

## BROTHERHOODS ISSUE WARNING THAT IF RAILROADS EVER ATTEMPT RESTORE TEN HOUR DAY THE STRIKE WILL BE ORDERED

No Matter Whether Supreme Court Decides Adamson Law Unconstitutional or Not—Labor Has Upper Hand and Will Use Its Power to Enforce Its Will, Seems to Be Spirit of the Men's Leaders—President Signed Bill On Sunday and Will Sign It Again So There Will Be No Question of Legality—Strike Order Annulled Soon After Congress Had Complied With the Men's Demand, and Nation Rests Easy for First Time in Long Time

(By the United Press)

Washington, Sept. 4.—A lingering air of warfare still clung to the railroad brotherhoods' headquarters here today. Though reasonably confident that the eight-hour bill, now a law, means an air of peace on the rail lines, the brotherhood men frankly said there will be a strike if the transportation chiefs ever attempt to restore the ten-hour day. They think the railroads may test the constitutionality of the measure, but even if the Supreme Court deems it unconstitutional and the lines try to revert to the 10-hour system, there will be a strike, they say. The brotherhood men are more optimistic. They say the wage commission created by the bill will find the men's cause just. In this event, they say, the railroads will scarcely be likely to overturn the law even if it is unconstitutional.

### President Will Sign Bill Twice.

To be sure that no question of legality will arise from his having signed the Adamson bill, passed by the Senate late Saturday, on Sunday, the President will again affix his signature to the measure tomorrow.

The Adamson bill, which was passed by the House on Friday, will become effective on January 1. It provides for the eight-hour day, pro rata pay for work in excess of eight hours, and that the men's rate of compensation shall not be changed for from six to nine months pending an investigation of the effect of an eight-hour day upon the railroads, the investigation to be conducted by a commission appointed by the President.

The Senate voted 43 to 28 for the bill. Efforts to amend the measure were futile.

In a short time after the Senate passed the bill the men's leaders here flashed an order to every part of the country calling off the strike set for 7 a. m. today.

## CONSOLIDATION OF HALF A DOZEN RURAL SCHOOLS IS PLANNED

Will Be Discussed by Patrons at Sharon Tuesday Evening—Dunn, Sharon, Bethel, Barwick's, Grainger and Hugo

A meeting of patrons of half a dozen school districts will be held at Sharon schoolhouse Tuesday evening at 7:30 to discuss consolidation of the districts, and, as a lesser matter, plan a community fair for October or November. Prof. L. C. Brogden of the State Department of Education, and the county education authorities will be present at the meeting. Every patron in the territory is urged by the county authorities to be present.

The districts affected are Dunn, Sharon, Bethel, Barwick's, Grainger and Hugo, most of them of the most progressive class of the county school districts.

It is proposed to do away with all of these small schools for the erection of one modern central building, of brick if possible, with modern equipment and a complete faculty, and, if necessary, a public transportation system. Although several rural districts have been or will be done away with by State high schools in the county, the Sharon consolidated district would be the first consolidation of its kind in Lenoir.

The education authorities anticipate success in the matter. Professor Brogden will outline the advantages of consolidation to the patrons of the six districts.

## A LOT OF FOLKS DO NOT EVEN KNOW THAT THIS IS LABOR DAY

This is Labor Day, with no more attention being paid to the occasion here than if it were the Fourth of July, which is stating a plain truth. There may be a dozen or so persons in the city celebrating it. The nearest honest-to-goodness observance is at Beaufort, which small city is doing the day up quite nicely. A handful of folks went from Kinston to Beaufort and Norfolk for the day. The Police Court is suspended for the day, but then, there wasn't much need for holding a session, anyway. The police got about three drunks during the week-end and called it "quits."

The most gratifying thing about this Labor Day the country over is that 7 a. m. found the railroads in operation. Congress circumvented the National strike late Saturday, and the tie-up order of the railway brotherhoods was annulled.

## CONGRESS DECIDES TO QUIT WORK SIX O'CLOCK WEDNESDAY

(By the United Press)  
Washington, Sept. 4.—Adjournment of Congress at 6 o'clock on Wednesday was a decision reached today.

