

## RAILROAD BROTHERHOOD SIN ULTIMATUM GIVE FEDERAL MEDIATORS UNTIL SAT'DY MORNING TO PRESENT SETTLEM'T PLANS

Prospects for Nation-wide Tie-up of Traffic on Nearly All Lines Nearer Than Ever This Afternoon—Board of Arbitration and Mediation Asks for Short Time—Men Impatient, Declare Leaders at New York—Companies Willing Make Concessions, But Employes Will Listen to Nothing But Complete Acquiescence—Great Strike Faces Country—"Must Have Immediate Action," Statement

(By the United Press)

New York, Aug. 11.—The railroad brotherhoods have served an ultimatum on the Federal Board of Mediation that its plan of settlement must be presented by tomorrow.

### Board Asks for Time.

New York, Aug. 11.—The Federal Board of Arbitration and Mediation and the railroad brotherhoods this afternoon agreed upon delay in submitting the final proposition for a settlement until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. The agreement followed demands by the brotherhoods that the board immediately submit what plans they had prepared. The board requested until tomorrow morning to make their reports. The decision on the question of a nation-wide walkout probably hangs on whether this report will be acceptable to the men. The roads, it is believed, would make concessions, but the men are declared to be firm in their demands for full acquiescence in their demands.

### Men Impatient; Quick Action Imperative.

New York, Aug. 11.—Prospects of a nation-wide railroad tie-up loomed nearer today when brotherhood officials declared the men are impatient over the delay in acceding to their demands. "We must have immediate action," the leaders said.

## A HUNDRED PERSONS R. A. NUNN OF NEW DIED IN ONE PART IS NEW PRESIDENT FLOODED TERRITORY OF A. & N. C. R'ROAD

Believed That Many Were Victims in Boone County, W. Va.—Militia Takes Supplies—Work of Rehabilitation

(By the United Press)

Huntington, W. Va., Aug. 11.—Having recovered from the first shock of disaster, the West Virginia flood sufferers today set to work to clean up and rebuild. The Second infantry is arriving in the stricken district with food, tents and clothing. The sympathy of the nation is solicited. Much for the 400 square miles of affected territory has not yet been penetrated. Boone county is said to have suffered heavier than the Cabin Creek valley. In that neighborhood one hundred persons perished, it is believed.

T. W. Slocumb Secretary-Treasurer of Company of Whose Holdings Are Leased by N. S.—Annual Meeting Held

R. A. Nunn of Craven county was elected president and T. W. Slocumb secretary-treasurer of the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad Co. Thursday at the 62nd annual meeting of the stockholders, in Morehead City.

The meeting was more largely attended than is usually the case; 17,967 shares of stock were represented in person and by proxy.

### INSTALL LABOR-SAVING MACHINES TOB. YLANT

Eight New Stemmers at Northwest Kinston Factory Will Replace Almost 90 Women—Big Subs In Improvements

Eight new stemming machines of the latest pattern are being installed in the tobacco factory of E. V. Webb & Co., in northwest Kinston. The machines have been purchased at a cost of about \$875 each, and each will take the place of 12 female workers. One woman will be required to operate each stemmer, thus making the machines take the place of nearly 90 laborers. Each machine will have a capacity of about 1,200 net strips a day. They are of the simplest design, and require no skilled labor except perhaps a supervising mechanic. The company has recently completed a new building at the plant, a brick structure which cost \$11,000.

Ficklen & Webb, of which Mr. E. V. Webb is a member, will operate a new redrying plant at Washington this season, and a building is to be equipped at New Bern for a similar purpose, it is said. In the Tidewater section, Mr. Webb states, is the prettiest showing of tobacco in the entire region this year. In that part of the best little tobacco was grown until about five years ago, and prior to

## SUFFRAGE FIRST IS SLOGAN OF WOMAN'S PARTY FIXED TODAY

Parties Come Second, Say—Right of 'Citizens' Shall Not Be Abridged by United States or Any of the States

Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 11.—By standing for suffrage first and parties second, the women voters of the 12 suffrage states can decide the result of the presidential election on November 7, they say.

This was the desired end planned at a conference of the National Woman's Party in session here today.

"The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."

This, in substance, is the so-called Susan B. Anthony amendment to the Federal Constitution, failure to pass which during the present session of Congress will result in the conference here undoubtedly recommending that the votes for women be cast against Woodrow Wilson. Mr. Hughes the Republican candidate, has declared in favor of the amendment.

