

RAILROADS CONVINCED THERE IS NO WAY OUT OF CONCESSION OF EIGHT-HOUR DAY AND ASK FOR PROTECTION IN THE FUTURE

Fighting to Last, However, Against Abandonment of Arbitration, "Final Barrier Against Labor Aggression—Trying to 'Save as Much as Possible From the Wreckage'—Executives of Systems Want to Know What Assurance They Have That There Will Be No Recurrence, and President Sets About to Tell Them—Nation's Head Conferring With Commerce Committees' Chairmen and Looking Into I. C. C. Powers

(By the United Press)

Washington, Aug. 23.—Efforts to save "the principle of arbitration" featured developments today in the negotiations to settle the threatened railroad strike. Fighting to the last against abandonment of what they term the "final barrier against labor aggression," the railroad executives have asked President Wilson to make definite some concrete proposition for a concession of the basic eight-hour day, the roads are trying to "save as much as possible from the wreckage." They want protection against further strikes and assurances of increased revenue to meet the added expense they claim would attend acceptance of the eight-hour day.

The President was immediately responsive. He called into conference Chairmen Newlands and Adamson of the Congressional Commerce committees and made inquiries into the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission in regard to investigations.

MEXICANS JAIL TWO FOREIGNERS; THINK THEY'RE U. S. SPIES

Swiss and English Citizens Arrested at Piedras Negras—Confined on Bread and Water—Had Tampico Passports

(By the United Press)

Eagle Pass, Texas, Aug. 23.—Charged with being American spies, Dr. Walter Staub, a Swiss and Malcolm Muir, an Englishman, were arrested by Mexican authorities at Piedras Negras, and have been in jail for the last twenty-four hours on bread and water.

The two men are examining geologists of the Corona Oil Company at Tampico. Both had passports from the Mexican commander at Tampico.

POLICEMAN CONVICT IS HIRED OUT ON FARM

Greensboro, August 22.—C. W. Slaughter, ex-chief of police of Draper, N. C., recently convicted of manslaughter on a charge of killing Thomas Weaver while Slaughter was chief, was hired out late yesterday by the commissioners of Rockingham county in session at Wentworth, to P. L. Finch, a tobacco planter of Meadows, on the Dan. Slaughter was sentenced to two years' imprisonment with authority given to hire him out. He left immediately with his new employer, who will pay to Rockingham county the sum of \$435. Mrs. Slaughter put in a bid for her husband, but the commissioners decided to put the man in other hands.

PONTINE HATS PRIZES FOR WOMEN AT NAT'L TRAPSHOOTERS' MEET

(By the United Press)

St. Louis, Aug. 23.—Twelve nobby hats will go to the twelve women making the twelve highest scores in the women's tournament at the Grand American Trapshooting Handicap, which began here Monday and will end the last of this week.

These hats are made of Pontine, a new material in the world of woman's styles. The hats were designed and made by Phipps of New York and are on exhibit in the Chicago, New York and St. Louis stores.

SANDERSON CASE TO COME UP THURSDAY

Man Charged With Killing Aged Farmer to Go On Trial In Superior Court—Several Convictions Tuesday—Rapid Progress on the Term's Second Day

Superior Court Tuesday continued to get rid of the small cases on the docket in rapid-fire order. Many were cleared off. Aside from cases continued, etc., these were disposed of:

Wm. Ferrel, larceny, 12 months. Joe Jenkins, retailing, called and failed; capias. Alex. Hobgood, carrying a concealed weapon, 6 months. Bettie Ewell, vagrancy, not guilty. Handy Flowers, false pretense, not guilty. Arthur Hardy, violating city bicycle ordinance, not guilty; the ordinance "not being sufficient to hold the defendant." Gus Washington, larceny, guilty, judgment not pronounced. John Matthews, larceny, not guilty.

Bryant Sanderson, charged with the murder of old Amos Becton, a wealthy planter, will go on trial Thursday. The grand jury is expected to make its final report today.