## LENOIR COUNTY IS TO HAVE A COTTON GRADER THIS FALL

The Board of County Commissioners today appropriated \$400 for a cotton grader for the county. The State will provide a part of the money for the expense.

ers and this has helped to revive interest. Next year will probably see baseball again established at the height of the prosperity and popularity it enjoyed in 1912.

## PRESIDENT ACCEPTS LINCOLN LOG CABIN AS GIFT TO NATION

Kentucky Gives Him One Continuous Ovation; Is Greeted Everywhere

### DEMOCRACY'S COMPULSION

Upon Country Today, Declares Wilson at Hodgenville—"Ready to Give Our Very Lives for Freedom and Justice"

(By the United Press)

Hodgenville, Ky., Sept. 4.—Abraham Lincoln's birthplace was added to the treasures of the government when President Wilson today received the deed and an endowment of a hundred thousand dollars for its maintenance. Standing before the historic cabin, the President spoke of Lincoln as the embodiment of the validity and vitality of Democratic rule.

The President said in part: "No more significant memorial could have been presented to the nation than this. It expresses so much of what is singular and noteworthy in the history of the country; it suggests so many of the things that we prize most highly in our life and in our system of government. How eloquent this little house within this shrine is of the vigor of Democracy. There is nowhere in the land any home so remote, so humble, that it may not contain the power of mind and heart and conscience to which nations yield and history submits its processes. Nature pays no tribute to aristocracy, subscribes to no creed of caste, renders fealty to no monarch or master of any name or kind. "I have come here today, not to utter an eulogy on Lincoln; he stands in need of none, but to endeavor to interpret the meaning of this gift to the nation of the place of his birth and origin. Is not this an altar upon which we may forever keep alive the vestal fire of democracy as upon a shrine at which some of the deepest and most sacred hopes of mankind may from age to age be rekindled? For these hopes must constantly be rekindled, and only those who live can rekindle them. The only stuff that can retain the life-giving heat is the stuff of living hearts. And the hopes of mankind cannot be kept alive by words merely, by constitutions and doctrines of right and codes of liberty. The object of democracy is to transmute these into the life and action of society, the self-denial and self-sacrifice of heroic men and women willing to make their lives an embodiment of right and service and enlightened purpose. The commands of democracy are as imperative as its privileges and opportunities are wide and generous. Its compulsion is upon us. It will be great and lift a great light for the guidance of the nations only if we are great and carry that light high for the guidance of our own feet. We are not worthy to stand here unless we ourselves be in deed and in truth real Democrats and servants of mankind, ready to give our very lives for the freedom and justice and spiritual exaltation of the great nation which shelters and nurtures us."

### TO PREACH AT GRAINGER.

Dr. D. W. Spilman will preach in the schoolhouse at Grainger Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

## AGENTS FOUR FAIRS ORGANIZE THE EAST CAROLINA CIRCUIT

W. C. Knox of This City Is Secretary - Treasurer - Kinston, Goldsboro, Tarboro, Rocky Mount are the Members

At the call of Secretary Herman Canady, of the local Fair Association, representatives of several fairs in this part of the State met at Goldsboro Saturday and organized the Eastern Carolina Circuit of Fairs. The Kinston, Goldsboro, Rocky Mount and Tarboro fairs were represented. Officers were elected as follows:

President, C. A. Johnson of Tarboro.

First Vice-President, G. R. Horne of Rocky Mount.

Second Vice-President, M. R. Beaman of Goldsboro.

Secretary-Treasurer, W. C. Knox of Kinston.

Several other fairs are expected to join the circuit. The principal advantages of the organization will be avoidance of conflicting dates, the securing of better racing cards through offering a circuit good for a month or possibly two months, with short distances between engagements, a thing which the horsemen will appreciate, and the promotion in general of the interests of all the members.

## MORE THAN QUARTER MILLION POUNDS IS SOLD TOBACCO MART

Offerings and Prices Fair to Come on Top of a Record-Breaking Half of the Week - More Heavy Breaks Looked For

It is estimated that between a quarter of a million and 300,000 lbs. of tobacco was sold here today. Warehousemen gave in estimates totalling 282,328 pounds at 2 o'clock.