The conference also was to decide whether the announcement July 31 by Charles E. Hughes of his stand on the amendment entitles the Republican candidate to the women's votes.

The amendment forms the sole plank of the National Woman's party platform. Since the party was formed in Chicago on June 6 it has sent out tens of thousands of circulars, brought pressure to bear on the present Congress and sent emissaries into every suffrage state to preach the slogan of suffrage first and party allegiance second.

The Anthony amendment was the subject of discussion at the morning session today.

Miss Gail Laughlin, California, the chairman of California branch of the Congressional Union; Mrs. Dora P. Buell, Colorado, member of the national advisory council of the Congressional Union; Miss Mabel Vernon, Nevada, secretary of the National Woman's Party; Miss Alice Paul, New Jersey, chairman of the Congressional Union, and Miss Ann Martin, chairman of the National Woman's Party, were to be speakers today. After they are through, resolutions will be presented, discussed and disposed of. Tomorrow there will be a general conference on the campaign, a conference of State chairmen on campaign plans and a conference of national organizers on organization plans.

### MORE MONEY ADDED TO THE FLOOD FUND

Two contributions were added to Kinston's donation to the State Flood Sufferers' Fund today. The list now stands:

Previously reported ..... \$767.64  
John A. Herndon ..... 2.50  
H. P. Loftin ..... 1.00

Grand total to date.....\$771.14  
The State fund Thursday night reached \$36,354.18.

### PROSPEROUS NEGRO ACCUSED MOONSHING

John Stancill, a well-to-do negro planter, was arrested at his place between Greenville and Washington on Thursday by a deputy marshal, on a warrant charging him with illicit distilling. A still which Stancill is supposed to have been connected with was destroyed by Deputy Collector I. M. Tall of this city and other officers several weeks ago.

Stancill owns an automobile, has a fine crop of tobacco and a nicely furnished home.

that tobaccoists who declared splendid weed could be produced in the low country were laughed at, and that in spite of the fact that the first weed known came from Tidewater Virginia.

## AMERICA DOES NOT INTEND TO PUBLISH THE GERMAN REPLY

State Department Does Not Consider Lusitania Incident Settled, and Embassy Took Too Much for Granted

Washington, Aug. 10.—State Department officials explained that the recent request to the German Embassy for permission to publish one of Count Bernstorff's notes on the settlement of the Lusitania case was an inadvertence. At first it was denied that any such request had been made, but an investigation of the department's files disclosed that a letter prepared by a subordinate official had been signed either by Secretary Lansing or acting Secretary Polk and had been transmitted to the German embassy.

State Department officials declared that too much importance had been attached to the request in German official quarters and that it was not interpreted an indication that Germany's proposals were to be accepted as satisfactory.

State Department officials today broke their silence on the subject and asserted that what really happened was this:

A subordinate official who assembles the diplomatic correspondence, periodically compiled and published as a White Book, wrote the German Embassy a letter, which Mr. Polk admitted was signed either by himself or by Secretary Lansing, for permission to publish one of the Lusitania notes submitted by the German ambassador on December 4. The Embassy replied, giving its assent with the suggestion that the last note, dated February 16, be published at the same time. On the other hand, the suggestion that any of the correspondence be published was dropped at once on the decision of higher officials that the circumstances which intervened to prevent a conclusion of the negotiations had not been altered, and that the situation still was in a condition which did not warrant publication of any of the correspondence. The Embassy was not informed of the changed plan.

The United States Government, it therefore appears, does not consider the matter settled in any sense any more than it was last February when the declaration of a new policy toward armed merchant ships came up to halt the negotiations after officials had admitted informally that Count Von Bernstorff's note met the demands of the American government and offered a satisfactory basis for negotiating settlement of the Lusitania claims.

## FRANCIS RECOM'NDS CABLE FROM RUSSIA TO UNITED STATES

By PHILLIP SIMMS, (United Press Staff Correspondent)  
Petrograd, Aug. 11.—For the purpose of bringing about closer relations between the United States and Russia, American Ambassador Francis today suggested to the Russian Government a direct cable between Russia and America. The proposal was informal after Francis' manner, which is proving so popular in Russian officialdom.

### BRIEFS IN THE NEWS OF NEIGHBOR'G TOWNS

B. H. Thompson, an Aurora planter, Wednesday killed a bear in a cornfield that weighed 210 pounds.

Greenville may adopt a milk inspection ordinance.