CHICAGO WILL EAT, DRINK AND SLEEP TO MUSIC FOR A WHILE

Chicago, Aug. 23.—Life here is just one fox trot after another. It got that way at an early hour and will continue so until September 2nd. The reason being that 450 members of the American National Association of Masters of Dancing—including Louis Fretlow, 75 years young—are one-stepping around the Blackstone Hotel, getting ready for their thirty-third annual convention.

About the only step these 450 debutant gentlemen didn't invent is the lockstep. But nobody cares, because that's going out.

ANOTHER STORM IN THE WEST INDIES

Washington, Aug. 22.—A weather bureau storm warning tonight said a tropical storm with a maximum wind velocity of 88 miles an hour passed over Porto Rico about 7 o'clock this morning, apparently moving toward the northwest, but that later reports had not fixed its location other than a short distance north of Haiti, this afternoon at 5 o'clock. The disturbance may be felt over the Florida peninsula by Wednesday night unless it re-curves sooner to the northwestward. All shipping near Bahama and off the South Atlantic coast was advised to use caution.

MANY ITALIANS WHO WENT BACK FROM U. S. IN GORITZ ARMY

Lots of Them Killed and Wounded; King With Cadorna's Troops

GERMANS BREAK FRONT

Of the French in the Somme Sector—Powerful Attack Results in Taking of More Trenches—Activity During the Night

(By the United Press)

Paris, Aug. 23.—Germans made a powerful attack last night on some trenches south of Estrees and west of Sayecourt, penetrating the French line at several points, it is admitted officially. The attack was preceded by an intense fire for several hours. North of Somme the Germans maintained a fierce bombardment against the French first line and communicating trenches, both north and south of Maurepas, but there were no infantry Grenade parties repulsed a surprise try attacks. In the Vosges French attack at Hartmann-Sweilerkopf. French Aeronaut Dorm downed his

fifth airplane. Northeast of Peronne, French flyers with machine guns attacked four German planes, who were forced to descend.

With Italian Army at Goritz, Aug. 23.—Several thousand Italian-Americans are in the army which entered Goritz and is now storming the Austrians southeast of the city. Many have been killed and wounded. King Victor Emanuel is constantly at the front encouraging the troops, regardless of all personal risk. He was in Goritz when the city was heavily bombarded from the surrounding heights. Goritz is under martial law but the 7,000 remaining inhabitants are gradually resuming their normal life. The Italians are fortifying the city to prevent its recapture. General Cadorna's lines have been gradually advanced though some places with the greatest difficulty. The Austrian positions surrounding Goritz are defended by rows of electrically charged barbed wire.

Slavs Report Progress.

Petrograd, Aug. 23.—Russians operating near Jablonitz pass have captured the heights north of Koverla mountain, just south of the Hungarian border, it is said officially. Teuton gas attacks at Krovo have been repulsed. The Russian fleet today co-operated with the land forces, repelling a Turkish offensive along the Black Sea.

British Repulse Germans. London, Aug. 23.—The Germans made two desperate attempts last night to wrest from the British newly-won positions south of Thiepval, which menace that German stronghold, according to General Haig, but both were repulsed, although the Germans gained a temporary footing.

TO HAVE OLD-TIMEY TOURNAMENT AT THE FAIR IN OCTOBER

Mr. P. S. B. Harper of the racing committee of the Fair Association has decided to have for a feature of the exhibit this fall an old-fashioned tournament, with plumed and bearded knights racing over a course with make-believe spears to capture elusive rings suspended from a beam. This kind of an affair is remembered by many of the older citizens, but has fallen into disuse these many years. In one or two places in the eastern part of the State they still hold such tournaments occasionally, but it has been many a moon since the like was seen hereabouts. Skill with the spear and a good eye and cool nerve, and good horsemanship are requisites for the participants in a tournament. There would, of course, be the crowning of a queen and all that sort of stuff.

THE DUPLIN COUNTY RAILROAD WILL BE REAL CARRIER SOON

Limestone Township In Duplin Votes Bonds; In Operation Shortly

ONE TOWNSHIP REFUSED

To Carry Issue—Promoters Undeterred, However, and Bent On Carrying Steel Route On Into Pender and to Coast

(By the United Press)

The Duplin County Railroad will be in operation within a very few months as the result of the carrying of a bond issue for \$15,000 in Limestone township, Duplin county, Tuesday. Cypress Creek township, South of Limestone, turned down the proposition. It is assumed, according to unquestioned authority, that the line will be carried into the latter, however, and that passenger and freight service will be had in a short time.