Offerings were fair, but the average price did not go to 20 cents, according to warehousemen. Several reported around 19 cents, one 18.21 and one between 20 and 21. The last-mentioned insisted that prices for the week at his house were a little better than Friday's fine average.

All in all, the sales were very satisfactory to follow last week's tremendous breaks and come on a Monday. Tobaccoists expect more big breaks during the middle of this week.

## FIVE MINUTES' CHANGE WOULD GIVE CONNECT'N AT GREENVILLE IN A. M.

Judge Oliver Allen started to Wilton this morning via Greenville, to begin a term of Wilson County Superior Court, thinking to go to Greenville via A. C. L. and there take a Norfolk Southern train. The Judge, however, learned in the nick of time that the train he wanted to take at Greenville left that town five minutes before the time for the A. C. L. train's arrival. This he considers inconsistent and unfortunate for the traveling public. The matter should be remedied, he stated. As it was, he was compelled to remain here until 10 a. m., when he went by Goldsboro to Wilson, due to arrive for beginning the term this afternoon. Had he gone to Greenville he would have had to lay over nearly all day, unless the morning train to Wilton had been late.

## BERLIN EXPECTING ATHENS TO DECLARE WAR AND SENDING TROOPS TO AID THE BULGARS IN PROTECTING THEIR BORDER

Greece Has Accepted All Allied Demands, Paris Hears—Allies In West Make Big Gains But Cannot Advance Farther Because of Bad Weather—Improving Time by Strengthening Newly-Won Positions—Peronne Defenses Stripped—Terrific Fighting On Sunday—Both British and French Make Headway—Bulgars Shelling Roumanian Towns While Field Forces of Roumanians Continue to Overrun Austrian Territory—Hold Big Slice

(By the United Press)

Paris, Sept. 4.—Greece has accepted all the Allies' demands, it is said officially.

Weather Checks Allies.  
Paris, Sept. 4.—Bad weather has halted the French offensive north of the Somme, it is officially said. The Allies are strengthening their positions.

### French Take Many Cannon.

Paris, Sept. 4.—Fourteen guns were among the booty taken by the French yesterday. There was much activity on the northeast front at Verdun last night. There was grenade fighting east and northwest of Fleury, but the French maintained their positions taken Sunday. Four hundred prisoners were captured in this sector. East of these positions the Germans attacked, but everywhere were repulsed.

### Big Gains By Franco-British.

London, Sept. 4.—German positions on a front of 3,000 yards (one and three-fifths miles) were captured for a depth of half a mile in yesterday's fighting north of the Somme, it is reported by General Haig. The British at one time occupied all of the villages of Ginchy, but were partially ejected. They have strongly fortified Guillemont, won yesterday.

In a sweeping advance Sunday, terrific fighting gave the French a grip on the outskirts of Comblis, which threatens the German hold on Peronne, one of the objectives of the Somme offensive. Guillemont and Clerly Forest villages were captured in a drive by the British and French on a front of 6.1-2 miles. Comblis is now being heavily attacked from three sides.

On the eastern front the Russians after a fortnight of activity are smashing hard the Teuton lines both in eastern Galicia and in the Carpathians. The Germans are sending all available men to the Roumanian frontier and Bulgaria, to stiffen the Bulgarian lines against an expected attack by the Greeks. Berlin dispatches report belief that Greece will join the Allies, and that the Kaiser is preparing to meet the new enemy.

### Roumanians Hold Big Part Transylvania.

Bucharest, Sept. 4.—The whole of Transylvania county and around Haremszek and the inhabited region of Sekile, are now occupied by the Roumanians, it is said officially. Heavy attacks are being made by the Germans and Bulgars along the whole Dobruja frontier. Roumanian towns are being bombarded and the field fighting continues.

## GIRL CLAIMS FOUR MEN KEPT HER SHUT UP NEARLY A WEEK

Aberdeen, Sept. 3.—Late last Sunday afternoon Miss Cora Burkett was taken by force from her father's farm in Hoke county by four young men of the neighborhood and carried in a car to Morrisville, where she was held captive for almost one week.

