

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Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Kiger had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

## CLAUDE KITCHEN IS STRICKEN BY PARALYSIS

### Entire Left Side Is Affected But Physicians Hope For Improvement

Washington, April 9.—Within a few minutes after concluding an impassioned speech against the peace resolution in the house today, Representative Claude Kitchen, of North Carolina, was stricken by paralysis.

Hurriedly-called physicians said his left side was paralyzed and the mouth was drawn, interfering with articulation. Mr. Kitchen was carried from the capitol building on a stretcher and was sent home in an army ambulance. His condition is serious, although the full effect of the stroke may not be known for several days.

Over-exertion during today's bitter debate in the house is regarded as primarily responsible for the stroke. It became known today that Mr. Kitchen suffered a slight stroke of paralysis in December, but the attack was so slight that news of it did not reach his colleagues.

Representative Kitchen was stricken today under rather dramatic circumstances. He had just finished a 45-minute speech in defense of the President and against the peace resolution. Repeated applause on the Democratic side, with now and then a "rebel yell," punctured his remarks. He walked to his seat a bit unsteadily, but arose for a moment to engage in a bit of repartee with Representative Mason, of Illinois. Then Mr. Kitchen went to the rear of the hall, his colleagues shaking hands with him as he passed down the aisle.

In the rear of the hall, Representative Igoe noticed a peculiar color in Mr. Kitchen's face and the latter admitted he was feeling "weak." He was assisted to the elevator and to his office or the first floor.

Reaching his office, the ailment became more aggravated and Mr. Kitchen lost the use of his left arm and leg and had difficulty in talking. Representative Lazero, of Louisiana, a physician-member of the house, was quickly summoned and two army doctors who happened to be at the capitol were likewise called. Within a few minutes Dr. Louis J. Battle, Mr. Kitchen's family physician, had raced to the capitol in an automobile and the four doctors worked over Mr. Kitchen for almost an hour. Then an ambulance was called.

A capitol doorkeeper, William Kenney, was placed at Mr. Kitchen's office door to keep out the curious who had congregated in the corridors. Only a few members, including Representative Doughton and Stedman, and Crisp of Georgia, were admitted. News of Mr. Kitchen's illness spread quickly about the capitol and put a damper on the debate on the floor above. Republican leader Mondell and a score of other members were present as Mr. Kitchen was taken on a stretcher through the corridor.

## Durham White Man Is Charged With Murder

Durham, April 9.—Charged with the murder of John Holman, an aged negro, Jesse Cole, a young white man of this city, was committed to the county jail after a coroner's jury returned a verdict charging him with the killing.

According to the evidence presented at the coroner's inquest, Cole a member of a party of men that visited the home of the negro late Wednesday night for the purpose of killing his son, Silas Holman, who had on the previous day had a disagreement with a citizen of that community over \$12.50 which he claimed was due him for operating an illicit distillery for one day. Holman died this afternoon at 1 o'clock, the bullet having perforated his bowels.

Howard Holman, a young son of the dead man, told the investigators that he recognized Cole when he put his head through a rear window. The prisoner denies all knowledge of the affair. No other members of the party have been accused, as no evidence sufficient to warrant another arrest was given. The Holman home was riddled with bullets and gun shots, several of the bullets passing through the side of the house. A cedar tree standing in the yard was filled with lead.

The Army of Occupation on the Rhine is looking into Germany and wondering what it may be called upon to do. With the men of Major General Henry T. Allen's command there is a force of Salvation Army workers. Wherever the Army of Occupation may go, the doughnuts and good cheer of the Salvation Army will follow according to a recent statement by Commander Miss Booth.

## DEMERRITT TO OPPOSE CONGRESSMAN STEDMAN

### Republicans Nominates Roxboro Man—Surry County's Man Again Misses the Nomination

Durham, April 10.—In a one-sided contest with Martin F. Douglas, of Greensboro, and Luke Lloyd, of Orange county, William Demerritt, of Roxboro was this afternoon declared the nominee of the republican party for Congress in the imperial fifth district by the district congressional convention held in this city.

On the initial ballot Demerritt had 109 votes, two more than were needed to nominate him. Mr. Douglas immediately arose in the convention hall and moved that the nomination be made unanimous for Mr. Demerritt. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lloyd and passed without a dissenting vote.

The greatest contest of the convention came in the selection of two delegates and two alternates to the national convention. Seven nominations were entered. On the first ballot D. E. Blair, of Forsyth, received 108 votes, one more than was needed, and was declared nominated. Three ballots were necessary before Junious H. Harden, of Burlington was nominated as the second delegate. S. O. McQuire, of Elkin and U. L. Stanford, of Hockingham, were named as alternates, although there were a large number of dissenting votes coming from friends of J. B. Mason, of Durham.

In accepting the nomination for Congress, Mr. Demerritt opened with a tribute to women and made it plain that he is genuinely pro suffrage. He declared in favor of a clean campaign, saying that any one who stoops to put his finger in mud will stoop alone, so far as he is concerned. He expressed confidence as to the outcome of the campaign.

## CONFIDENT OF DEMOCRATIC SUCCESS

### With Democrats Championing Woman Suffrage Election of President is Assured Says Congressman Hoey

Washington, April 10.—Action of the North Carolina democratic convention in behalf of woman suffrage was a benefit to national democracy, said Representative Hoey in a statement issued tonight on the work of the convention.

He said: "It was the greatest democratic meeting which has been held in the state since the famous Kitchen-Craig convention in Charlotte, and I was much gratified to note the wonderful enthusiasm which was manifested of course. It was the first state convention in which women participated as regularly accredited delegates and therefore, in this respect was epochal.

"The spirit was to keep up with the music of the nation and it was forward looking constructive and militant. Both from the size of the gathering and the determination of the assembly it was a complete and overwhelming answer to the claim of the republican party that that party would carry the state in the November election. This meeting and its forward stand on great public questions presages 50,000 democratic majority in the state in November.

"The adoption of the resolution by the convention requesting the general assembly to ratify the suffrage amendment will be worth more to the national democracy than anything that the convention could possibly have done, and now since the women will vote in the entire nation in November, and since the democratic party is championing the two causes which appeal so strongly to the womanhood of the nation, there is no longer any reason to doubt the election of a democratic President this fall."

## Father Leaves Little Girl With Strangers

Durham, April 9.—After having been left with strangers in West Durham, by her father, Alma Herndon, about nine years of age, is in the custody of the local charity board and the Salvation Army, and is now being cared for at the latter place, until such disposition can be made for her keeping.

She was brought to this city by her father and left among strangers, and efforts to get in touch with him have failed. The little girl is perfectly healthy, and very intelligent. It is probably she will be sent to some orphanage unless some family willing to adopt her.