

## BROTHERHOODS ARE GIVING THEIR TIME IN STRIKE MATTER

### Possibility Willing to Wait and See What Happens Kansas City

## LABOR IS DETERMINED

### That Eight-Hour Day Shall Be Had—Believed Strike In January Will be Averted—Question 'Answered Later'

(By the United Press)  
Washington, Nov. 21.—A general railroad strike in January will probably be avoided. This is the interpretation placed on remarks by Chief Stone of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, that the question of a strike will "be answered later."

Last week New York leaders declared flat-footedly that there would be a strike if they didn't get a real eight-hour day. It is now believed the brotherhoods will be content to wait and test the constitutionality of the Adamson eight-hour measure.

The brotherhoods are shrouding their movements in secrecy. Today the brotherhood chiefs at Baltimore will address the American Federation of Labor convention in a move that portends co-operation between them and the federation to force an eight-hour working day through the strength of labor, rather than through legislation, it is believed. Meantime, the Department of Justice is ready for the Adamson test, when the Union Pacific and the Santa Fe begin injunction suits at Kansas to restrain the enforcement of the law. The decision then will be vital. Upon it will probably depend the strike decision.

The Newlands committee of investigation will resume Thursday with the testimony of the railroads.

## Labor to Fight Injunctions Making It Property.

Baltimore, Nov. 20.—The American Federation of Labor today recommended unanimously that any injunction dealing with the relationship of employer and employe and based on the dictum that labor is property, should be disregarded, "let the consequences be what they may."

The action was taken when the federation convention in annual session here adopted a report of the executive committee dealing with a decision of the Massachusetts Supreme Court classifying labor as property. The convention also adopted a resolution urging organized labor to make the injunction question "the paramount issue in all of their future political activities."

## Brotherhoods Support Government.

Washington, Nov. 20.—Heads of the railroad employes' brotherhoods, determined that the Adamson 8-hour law shall not be broken down, conferred here today with President Wilson. Attorney General Gregory and their legislative representatives; declared their purpose to aid the government in every way in fighting injunction suits against the law, and made further plans for perfecting a working agreement with their allies, the railroad men of the American Federation of Labor. When the government attorneys, G. Carroll Todd, assistant to the attorney general, Assistant Attorney General Underwood and Frank Hagerman appear in the Federal Court at Kansas City, next Thursday to oppose the Union Pacific and Atchison, Topka and Santa Fe suits against the Adamson law, they will be flanked by representatives of the brotherhoods. It is probable that the four brotherhood heads themselves will be there. Messrs. Todd and Underwood left tonight for Kansas City.

## GERMANY CONTINUES TO DEPORT BELGIAN MALES FROM HOMES

### Stripping Nation of Young Manhood to Work In the German Plants in Face of Protests From Several Neutral Powers

(By the United Press)  
London, Nov. 21.—Notwithstanding protests from America, Holland and the Vatican, Germany is still deporting Belgian workmen. Moreover, the Germans are registering, presumably for future deportation, all citizens of Switzerland and the Duchy of Luxembourg, residing in Belgium.

A statement by the Belgian Department of Justice says the "deportation of Belgian subjects continues without respite."

## TIMELY SUGGESTIONS TO LENOIR FARMERS

(By O. F. M'CRARY)  
Now that the old year has almost passed, and the new year is so near, it would be a good plan for farmers to work out some system of accounts whereby they may be able to see how much profit they are making on their farm each year. The farmers should open an account with each field if there is more than one field on his farm. He should charge expenses against this field at the close of his year's work.

The system of bookkeeping need not be elaborate. The Progressive Farmer can furnish a simple record book for next to nothing. One of the main lessons the club boys and girl learn is to keep records of their work. At the end of the year it is an easy matter to see whether they have gained or lost, and how much. This makes the work a great deal more interesting than if no records were kept.

A prominent business man of Kinston gave the county agent a record of his work with Irish potatoes last summer. While the account is interesting, it also shows that money may be made growing potatoes around Kinston. The report follows:

Fifteen acres Irish potatoes; fertilizer per acre: 1,000 pounds; cost: \$1,192.26.