New Bern is holding a racing matinee this afternoon, with fans from throughout this section present and 30 or more horses reported to be entered.

## A HEAVY YIELD AND BIG PRICES LOOKED FOR BY TOBACCONIST

E. V. Webb Thinks Record May Be Attained at Sales This Season—S. C. Grades Unimproved But Prices Soaring

While the grades of tobacco sold on the South Carolina markets this week had improved little or none over the weed marketed at the beginning of the season last week, average prices have increased from about 12 to about 16 1/2 cents, is the substance of a letter from Mr. W. L. Holderby of this city, now in the Palmetto belt, to Mr. E. V. Webb. Mr. Webb interprets this as a forecast of excellent prices on the North Carolina markets this fall.

Mr. Webb holds a very optimistic view regarding the East Carolina tobacco crop. As much tobacco, if not more, will be sold in the belt this year as last, he thinks. And it is beautiful weed on the whole, he declares. He has observed conditions in several parts of the belt. He would be little surprised to see record prices, and he is just about positive that the crop is in handsome shape in spite of the storms.

### REPUBLICANS TAKE THE HOUSE BASEBALL GAME

Washington, Aug. 10.—The annual House baseball game went Republican today by a score of 18 to 13. It was the first Democratic defeat in four years.

The Republican representatives boasted after the game that their well-balanced team was responsible for the victory, but the Democrats laid it at the doors of a country chautauqua. They said the star Democratic pitcher, Representative Yates Webb of North Carolina who for years had held the Republicans at his mercy, fell over a bench while reaching out to shake hands with an admirer after a speech in Virginia yesterday and sadly sprained his left arm. This still aroused derision among the Republicans, who pointed out that Webb is a right-hander.

### HOUSEWIVES START NATION-WIDE FIGHT AGAINST DIME BREAD

(By the United Press)  
New York, Aug. 11.—The first steps in a nation-wide protest against 10-cent bread were made when the National Housewives' League instructed its officers in every State to arouse public sentiment against the increase, which bakers say is necessitated by increased cost of materials and labor.

### BAKER SAYS FEDERAL ACTION IS NECESSARY.

Washington, Aug. 11.—The Master Bakers of Chicago today petitioned Congress for an embargo on wheat as a measure to prevent a flour increase. Vice-Chairman Hurley of the Federal Trade Commission left for Chicago, authorized to investigate the proposed bread increase. Bakers declare that if no relief is afforded by Congress bread will inevitably rise.

### COLBY GOES OVER TO SIDE OF PRESIDENT

New York, Aug. 10.—Bainbridge Colby, who nominated Theodore Roosevelt for the presidency at the Progressive National Convention in Chicago, tonight declared himself in favor of the re-election of President Wilson.

In a letter to Vance McCormick, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, Mr. Colby accepted an invitation to act on a Progressive committee, which is to have a co-operative relation with the Democratic Campaign Committee.

## STICLOW IS SAVED AT LAST; CRIME IS OWNED BY ANOTHER

Had Been Prepared for the Death Chair Three Times, Thrice Reprieved

### THIRD DEGREE'S TERROR

Caused "Confederate," Serving Life Time, to Confess to Double Murder That Irving King Says He Committed

(By the United Press)

New York, Aug. 11.—Charles P. Sticlow, a subnormal German, three times made ready for electrocution at Sing Sing and reprieved at the last moments, was today found innocent through the confession of Irving King, an itinerant junkman, to the murder of Charles Phelps and Margaret Wolcott, his housekeeper in 1915. Nelson Groom, Sticlow's "confederate," was sentenced to life imprisonment.

The fight to save Sticlow was one of the most dramatic in the history of Sing Sing. He was convicted on "forced confession" of Groom, who was subjected to violent "third degree" torture for whole days and nights. Sticlow's attorney will move to set aside the sentences.

## KINSTON MUSICIANS POPULAR IN PLACES AROUND CAMP GLENN

Beaufort and Morehead City Like 2nd Inf. Band—Chamber of Commerce Invites Organization to Former Town

(Special to The Free Press)

Camp Glenn, Aug. 11.—The Second Infantry band is getting popular over at Beaufort and Morehead City. The organization does not mind playing, nor practicing, and laden down with raw material when it left home less than two months ago, has now reached a state of efficiency that is a delight to the officers of the regiment. Last Saturday night the Beaufort Chamber of Commerce invited the band over, and other invitations are in store and will be welcomed, the musicians say.