Local dissensions are believed to have been responsible for the failure of the issue to carry in Cypress Creek. That part of Duplin county, in spite of denials of former statements of factionalism, is in an unsettled condition politically owing to the stock law, favored by some and detested by others. A large amount of stock in the railroad is known to have been taken, and there is practically nothing to hinder the completion of the road to the edge of Cypress Creek township. That township may vote bonds later; it is reported that the promoters of the line are bent on carrying it into Pender county, and ultimately to Deep water at Wilmington.

The Duplin Railroad will tap the richest part of the county—one of the richest sections of the State. It will open up a large area for settlement and promote the development of an extraordinarily fertile agricultural country, with an ideal climate and average rainfall.

Turkish Troops Enter the Balk'n Zone, With Men of All Belligerents Engaged

(By the United Press)

London, Aug. 23.—A great battle of the nations, with troops of nearly every European belligerent involved, is gradually developing in the Balkans, as the fighting along the 150-mile front increases in fury. Turkey is sending reinforcements into Bulgaria, says an Athens dispatch. At least one Turkish division is en route to join the Bulgars, while another division will be so placed as to threaten Roumania, should that country decide to enter the war on the side of the Entente Allies.

Never in modern history have so many nations clashed on one battle front. Forced to yield their advanced positions, the Allies have reinforced their lines and now are strongly on the offensive at Valdar Valle, northwest of Salonika. The Bulgars have further advanced their wings, owing to their numerical superiority, but the Anglo-French artillery has checked the momentum of the movement.

AVERAGE PRICE FOR TOBACCO HIGH TODAY

About 21 cents, or By a Fraction the Best of the Week—Market Drawing Patronage From Wide Territory—Today's Sales Heavier Than Tuesday's. Today's sales on the local tobacco market were a few thousand pounds heavier than Tuesday's, totalling 90,790. The quality was about the same. Prices were a shade better, however, and the average was about 21 cents. The tendency to increase a little was evident, and the prices were by a fraction the best of the week. A fair break is expected again tomorrow. Sales of from 100,000 to 200,000 pounds are looked for next week.

LANE, DOCTOR MOTT AND JUDGE GRAY TO REPRESENT THE U. S.

In Mexican Negotiations—Appointments Made Public Tuesday Night—All Have Accepted—Meeting Place Undecided

(By the United Press)

Washington, Aug. 23.—Meeting of the Mexican-American Peace Commission will begin as soon as all the Mexican members reach America, it is indicated at the State Department.

Washington, Aug. 22.—Secretary Lansing announced tonight that the American members of the joint commission to undertake settlement of differences between the United States and Mexico would be Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior; Judge George Gray of Wilmington, Del., and Dr. John R. Mott of New York City.

All of the commissioners have accepted their appointments, the Mexican members were named some time ago, and arrangements for their meeting will be made immediately by Secretary Lansing and Elizeo Arredondo, General Carranza's Ambassador designate. Virtually the only question to be decided is where the sessions shall be held. The Mexicans are understood to prefer some resort on the New Jersey coast.

Secretary Lane will head the American group.

BOWWOWS DESERTED THE GERMAN WORKS

(By the United Press)

Southampton, Eng., Aug. 23.—An officer arriving from the front today related that just before the Big Push began four dogs came out of the German trenches and despite the whistling and shouting of their masters, proceeded across No Man's Land and deserted to the English. The Tommies hailed it as a good omen and charged singing.

MEDICAL INSPECTION FOR THE KINSTON SCHOOLS AUTHORIZED BY TRUSTEES; MAY EMPLOY SPECIALLY-TRAIN'D NURSE SOON

Work Will Be Inaugurated at Opening of Scholastic Year If Possible—Defects of Children to Be Ferreted Out, Parents Apprised and Individual Records Kept—One-Third of All Failures of Pupils Due to Physical Shortcomings—Progressive Step Will Result in Many Benefits, Believed—Meals for School Children to Be Served By Individuals If Plan Superintendent Is Authorized to Carry Out Is Put Into Effect

The Board of Trustees of the City Schools Tuesday night adopted medical inspection for the system and decided to employ a competent nurse, trained in the line, for the purpose. Supt. K. R. Curtis today stated that no one is being considered for the position yet, but it is hoped to secure the nurse by the 13th of September, when the schools will open for the fall. There are few nurses in this region, especially trained in school work, and other parts of the country may be looked to.

