

RAILROAD WORKERS DETERMIN'D TO QUIT IF DEMAND FOR HUNDRED MILLIONS PER ANNUM ADDITIONAL IS NOT MET BY R. R.'S

Strike Ballot Announcement Tomorrow at Meeting of Representatives of Trainmen, Enginemen, Conductors and Firemen and Railroads—Great Labor Battle Would Paralyze Traffic All Over Country and Have Very Far-Reaching Effects on Other Lines of Industry—Men Today Are Prepared to Walk Out Unless Something Transpires to Change Decision—Acquiescence Tremendously Expensive to Employers

(By the United Press)
New York, Aug. 7.—Grimly determined, the railroad brotherhoods are today prepared for the strike which, unless heroic efforts avail, will paralyze 250,000 miles of railway lines.
Announcement of the result of the strike ballot will be made tomorrow at a meeting of the officials of the brotherhoods and railroads.
Unless the roads grant the men's demands, the most disastrous and far-reaching industrial battle in the Nation's history is likely. The railroads say acquiescence means one hundred millions of dollars additional a year.

HUGHES BEGINS HIS WORK KEEPS YOUNG CAMPAIGN; MAKES A FOLKS OUT OF JAIL, PLEA AMERICANISM OVERMAN DECLARES

(By the United Press)
Detroit, Aug. 7.—Republican nominee Hughes' first appeal for votes on his tour of speaking for the presidency here was a plea for Americanism. An expression of hope of a getting-together spirit between capital and labor, and endorsement of the national government for the welfare of African workers.

GOOD OLD DRAGON TO CHASE DESPAIR AND GLOOM INTO THE SEA

Feast of Lanterns at Wrightsville Will Be Novel and Spectacular—Brilliant Illumination of Beach Resort Town on August 18 and 19

(Special to The Free Press)
Wrightsville Beach, Aug. 7.—Letters received here indicate that many persons from as far away as Alabama will attend the Feast of Lanterns on Wrightsville Beach August 17th and 18th.

KANSAS NOMINATES WOMAN FOR SEAT IN CONGRESS, THOUGHT

(By the United Press)
Topeka, Kan., Aug. 7.—Unofficial returns today indicate that Dr. Eva Harding has been nominated for the Kansas Democrats for Congress. She is the first woman in history to be named for Congress.

SPEEDERS HELD UP BY POLICE DETAINED FOR A BIG ROBBERY

(By the United Press)
Baltimore, Aug. 7.—With over \$2,000 on his person, Joseph Adams, who claims to be cashier of the Chesapeake & Ohio, at Charlottesville, Va., is held here for the Charlottesville authorities.

FRENCH SOCIALISTS WON'T JOIN GERMAN

(By the United Press)
Paris, Aug. 7.—By a big vote today the French Congress of Socialists decided not to resume relations with the German Socialists.

TWO DEATHS SUNDAY AT CAMP GLENN, ONE OF THEM A SUICIDE

Private Bacon of Third Infantry Shoots Himself Through Head—Cook of Second Regiment Dies of Pulmonary Trouble

(Special to The Free Press)
Morehead City, Aug. 7.—Lydall Bacon, a private of the Third Infantry from Henderson, suicided at Camp Glenn yesterday by shooting himself with a rifle. Bacon probably had secured the cartridges on the rifle range. The regulation army weapon was used. The tragedy occurred in a tent in the company street of C Company. The bullet went through the head. Bacon was 32 years old. He was morose over his inability to get out of the service. The man was well-connected, and a cousin of his company commander, Captain Jenkins. The remains were sent to Wilson for interment.
Dock Head, a cook of Company D, Second Infantry, whose home is at Goldsboro, died Sunday morning from a hemorrhage of the lungs. Head was 32 years old and was serving in his second enlistment. The remains, accompanied by a detail to act as a funeral escort, were sent to Goldsboro.