Comprising the band now are Drum-Major Kirby Pittman, on leave at Kinston; Chief Musician Jas. Mehegan, director; Principal Musician, Jos. F. Ballard, baritone, on leave at Kinston; Sergt. Winnie Jordan, clarinet; Sergt. J. B. Harkey, alto; Sergt. Roland Haynes, cornet; Sergt. Roscoe Daugherty, mess sergeant; Corp. Ben. Foxman, alto; Corp. Hammond Noble, trombone; Corp. L. Hollingsworth, cornet; Corp. George Rhodes, clarinet; Corp. Leslie Benton, clarinet; Corp. J. B. Temple, clarinet; Cook Oscar Palmer; Privates Ernest Boyd, bass; Gordon Rhodes, clarinet; Luby Hollingsworth, trombone; Rodolph Nunn, baritone; Lady Brown, cornet; Elisha Thomas, bass; Troy Foscoe, alto; Ray Broadway, trombone; Hugh Cummings, cymbals; Richard Rhodes, bass; Paul Long, clarinet; Everett Brinson, alto; Earl Brewer, bass drum, at Kinston on leave. Sergt. F. T. McDevett of the trumpeters, is acting drum-major in the absence of Sergt. Pittman.

It is generally understood among the men now that the brigade will entrain for the border within the next two weeks. No official orders have been issued here to that effect, however. A large part of the troops will pass through Kinston the way down.

Company B of the Second is becoming one of the most efficient units of the regiment. The mobility of its personnel is greatly improved. Lt. Faulkner, the junior subaltern of the

## FALL OF STANISLAU MAY OCCUR AT ANY MOMENT, IS REPORT

Officially Denied at Paris That Capitulation Has Happened

Garrison Didn't Look for Attack in Two Months, Prisoners Say—Austrians Lost 50,000 Troops in 48 Hours There

(By the United Press)

Petrograd, Aug. 11.—The Slavs have scored a complete surprise by taking Stanislaw by a swift advance from the northeast, forcing its evacuation. A large part of the Dnieper country held by the Teutons is threatened.

Paris, Aug. 11.—The French have taken the offensive in the Balkans, having crossed the Serbian Greek frontier and captured Dorian, which was evacuated by the Allies in the retreat from Serbia. This is the last great link in the great composite offensive.

Rome, Aug. 11.—The Austrians lost 50,000 men in the two days' preceding the fall of Goritz. Half were in prisoners and half in casualties.

East of Goritz, the Italian cavalry continues the pursuit of the retreating Austrians and is reported to have reached Lubiano plains, south of Goritz on the Carso plateau, after meeting with stubborn resistance. Austrian prisoners report that the attack on Goritz was a complete surprise, and was not expected to occur for two months. Reserves reached the city too late, just as it was falling.

Stanislaw May Capitulate Any Minute.

London, Aug. 11.—The capture of the Galician city of Stanislaw, seventy miles southeast of Lemberg, by General Letchitaky's army is reported to be imminent.

Paris Says Capitulation Not Yet.

Paris, Aug. 11.—Military critics declare Stanislaw has been taken, but this is disclaimed by official information.

## WILSON TO FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF REP'N POPONENT

(By the United Press)

Washington, Aug. 11.—The President has decided upon a transcontinental stumping tour, touching at many of the same cities as Hughes. The change from his former plans is believed to be due to a desire to give a direct answer to Hughes' recent charges.

### FRIENDS IN ANNUAL MEETING GREENSBORO

Greensboro, Aug. 9.—The 219th annual meeting of the Friends of North Carolina was formally opened at Guilford College this morning.

company, has been serving with Co. A of Tarboro, at times recently. That company for a while was short of officers. Lieut. Barr of Company A went to Kinston last evening with Lieut. Taylor, the clever first sergeant.

Colonel Rodman recently had an interesting experience with a recruit who hadn't learned his A-B-C's. The fellow didn't salute him. "How long have you been down here?" the C. O. asked. "Oh, two or three days; how long have you been here, partner?" was the response. The Second's C. O. is a West Pointer. They don't hop off and get sore at every little thing. The fellow had to have time to learn, was probably what the Colonel thought.

### KILLED BY EXPLOSION DYNAMITE IN IREDELL

Spencer, Aug. 9.—J. H. Bailey, aged 23 years, of Amity, Iredeed county, was instantly killed by an explosion of dynamite on Withrow creek, Rowan county, today.

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