

## EMPLOYEES OF RAILROADS DON'T WELCOME IDEA OF INVESTIGATION OF TROUBLE BY INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION, SAY

Government Intervention and Arbitration Not Favored—Not Opposed to Principle But Dissatisfied with Recent Awards—Presidents of Brotherhoods and Representatives of Nearly All Roads in United States Meet to Discuss Workers' Demands for Wage Increases Totalling Hundred Million Dollars a Year, Etc.—Labor Thinks I. C. C. Probe Not Proper Because Commissioners Are Not Empowered to Fix Pay

New York, Aug. 8.—It is reported ninety-four per cent. of the men favor a strike of the Brotherhood of Trainmen, following official tabulation of the ballot.

New York, Aug. 8.—Presidents of the four brotherhoods and representatives of 225 railroads met today to attempt a settlement of the trouble which may cause a national walk-out of trainmen. The brotherhoods are not favorable to government intervention. They are dissatisfied with recent awards of the arbitration boards and not with the principle. They oppose an Interstate Commerce Commission investigation on the grounds that the commissioners are not equipped and not empowered to fix wages.

New York, Aug. 8.—Nearly ninety-nine per cent. of the employees of the Southeastern district railroads voted to strike.

## ATTACK ON HUGHES BY REP. HARRISON; DODGE IS DEFENDED

War Department Authority for Denial That Latter Had Been Given Special Privileges in Mexico, Declares

(By the United Press, Washington, Aug. 8.—Congressman Harrison of Mississippi denied "on authority of the State Department" today that Cleveland H. Dodge, political supporter of President Wilson, had been given special privileges to ship arms into Mexico, as intimated by Representative Rodenberg of Illinois. Harrison assailed Candidate Hughes for consulting on the Mexican situation with Senator Fall, whose hobby is intervention, and Henry Lane Wilson, "discredited ambassador."

## PERSONAL LETTER TO KAISER FROM WILSON

(By the United Press) Berlin, Aug. 8.—A personal letter from President Wilson regarding Polish relief has been delivered to the Kaiser.

## MEXICO WILLING TO GO TO THE BOTTOM OF ENTIRE MATTER

But Wishes Military Difficulties Gotten Out of Way First, Says Ambassador—Rehabilitation to Be Discussed

(By the United Press) Washington, Aug. 8.—Mexico is willing to broaden the scope of the conferences to include a discussion of economic rehabilitation, according to Ambassador Arredondo, but wishes military matters to be settled first. The American commissioners will be named today, probably.

## TURPENTINE MAKER MET AWFUL DEATH

(By the United Press) Gould, Ala., Aug. 8.—Thomas P. Cravette, superintendent of a turpentine plant, was today blown by an explosion against a brick wall and rebounded into a vat of boiling oil. He is dead.

## MONKEYED WITH BOMB CONTRIVANCE, KILLED

Colorado Springs, Col., Aug. 7.—John Dorr, injured while working on an infernal machine at his residence here last evening died today without having regained consciousness.

## TEXAS REPUBLICANS HAVE THEIR MEETING

(By the Eastern Press) San Antonio, Texas, Aug. 8.—The Republicans are holding a State convention here today. Owing to the fact that 99 out of every 100 Texans usually boasts "he never scratched a Democratic ticket," it was expected to be rather a lonesome affair.

## CLARK IN CONGRESS THIRTY-THREE YEARS

Washington, Aug. 7.—When Republican Leader Man reminded the House today that Speaker Clark has just passed his 33rd anniversary as a member of Congress, Republicans and Democrats rose and cheered the Speaker for several minutes.

## BERLIN NEWSPAPER SAYS BREMEN LOST ON WAY TO AMERICA

(By the United Press) Berne, Aug. 8.—The German submersible Bremen was sunk by an accident to her machinery on the way to America, according to the Tageblatt of Berlin.

## BULLETINS

### (By the United Press) TURKS DON'T MENTION DEFEAT.

Constantinople, Aug. 8.—An official statement of the advance of Turkish troops makes no mention of a defeat claimed by the British to have been inflicted east of the Suez Canal, in which it is stated the Turks were driven back 18 miles and lost 3,000 prisoners. The statement says the Turks are as far as Romani.

## BAR HARBOR SUMMER COLONISTS TO HOLD A PREPAREDNESS SHOW

Bar Harbor, Me., Aug. 8.—The preparedness cabaret, another summer diversion for society folks at their cottages here and something of an innovation altogether, will be staged here tonight. The preparedness cabaret will be followed by the neutrality ballet under the direction of John Murray Anderson. This is the first of a series of specially named cabaret performances. Among the patrons and patronesses are: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Damrosch, Mr. and Mrs. John Ogden, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Anson, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard M. Thomas and others.

