

## Wilson Calls Presidents of Big Railroads to the White House

**CONFEREES ON STRIKE ARE HOPELESSLY DEADLOCKED, SEEMS MANAGERS INTM'TE THEY'L REFUSE ACCEPT EIGHT-HOUR DAY**

**Insist on Arbitration; Employes Won't Hear of That—Discussion Has Reached Point That Makes It "Highly Desirable" That Heads of Great Systems Hasten to Make It Convenient to "Come At Once"—Nation's Chief Executive Hopes Yet to Avoid Tie-up that Would Bring About Unprecedented Conditions Throughout the Country**

(By Robert J. Bender)

Washington, Aug. 17.—Events in the most dramatic industrial conflict this country has seen in many years today moved swiftly. The afternoon found President Wilson in his library completing his proposals. The President in his appeal to the railroad presidents, did not consider them "ultimate authority." This intimation may appeal to stock traders.

Washington, Aug. 17.—President Wilson today summoned the presidents of the great railroad systems to Washington to confer on the threatened strike. The action followed an apparent deadlock in the controversy and intimation from the road managers that the 8-hour principle even tentatively was unacceptable.

The managers and men show no disposition to recede from their positions. The roads still insist upon arbitration, and the men still refuse. The President's telegram to the railroad presidents said:

"Discussion of the matters involved in the threatened railroad strike has reached a point which makes it highly desirable that I should personally confer with you at the earliest possible moment, and with the president of any other railroads affected who are accessible. I hope you can make it convenient to come to Washington at once.

### EMERGENCY CASES IN CARE OF SALVATION ARMY IN BAD STRAITS

The Salvation Army representatives here are in need of funds to care for six emergency cases in the city. Capt. M. Vendeville, in charge, today asked for \$10 to relieve the immediate needs of these persons. In one home both the husband and wife are down with sickness. Capt. Vendeville will be glad to explain the circumstances to any one desiring to contribute.

The Salvationists have relieved quite a lot of suffering considering their number and means during the summer, and according to ministers of several churches are doing a lot of good both in spiritual and material ways. They are working "down where the others don't reach." They have made many visits to sick and convalescing in places where a Bible probably was never seen before.

### NOTES FROM THE BRIGHT LEAF TOBACCO MARKETS

Fair Sales and Big Prices on New Bern and Washington Markets at Openings Wednesday—Greenville Anticipating a Lull—Movements of Tobacconists

About 60,000 pounds of tobacco was sold on the New Bern tobacco market Wednesday when the two warehouses there opened for the season. Prices were very high.

John Ivy Smith of Greenville, who was on the Kinston tobacco market last season, is buying for a New Bern independent concern on the New Bern market this season.

Greenville thinks it will be three or four weeks before the real rush begins on that market.

Washington's sales at the opening Wednesday amounted to more than 50,000 and possibly 60,000 pounds. A thousand persons watched the sales. Weed brought as high as 40 cents. One pinhooker paid 20 cents for a

## POLISH CROPS ARE GOOD; GRAND ROADS FOR THE MARKETING

By CARL W. ACKERMAN, (United Press Staff Correspondent) Warsaw, Aug. 17.—Crops are especially excellent in Poland, and there is apparently plenty of food, although the poor complain that they have not tasted of meat for a year.

After a year of German occupation the city is gay and busy, though the factories are closed.

The Germans are building an eight-million-dollar highway system around the metropolis to facilitate the marketing of crops.

### PREACHER CLEANS OUT WHISKY FROM SECTION

Rev. J. M. McKenzie, a Baptist minister at Chocowinity, continues to fight the illicit whisky business in that section although his life has been threatened several times. McKenzie, according to Beaufort county officials, has almost "cleaned out" the district.

### GRIEVING OVER BABY, SHE TRIED KILL SELF

Richmond, Va., Aug. 16.—Melancholy from grief over the death, a few months ago, of her little girl, Mrs. T. W. Edmunds, wife of a Danville physician, sprang from the roof of a porch at a sanitarium here, where she was being treated for nervous depression. Her head struck a brick pavement. She is alive but probably will die.

### MILLION NEW YORK KIDS MAY N'T GO TO SCHOOL

New York, Aug. 16.—While September 25 was set today as the tentative date for opening the public schools of this city, postponed from September 11, because of the epidemic of infantile paralysis, Health Commissioner Emerson said it was by no means certain New York's 1,000,000 school children under 16 years of age could resume their studies as early as that.

### Death of Aged Colored Woman.

Julia Borden, colored, died this morning about 3 o'clock. She was nearly 100 years old, it is said. She was the mother of the Borden brothers who have been active in colored business circles here for about 25 or 30 years, and was known to many white persons. She was a member of the A. M. E. Zion church, from which the funeral will be conducted Friday at 3 p. m.