SOLDIER PEGGED OUT BY HIGHWAYMEN, SAID

E. M. Jarvis, a private of the Second Infantry, who was found in a road between Morehead City and Camp Glenn Saturday, having laid for five hours, it is said, following an attack upon him by negroes, was here for several months some time ago. Jarvis, a member of a company from Raeford and having residence in Washington, was here with a uniformed band of relief workers. He changed his uniform for the soldier's olive drab when the National Guard asked for recruits. The assailants of Jarvis are thought to have been highwaymen.

REAL LIVE MODELS IN FALL BATHING SUITS

(By the United Press)
Chicago, Aug. 7.—Live models—the liveliest of whom wore bathing suits and were exhibited in a special fountain, characterized the fall style show of the Chicago Garment Manufacturers' Association which opened today and will continue all week.

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BRITISH ONE STEP NEARER TO VICTORY IN BIG OFFENSIVE

Colonials On High Ground Overlooking Bapaume, Objective Point

Fortify Ground Gained
German Resistance Melts Under Stream of Fire From Allied Guns—Stiff Fighting In Eastern Theater, Reported

(By the United Press)
Berlin, Aug. 7.—By successful counter attacks the Germans have regained a portion of the Pozieres trenches, it is officially stated.
London, Aug. 7.—The important ridge west of Martinpuich is now firmly in British hands. The English have entrenched on the newly-won heights. The Australians now overlook a slope rolling away to the city of Bapaume, immediate objective of the offensive, less than seven miles away.
Strong defenses of the village of Courcellette are being pulverized by terrific fire from the British guns. Martinpuich has been under a systematic fire since Saturday, when the British began bathing three miles of the German front with a stream of fire.
The Teutons are attempting to resume the initiative from Volhynia to Bukovina, with Von Hindenburg in supreme command. Despite counters, the Slavs crossed streams and took six villages. The Austrians again countered, however, and the outcome still is doubtful.
The Turks have been driven back eighteen miles east of the Suez. German Counters Checked.
Paris, Aug. 7.—Two violent German attacks northeast of Verdun were checked today. The Germans were repulsed in the sectors of Thiaumont, Vaux and Chapiret, it is officially declared. Intense artillery fighting is in progress on the Somme front. Six German aeroplanes and two balloons were brought down today.

NUMBER INFANTILE PARALYSIS DEATHS REACH BIG FIGURE

(By the United Press)
New York, Aug. 7.—There were 145 new cases of infantile paralysis today, making the total over 5,000, and the deaths over eleven hundred.

STEAMER SUNK

Barcelona, Spain, Aug. 7.—British steamer Mount Coniston is reported here to have been sunk without warning. The officers and 25 of the crew were saved.

SLAVS CONTINUE ADVANCE

Petrograd, Aug. 7.—In the face of stubborn resistance, the Lemberg advance continues. Strong Austrian positions south of Brody have been captured. Fierce bayonet fighting is occurring in swamps along the Sereth river and in woods, in bad weather. Severe fighting is in progress along the whole Caucasus front.

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CONTRIBUTIONS FOR STATE FLOOD FUND CONTINUE COME IN

Numerous Contributors But No Large Sum Added to Kinston's Donation, Now \$758.14—More Contributions Are Needed

Seven dollars and seventy-three cents was all contributed to the State Flood Sufferers' Fund through the local committee in the 48 hours ending at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Of this only \$2 was donated by a white person. Colored contributors numbered many, and the small amounts that they gave made a total of \$5.73. The committee is still hoping that the thousand-dollar mark may be reached here. Several towns of the size in East Carolina have eclipsed Kinston in contributions, and the committee is hopeful that the less than \$250 need to reach the goal set will be forthcoming.
In the State, the fund by Sunday night had passed \$35,000.
Contributions here since reported Saturday were:
Previously reported \$750.41
Capt. G. D. Hawks 2.00
Disciples church, (colored) through Edith Merrill 1.58
Handed in by Dr. Codrington, colored, to The Free Press, donations from colored persons:
Mrs. Rosa A. Jones10
Paul A. Hodges25
Arthur Williams10
Jane Pollard10
J. R. Edwards25
Edgar Brown25
Sam Giles25
E. J. Blount25
Garfield Kornegay25
Cash35
St. John's Free Will Baptist Sunday school 1.00
Mrs. Lorenza Isier25
T. H. Isler75
Grand total to date, \$758.14

ALLIED DIPLOMATS LOSE HOPE WINNING ROUMANIA, REP'T'D

Failure of Enemies at Bucharest and Fact That British Are "Not Gaining" Give Berlin Populace New Confidence

(By the United Press)
Berlin, Aug. 7.—Failure of the British to make any important headway in the great Somme offensive, and the defeat of the Allied diplomats in Roumania, inspired the public to fresh confidence today.
Reports from Bucharest and Vienna indicate that the Balkan situation is favorable to the Central powers. The Allies are said now to have practically discontinued their efforts in Roumania.