## CASTRO GOES TO PORTO RICO TO JOIN FAMILY

New York, Aug. 7.—General Cipriano Castro, ex-dictator of Venezuela, and Senora Castro have sailed to join their family in Porto Rico. Castro, who was detained at Ellis Island on his arrival from Barbados, has been ill for the past five days. He locked himself in his stateroom and declined to see any one.

## IRISH WOMAN IS NON-COM. IN SERB ARMY

Paris, Aug. 7.—Miss Flora Sandes, an Irish woman, who is a sergeant in the Serbian army, has arrived at Toulon on her way to rejoin her regiment after a holiday in Ireland, according to the Matin. Miss Sandes was in Serbia when the war broke out and joined a hospital as a nurse. Later on she enlisted as a regular soldier and went through the last campaign, taking part in the disastrous retreat to Durazzo.

## A MEXICAN STATE CHANGES CAPITAL

Mazatlan, Mexico, Aug. 7.—The State of Singoa government, which is said to be loyal to Carranza, has moved its seat from Mazatlan to Ulican, where there are few bandits and consequently more security. The Culiacan region also affords a better supply of meat. Milk and other foods are scarce, however.

Mr. J. B. Dawson has gone for a short business visit.

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## FEW DRE DOLLARS ADDED TO FUND FOR WEST CAROLINIANS

Kinston's Contribution for Flood Sufferers Is Now \$766.64—Need for More Money—State Has Given Over \$3400

The addition to the local contributions to the flood sufferers' fund were only three number in the 24 hours ending at 12 o'clock this afternoon. Cash added was \$8.50. The State Fund increased several hundred dollars Monday. It is between \$35,000 and \$36,000.

The local committee again calls attention to the need for more money in the devastated sections in Western North Carolina. Although the floods subsided weeks ago, the need for assistance for the sufferers is more apparent now, with work of restoration in progress, as before.

Contributions so far reported: Previously reported.....\$758.14 L. E. Isler.....3.00 Cash......50 John Whitty & Co., Pollocksville.....5.00 Grand total to date.....\$766.64

## STREET CAR TRAFFIC IN NEW YORK BACK TO NORMAL SERENE

Employees' Right to Organize Admitted—Biggest Victory Yet for National Union Trolley Men, It Is Thought

(By the United Press) New York, Aug. 8.—Normal car traffic was resumed today after more than a week of the stop. The companies refused specifically to recognize the Amalgamated Association of Street Electric Employes of America, but recognized the men's rights to organize.

It is agreed to receive a committee of the men to treat for settlement. The victory so far is the greatest ever won by the union. It followed triumphs in Chicago and Boston. None previously was peaceful.

## GOING ON IN OTHER PLACES IN EASTERN PARTS OF THE STATE

Al. Nash of Salisbury and Miss Myrtle Haywood of Richmond were married on the stage of Washington theater. Rev. Mr. Gaspie of Wake Forest performed the ceremony. The couple are vaudevilleans. Lee Wright, a soldier from Camp Glenn, giving Winston-Salem as his home, was found on a boat at James City Monday badly cut. He was given medical aid at a new Bern hospital and returned to the military reservation. Wright is said to have been drinking. Negroes are supposed to have assaulted the man. Eight women of the underworld ordered by the New Bern police to leave Pembroke, a suburb, inform the officers that they will not leave. An ultimatum was to have become effective Monday. The arrest of a hands was contemplated Monday.

## TWO-CENT POSTAGE D ALL OTHER AMERICAS

(By the United Press) Washington, Aug. 8.—Postmaster General Burleson today announced his intention to make the two-cent stamp carry anywhere in the Western Hemisphere. A cut is probably by September.

## GERMANS RECAPTURE STRONG REDOUBT AT THIAUMONT, ADMIT'D

Terrific Fighting Continues Around the Works, However TRIED OUT A NEW SHELL Teutons Introduced Projectile That Blew Into Ten Thousand Pieces on Contact, But Missile Seems a Failure

(By the United Press) Paris, Aug. 8.—The Germans recaptured the strong Thiaumont works northeast of Verdun in a powerful assault early this morning. It is officially admitted. Fighting is still raging around the redoubt.

Last night a terrific bombardment and five violent attacks in larger force were directed against the French positions from Fleury to Thiaumont redoubt. They were repulsed near Fleury, but in an attack at Cuillement, north of the Somme, the Teutons reached the outskirts of the village.