### Funeral of H. J. Bell.

The funeral of Mr. H. J. Bell, who died Wednesday, was postponed from this morning until 5:30 this afternoon, in order to permit the arrival of relatives from a distance. A brief service will be conducted at Maplewood cemetery by Mr. B. P. Smith. The local lodges of the Odd Fellows and Knights of Harmony will assist in the service. A service was conducted at 4 p. m. at the home on College street.

### Harper Funeral Delayed.

The remains of Dr. H. D. Harper, who killed himself and his wife at Weaverville, Tuesday, did not arrive here Wednesday night or this morning as expected. The body is looked for at 4:41, and will be carried in where a short service will be conducted by Pastor B. P. Smith of Gordon Street Christian church, and interment made. The body of Mrs. Harper was due at Corrotoe today for burial.

## HEALTH EXPERTS OF MANY STATES TAKE STEPS STOP DISEASE

**Call for Blood of Persons Who Have Suffered From Plague for Serum to Combat Epidemic—Many Responding, Reported**

(By the United Press) Philadelphia, Aug. 17.—Twelve little sufferers from infantile paralysis inoculated with the new blood serum in a final effort to save them from death are worse.

Washington, Aug. 17.—Health officers of thirty-eight States met today to consider a national fight on infantile paralysis. They included men who helped to conquer the bubonic plague, cholera, yellow fever, typhoid and spotted fever epidemics. An appeal was made to those who have suffered from the plague to give blood for serum to combat the disease. Many have already responded.

### YOUNG WOMAN VICTIM INFANTILE PARALYSIS

Greensboro, Aug. 16.—Mrs. C. F. Chapin, a bride of a few months, aged 23 years, died here today from infantile paralysis. She had been ill since Sunday, but not until a few hours before her death was it considered serious. Mrs. Chapin had just returned from East Orange, N. J., a suburb of New York, and it is supposed she contracted the disease there.

### ANOTHER OBSTACLE WAY EARLY ADJOURNMENT

Washington, Aug. 16.—Republican Senate leaders and Senator Owen, Democrat, tied the legislative situation in the Senate into a hard knot today, threatening the plans of administration leaders to expedite the shipping, workmen's compensation and revenue bills and assure an early adjournment of Congress.

The obstacle interposed was the Owen corrupt practices bill to limit and regulate political campaign contributions. When Senator Fletcher sought an agreement to vote on the shipping bill late today Republican leaders demanded in return a promise from the administration forces that the corrupt practices bill would not be pressed to a vote before adjournment. Most of the Democrats were willing to give such a promise, but Senator Owen was determined to call his bill up.

## TARHEEL PLANTERS OF TOMORROW HAVE NERVE AND ENERGY

**They Are Now Leading the South, Says Local Agricultural Expert—Lenoir Boys to Take a Short Course at Raleigh**

Ten or fifteen Lenoir county pig and corn club boys have notified O. F. McCrary, county demonstration agent, that they will take the "boys' short course" in agriculture at the A. & M. College, West Raleigh, from August 22 to 25, inclusive. This is gratifying intelligence to Mr. McCrary.

Speaking of the enthusiasm of the embryo Tarheel planters today, Demonstrator McCrary said: "They are leading the South east of the Mississippi. Last year, when the short course was given for the first time in this State, 225 of them turned out. Some other States didn't have half as many studying; Alabama had less than a hundred. They are better mixers and had the time of their lives at Raleigh. They had shed the proverbial timidity of the farmer; they acted like businessmen, and that is just what they are making of themselves. They have rubbed the sleep out of their eyes; they have ginger; they are after doing something more than feeding themselves. I believe in North Carolina, and it is very gratifying that Lenoir county is well toward the top of the list in extension work.

Mr. McCrary is about to try out a plan of organizing a corps of farmers in the county to vaccinate hogs against cholera. Three-fourths of his time, he says, is taken up with that work. Edgecombe county has several planters licensed for the business. Demonstrator McCrary proposes to persuade one farmer from each of the 12 townships in Lenoir county to go to the A. & M. and receive a three-days' course of instruction, which should equip him for the State's license. The students could board themselves for about \$1 a day at the college, he estimates. The total expense would be only \$100 or \$125. "Save four or five hogs in the county and there is your money back," says Mr. McCrary. "The dozen could break up cholera in the county. One man, however, has a job attending to the animals that get sick, without bothering about preventive measures."

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## AMAZING PREPAREDNESS OF FRENCH IN SOMME OFFENSIVE IS WINNING A GREAT BATTLE FOR THEM; ALL GIVE, NO TAKE

**Maze of Railroads Connects Eight Gigantic Depots in the Rear With Fighting Front—Four Square Miles of Munitions Can Be Deposited at Trenches Every Day If Necessary—The Most Complete Supply System Any Army Ever Had—Not One Thing Left Undone by Thorough Allies—Defense Cannot Last Much Longer, It Is Believed—Germans Stave Off a French Attack in Night, But Haven't the Heart to Strike Back**

(By HENRY WOOD)

With the French Army in the Somme, Aug. 17.—Like a gigantic multiple sledge hammer, the French army is smashing the German Somme lines. The new French offensive in no way resembles the Russian steam roller. Instead, it hammers continually blow upon blow at a given point at a given time, until eventually the French believe it must break down the German resistance. It is incredible preparation by a vast organization behind the lines that puts the punch in the drive. Everything has been foreseen and nothing overlooked.