PHILADELPHIA CAR STRIKE BECOMES A THREATENING AFFAIR

(By the United Press)
Philadelphia, Aug. 7.—Five hundred carmen will be on strike here by 3 o'clock, and at least one thousand, a third of the entire force, is expected to quit. The men demand an increase of wages and recognition of the union.

HOSPITAL FOR CRIPPLED AND SENILE CATS, ETC

(By the United Press)
Cleveland, O., Aug. 7.—Crippled and senile cats and dogs will soon have a home here. The Cleveland Animal Protective Association, having just raised \$5,000, is spending it for a home for domestic animal waifs. There will be a hospital, an ambulance to chase after cat and dog victims, and an electric chair to end the miseries of the incurable. The hospital will be kept open night and day.

BRITISH EXPECTED SOME REVERSES IN BIG DRIVE; BEGINNING ONLY, SAYS A WAR EXPERT; OFFENSIVE IS SLOW, BUT SURE

By JOHN BUCHAN, England's Foremost Writer on Military Affairs.
(Written for the United Press)
London, Aug. 7.—When the bombardment ceased on the morning of July 1st, and the Allied troops left their trenches in the big push on a 25-mile front, they did not expect an even and steady advance.
A rigid line of German fortifications stretches from Nieuport to the Alps. There are no gaps. The defense has its first position, consisting of several trench lines; an intermediate position, and a second and final position some way back of the same type as the first. The labors of 18 months have made each position a miracle of human ingenuity—a labyrinth of trenches and a subterranean city of dug-outs.
No such front can be broken at the first attempt.
We are only at the beginning of the

KINSTON BAPTISTS PRESENT CALL REV. W. MARSHALL CRAIG TO BE AT MOSS HILL

Ask Well Known South Carolina Young Minister to Take Pastorate of First Church Here—Action Is Unanimous

The congregation of the First Baptist church here Sunday unanimously voted to call to the pastorate Rev. W. Marshall Craig of Anderson, S. C., as successor to Rev. C. W. Blanchard, resigned. The call was forwarded by telegraph, with letters to follow. No word has been had from Mr. Craig to indicate whether or not he will accept.
Rev. Marshall Craig is a young minister, in his twenties, it is understood. He was until recently assistant to the pastor of the First Baptist church at Wilmington. "If he develops to be only one-quarter as good as he is reported to be, we would be satisfied with him," one member of the local church said today.
The church here would afford quite an important pastorate for the young South Carolinian. The local congregation is one of the most influential in North Carolina.

CONSOLIDATION OF SEVERAL RURAL SCHOOLS IS PRACTICALLY CERTAIN—BRICK BUILDING TO BE ERECTED; MAY COST \$5,000

The County Board of Education today discussed plans for a new State high school at Moss Hill to replace the group center school there. The high school is virtually assured; funds enough to secure the State's aid have been provided by the county, members of the board said today. Consolidation of several schools will be effected. No public transportation system is contemplated yet. The building, probably of brick, will cost about \$5,000. Four or five teachers will be employed.
The Moss Hill school has long been one of the most enterprising in the county. It will be the site of the third State high school in Lenoir. Such institutions are now located at LaGrange and Pink Hill. The county is allowed four.

NEW YORK STRIKE SEEMS ABOUT TO END

New York, Aug. 7.—The end of the street car strike is in sight. One of the companies has agreed to recognize the union and increase wages. The others, it is believed, will follow.
All employees of the subway and elevated roads were increased one dollar a day beginning yesterday.

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