

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

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 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 strike, they state. 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 not 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, or 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.

## 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.

### Deafening Cheers at Louisville.

Louisville, Sept. 4.—After a day and night of ovations and demonstrations by crowds led by bands, which greeted the President on his passage through every town and hamlet en route to Louisville, there was presented the climax of the greetings when the Presidential train steamed over the bridge and entered the station here. The cheering at the station developed into a deafening roar. Shrieking calliope on river steamer wailed "My Old Kentucky Home."

## 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 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.



C. ALLAN GILBERT AT WORK

## VICE-PRESIDENT MARSHALL FROM LATEST PHOTOGRAPH



## 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.

Does morning find you with a lame, stiff and aching back? Are you tired all the time—find work a burden? Kinston people endorse Doan's Kidney Pills. You can rely on their statements.

Mrs. Sarah J. Dupree, 301 Gordon street, Kinston, says: "My kidneys

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

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 300 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 Combes, which threatens the German hold on Peronne, one of the objectives of the Somme offensive. Guillemont and Clercy Forest villages were captured in a drive by the British and French on a front of 61-2 miles. Combes 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 Haremzek 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 KPT 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 a money enough to return to her home. She returned yesterday morning. To add to the charge the young woman or girl, 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 rushed for 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 touted stars in the Federal League have taken their places among the American and National League play-