Miss Burkett claims that while out from her house some distance four young men seized her and forced her against her will into a car, threatening to kill her if she raised an alarm. The men were Clifton and Frank Brown, neighbors, the other two visitors by the name of Brown. Whether all four made the trip is not known, but Clifton Brown took the girl through Raeford and Hope Mills to Linden. From there he took Miss Burkett to Morrisville, where it appears he had an uncle. After nearly a week's time he left to prevent being caught, giving the young woman money enough to return to her home. She returned yesterday morning. To add to the charge the young woman or girl is under fourteen. She claims that she was not abused. The authorities were notified, warrants issued, and possemen sent out to search the country. Feeling is pronounced but not high, due partly to the mystery yet to be explained.

## CONGRESSMEN GETTING AWAY FROM WASHINGTON

Washington, Sept. 3.—The congressional exodus, after nine eventful months of legislation, already has begun. With adjournment practically assured by Wednesday or Thursday scores of members packed their campaign speeches last night immediately after they had saved the nation from a railroad strike and rush of unthreatened trains bound for political battlefields.

## BASEBALL BETTER WITH FEDS. GONE, OPINION OF A BIG LEAGUE MANAGER

(By the United Press)

New York, Sept. 4.—The class of baseball this year as compared to the game put up in 1915 and 1914, has shown a vast improvement, not only in the major leagues, but in the small organizations.

A prominent manager of the big leagues, discussing this condition, today declared it is due to the demise of the Federal League.

"The disorganizing effect of the Federal League upon ballplayers of all classes was remarkable," he declared. "A good baseball player, unless he was most conscientious, would not give his best efforts a year ago. He figured that any time he got dissatisfied with his place on a certain club, or if the manager of the club threatened him, he could go to the Federal league. This was, to a certain extent, true.

"As a result of this condition we had loafing players who dragged their play until the spectators were thoroughly disgusted. They would not go after a hard chance for they were afraid they would make an error and spoil their averages.

"This year everything has changed. The old competition has returned and baseball again has ascended the pinnacle it slipped from, or from where it was pushed by the Feds. The players again are hustling and fans are getting a run for their money. Apparently this manager, who would not allow the use of his name, knew what he was talking about. Certain it is that games have been played in quicker time this year than in the two preceding ones, and it is a certainty that baseball is enjoying prosperity in the two big leagues it has not known for two seasons. The defeat of the Federal League also has removed competition from the two major leagues, and this has helped swell attendance. Also many louted stars in the Federal League have taken their places among the American and National League play-

## THIRTEEN ZEPPELINS RAID ENGLAND; KILL TWO PERSONS, STATED

London, Sept. 3.—Thirteen zeppelin airships took part in the raid over the eastern counties last night, and official statements issued this afternoon say it was the most formidable attack by air ever made on England. Only three of the zeppelins were able to approach the outskirts of London. One of these was shot down and the other two were driven off by air craft guns and aeroplanes. An official statement issued early tonight said latest reports based upon careful inquiries showed that the total casualties were two persons killed and 13 injured.

## NAVIGABLE CHANNEL FROM HUDSON BAY TO THE GULF IS PLANNED

Remidji, Minn., Sept. 2.—A navigable channel from Hudson Bay to the Gulf of Mexico that would put the water that covers 1,250,000 acres of land near here in the Gulf, was planned by a committee meeting here today. A committee of All Minnesota Development Association and citizens of Beltrami county, most seriously effected, met here. The proposed cost is \$25,000,000. The Mississippi river is navigable to St. Paul and it is planned to bring the channel to that point. The canal also would pass through the region of Red Lake, the largest lake in the nation entirely within one State. This lake gradually slopes into vast expanses of swamp land without a shore line and it is primarily to drain this huge territory that the canal is proposed. River traffic from the Gulf to Winnipeg also is to be considered.

## ADDITIONAL TERRITORY FREE FROM FEVER TICK

(Special to The Free Press)  
Washington, D. C., Sept. 4.—Approximately 9,483 square miles of territory in six States is released from quarantine on account of the Texas-fever cattle tick by an order signed by the Secretary of Agriculture to become effective September 15. The order releases the last area under quarantine in California, adding this State to the tick-free list. The other territory released consists of ten counties in Georgia, 3 in South