A new shell with a "fragmentation" of ten to fifteen thousand pieces was introduced. The shells have burst formerly into five or six pieces. The Germans are believed to have tried glass shells to secure the high "fragmentation." Powdered glass was found where the shells had fallen. These were later abandoned because the fragments were too minute, it is believed. Tests of German shells today show the fragmentation to be less than one hundred. The advantage of the French is immense.

Germans Attack Australians. London, Aug. 8.—Threatened with an enforced retreat from the strong Leipsig redoubt and fortified villages around Thiepval, the Germans are attempting to dislodge the Australians from Hill 161 on the Pozieres-Thiepval highway. A heavy bombardment is following four repulses.

New Slay Offensive. Petrograd, Aug. 8.—Russians have captured the Galician town of Thumacz, ten miles southeast of Stanislan, in a powerful new offensive on a 17-mile front southeast of Lemberg, it is said officially.

Italians Begin New Offensive. London, Aug. 8.—Heavy Italian attacks on the Isonzo mark the beginning of a new powerful offensive, in the opinion of Rome correspondents.

## THIRTY CARS ENTERED FOR PIKE'S PEAK RACE

(By the United Press) Colorado Springs, Aug. 8.—About thirty famous auto speed kings here have entered cars for the race to the top of Pike's Peak day after tomorrow. Drivers from the east will compete against drivers from the west. The start will be made 5 miles from the bottom of the highway and the finish will be made at an elevation of 14,109 feet above sea level.

## PROMINENT LUMBERMAN LEAPS FAR TO SUICIDE

(By the United Press) St. Louis, Aug. 8.—George K. Smith, secretary of the Yellow Pine Manufacturers' Association and the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association, leaped to his death today from the fifteenth story of the Boatmen's bank building.

## PRATT SAYS WESTERN CAROLINA OUGHT TO GET ALL ROAD MONEY

Asheville, Aug. 7.—Declaring that even the great flood calamity which ruined the roads of Western Carolina can be turned into a blessing, Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt this afternoon started a movement to secure for Western North Carolina the whole, or at least a major portion of \$114,000, recently allowed by the government for road work in this State. He declared that the people of Eastern Carolina were willing to let the west have this money.

## CITY TO HAVE ONLY ONE POLICE CHIEF, COUNCIL'S DECISION

Office of Night Chief Abolished; Heath Becomes Assistant, Same Pay WALL ST., NEAR DOGTOWN Was An Alley, But an Important Thoroughfare—To Be Paved, Together With 4-2 Blocks on Other Streets

City Council Monday night decided to dispense with one of Kinston's two chiefs of police. For several months the city has had the distinction of being the only place in the world with two heads—with equal rank and pay—of one department. The situation might have been compared with the Nicaraguan army, for the personnel of the force was 33-1-3 officers. Alderman Webb moved that the office of night chief be abolished. The action of Council was unanimously in favor of the motion. Night Chief Heath, whose administration of the department nocturnally had been satisfactory and whose ability is unquestioned, was named assistant chief, to retain the same salary as heretofore, while Day Chief Skinner was elected chief—just straight chief. Both officers are generally popular, and conditions have gradually improved under their vigilant, watchfulness and energetic efforts to squelch crime. Criticism of the "freak" action of Council in naming two chiefs is said by administration members to have had most to do with the decision to go back to the old order of things.

Walnut Alley, between North and Blount streets, on the square between Queen and Heritage, Monday night became Wall street. The City Council changed the designation at the instance of Messrs. N. J. Rouse, A. S. Cappeland and P. S. B. Harper, and after that action granted a petition for paving the street, which is only a block long. The three gentlemen above are among those owning property along the thoroughfare; nearly all the property owners signed the petition. The street is an important one for wheeled traffic, especially in the tobacco season, when it is a "shortcut" for hundreds of vehicles and frequently relieves congestion on North street. It is not a financial center, however. Mr. Harper states that it does not come under the jurisdiction of the Mayor of Dogtown, Mr. Eugene Rouse, who will in all likelihood be delighted with the aristocratic appellation bestowed upon it, though, for it adjoins his domain on the west. Along with authorization of the paving of Wall street, Council granted petitions for asphaltting a block on North street between McLevean and Independent streets, three blocks on Independent between Blount street and Lenoir avenue, and about one-half of a block on McLevean south of the present end of the paving at Bright.

Messrs. J. H. Canady, secretary, and P. S. B. Harper of the Kinston Fair Association, asked Council to furnish the grounds west of the city with water and lights during the coming exhibit. This was granted. Very little additional wiring will have to be installed, and a temporary water pipe of small size will be run for a distance of 2,600 or 2,800 feet to the grounds. Members of Council evidently would have preferred putting down a permanent water line, but it was estimated that because of the expensiveness of pipe a temporary line would be preferable this year. A permanent line just now would cost possibly \$700.

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