The plan calls for a systematic inspection of every child. The nurse will examine the eyes, nose, throat and ears of every pupil, and in fact, make a general examination to discover any physical defect that may exist. When trouble is located the nurse will call upon the parents of the pupil and notify them, advising them of the steps that should be taken immediately to offset the defect.

The physicians of the city will be invited to give the medical inspection plan, which is permanent, their sympathetic co-operation.

Medical inspection is in force in the schools of many of the more advanced communities in the country. Its cost is insignificant compared with the beneficial results. One-third of all the failures in schools are due to physical defects, according to Supt. Curtis.

When a trouble has been corrected in a child a careful record will be kept of his work, to ascertain the increased efficiency of the subject. The parents will be kept informed. The work of the school nurse will be in no small wise educational.

The School Board, with their customary progressive-ness, put Kinston a step further ahead with this action. The community will be greatly indebted to them after the benefits of the inspection system become apparent, as they will ere one school year has passed, say friends of the project. Supt. Curtis favored the plan.

Supt. Curtis has been authorized to close a deal with persons who have applied for the privilege of operating a lunch counter for school children. The individuals, whose names will be announced later, have agreed to supervision by the school authorities and promised to supply meals during the noon recess period at nominal cost, probably on the European plan.

LEADING MEN OF THE STATE WILL ATTEND GREENSBORO DINNER

(Special to The Free Press)

Greensboro, Aug. 23.—Because of the splendid results following the dinner served jointly by the State Normal college and the Chamber of Commerce of Greensboro last year, at which time 700 representative men from all over the State were present to listen to a discussion of questions that vitally affected the welfare of our people, the State Normal College and the Chamber of Commerce have arranged to serve another dinner of the same character on the evening of September 7 and have designated an annual event.

The theme of the approaching dinner is to be Conservation. Secretary of War Baker is to be the principal speaker. It is also expected that Governor Craig, Hon. J. H. Small, Hon. Frank A. Linney, and Hon. T. W. Bickett will also be present to join in the discussion.

O. MARKS, PROMINENT NEW BERNIAN, IS DEAD

New Bern, Aug. 23.—Oscar Marks, one of the city's best known men, died at his home here yesterday as the result of an attack of paralysis of the throat. He was about 76 years of age and was born across the ocean. He located here in 1864 and became successful in business. He married Miss Fannie Green of New York in 1867. She, together with five sons and daughters, survives him. The latter are: Miss Hattie Marks and Mrs. Belle Hyman of New Bern, Mrs. Fred Thomas of Williamsburg, Va., and M. M. and Harry B. Marks.

Bulletins

(By the United Press)

ALLIES USE WOMEN IN DIPLOMATIC GAME.

Berlin, Aug. 23.—The Russians lost 5,000 in killed alone northeast of Stanislaw, between August 14 and 17, against a German total of 80, says the Cologne Gazette. Berlin charges that beautiful women and great sums of money are being used by the Allies at Bucharest in the great diplomatic battle to bring Roumania into the war to aid the Allies.

ITALIAN GAINS.

Rome, Aug. 23.—Strong enemy positions in Tofan and Travananzes valleys have been captured by the Italians in a resumption of heavy fighting, it is said officially.

SPEEDER ARRESTED

B. T. Cannon, a tobacco man, was arrested by Patrolman John McDustrell Tuesday night for speeding. He was fined \$5 and costs by the Recorder.

REALTY TRANSFER

Moseley and Parrott to Henrietta Daugherty, lot in East Kinston, \$500. of New Bern. Several brothers and sisters are living. The funeral will be conducted on Thursday at 10 a. m. by Rabbi H. A. Merfeld of Columbia, S. C., with interment in the New Bern Jewish cemetery.