Eight munitions depots to the rear receive daily vast stores of materials from every part of the world. The depots are connected with the front by a veritable mystic maze of railroads. Approaching the battle lines the rails converge even thicker, even more intricately, so perfected is this system that each of the eight depots can pour on the Somme front its entire square half mile of munitions every thirty-six hours.

### Germans Hold Back Attackers; Are Satisfied With That.

Paris, Aug. 17.—It is officially stated that though they repulsed heavy French assault on both banks of the Somme, the Germans made no attempt to counter against the newly-won positions last night. Violent artillery fighting is in progress near Maurepas and Belloy-en-Santerre, where the French advanced yesterday.

### British Make Gain.

London, Aug. 17.—Driving along in conjunction with the French, the British west of Guillemont last night captured three hundred yards of trenches west of Fourcaux Wood, according to the report of General Haig. Northwest of Pozieres, a German attack was checked by machine guns.

### Slavs Take 7,000 Prisoners.

Petrograd, Aug. 17.—The capture of seven thousand more prisoners is announced by General Sakharoff. He has taken more than 94,000 during the offensive.

### Berlin Denies Great French Gains.

Berlin, Aug. 17.—Official statement says the Germans have driven back the Anglo-French who penetrated Fourcaux wood, inflicting heavy losses.

The English attacked in force from Pozieres and Ovillers and also west of Fourcaux wood today, but were repulsed. Between Guillemont and the Somme the French assaults failed. Five night attacks in the same region were beaten off. It is admitted that the French obtained a foothold in first line trenches for a width of 500 yards Belloy-en-Santerre. (The French claimed an advance on a three-mile front.

The Germans have repulsed Russian attacks at many points and captured Stareobczyne hill in the Carpathians, it is said officially.

## TOBACCO MARKET TODAY STIFFER THAN FOR OPENING SALES--20 CENT AVERAGE OR BETTER, 45,000 SOLD IS ESTIMATE

"You can say that prices were low on the opening day as compared with today's," said a group of tobacconists, looking at one of the sales of the bright leaf this morning. That is a little too strong, but to be sure, the market is stiffer by one to two cents today than it was Tuesday. Between forty and fifty thousand pounds was the break for this, the third day, of the 1916-17 season. The average was better than twenty cents. That is thought to be a safe estimate. The most marked increases were perhaps in the better grades; the lower grades showed very little, if any, increase over the opening prices. It was hardly to be expected that the lower grades would get much higher.

To the onlooker the best of spirit among the buyers as well as the sellers was apparent. In fact, there at times appeared to be almost a good-natured scramble for the choice offerings, and the auctioneers, of course, took every advantage of the keen rivalry to get a buyer to "make it a cent better" before the pile was knocked down. And by the way, in this connection, be it said that Kinston has the finest quintet of auctioneers that have ever sold on the local market. They move down the lines with a rush, which pushes the clerks, who follow to record the sales, to keep the pace.

One small pile sold for a dollar a pound and some resales from Tuesday's opening added six to ten cents.

### TRIES TO LOCATE LONG-LOST FATHER NEW BERN

Mrs. A. E. Wallace of Baltimore is at New Bern seeking information of her father, James T. Dove, who when last heard from, in 1879, was at New Bern. Dove was a Confederate veteran. Mrs. Wallace has learned nothing to throw any light upon her father's whereabouts.

### RICHLANDS TOBACCO MARKET OPENS HIGH

Richlands, N. C., Aug. 16.—The local tobacco market opened today with a big sale. An unusually large amount of tobacco was on hand for an opening sale, and those who were present and who have observed openings here in previous years state that the prices were the most satisfactory ever received for the opening break. The prices ranged from 6c for the lowest grade on the floor to 32 cents for the best, and nothing was offered for sale but lugs. The average price per pound has not been figured up, but it will range around 17 cents per pound.

All the tobacco growers who witnessed the opening and those who

### LIVELY BOY MAKES LOT MONEY OFF BEANS FROM GARDEN; 109 GALLONS

Sidney Arthur, in knee trousers, has since June 29 "hustled" 436 quarts of butter beans at 15 cents a quart—two for a quarter—and isn't ready to quit yet. The beans were produced by young Arthur, who is a son of Mr. Pinkney Arthur of this city, on a garden lot.

### UNIFORMED WOODMEN CAMP IN SEPTEMBER

The annual encampment of the North and South Carolina brigade of uniformed Woodmen of the World will be held at Salisbury in the week of September 11, according to Mr. E. B. Lewis of this city, a national officer of the order. About 850 Woodmen will attend. A Brigadier-general will be in command. The two States comprise District No. 12.

had weed on the floor seemed highly satisfied with the result. There were many wagons here from the adjacent townships in Duplin county.