Sold: 1,025-ton pk. barrels, \$2,841.60; Less expense, \$1,192.26; Net, \$1,649.34.

He also produced \$400 worth of hay after the potatoes, at an expense of \$20. This leaves \$380 net on the hay crop. This added to his net gain on potatoes makes a total of \$2,029.34 net on his 15 acres, or an average of \$135.28 per acre.

## FAIR BREAKS ON THE KINSTON TOBACCO MARKET

It is estimated that about 123,000 pounds of tobacco was sold here on Tuesday, at prices practically unchanged. The weed was from a wide range of territory, indicating that from no section has all of the crop been cleaned up yet. The general quality was excellent.

## HORSE PREVENTED A JAIL DELIVERY

"Jim," at City Hall, Kept Tunnel Dug From Cell Closed With His Heels. "Nub" Stole Shoes Off Fellow Prisoner Before Digging the Hole to Escape

Bert Sellers, a fire wagon driver, stopped a game of setback at the station at City Hall Saturday night to go back to the stall of Jim, a handsome black, and remonstrate with him for the "worst carrying-on" one could imagine. For half an hour Sellers had been tolerating Jim's monkey business, and hoping that he would quit it. He found the horse standing in an attitude of intense excitement, snorting and pawing at

## MEXICANS CAN TAKE PROPOSITION FROM U. S. OR LEAVE IT

(By the United Press)  
Atlantic City, Nov. 21.—The final plan for the withdrawal of the American forces and border patrol, with President Wilson's approval, are to be presented to the Mexican Peace Commissioners with a statement that the administration expects acceptance without further wrangling.

## NORTH CAROLINA CLUB YEAR BOOK VALUABLE WORK FROM STUDENTS

(Special to The Free Press)  
Chapel Hill, Nov. 21.—In the recently published North Carolina Year Book for 1915-16, which contains 21 studies of conditions in North Carolina by University students, the purpose of the North Carolina Club is very clearly set forth. It is defined as an "organization composed of students and faculty members who are bent upon accurate, intimate acquaintance with the Mother-State; with her resources, advantages, opportunities and achievements, with the production and retention of wealth and the conservation of wealth for the welfare and well-being, with markets and credits, organization and co-operative enterprise, with schools and colleges, churches and Sunday schools, with public health and sanitation, with the problems of urban and rural life—with the whole round of conditions, causes and consequences, force, agencies, and influences, tendencies, drifts and movements that have made the history we study today and that are we making the history our children will be studying tomorrow."

The club is further defined as "Know Your Home State Club," since it is concerned with the study of economic and social problems in North Carolina. "It is endeavoring to assist to the quick and care of the present movement, and to sound the alarm of the future—to use the words of Henry the Fourth."

The ground on one side of the stall, because of it all was "Nub," a small, one-armed, very ugly negro. Seeing the engine house on one side, what the police call the "calaboose," which is about as bad a place to put a person in as could be discovered. The calaboose is not steam-heated, and the cell-doors are full of cracks through which the winter winds blow at will. In the cell with "Nub" were four other negroes. Three faced a trifling gambling charge, and one was too drunk to know what happened. "Nub," however, was accused of stealing a pair of trousers and had been caught after a chase the afternoon before. He tunneled a way through the plank floor of the cell and burrowed through the ground into the horse's stall. He had no assistance and only the one hand to work with, the others said. Through with his task, "Nub" put his head through to reconnoiter. He immediately withdrew it, however, and should be glad that he kept it. A hoof missed his little black cranium by the fraction of an inch. The fire horse stood guard and every time "Nub" protruded his kinky head his mate was fanned by the air from Jim's heels. That had been going on for fully 20 minutes before Sellers discovered the trouble, and all the prisoners were transferred to the county jail nearby. It was not fear but a spirit of sheer devilry that impelled the intelligent animal to "kick up" those at the fire house think. Jim used to pull a bell rope to annoy his human friends, and is admittedly a little vicious. He has been on his side of the pole for years and years now. "Nub" when he went to the jail had on a brand new pair of tan shoes. They were the property of his prostrate cellmate. The one-armed one had swapped; the stranger's were a little larger and a lot better, he admitted. "Nub" has spent the better part of four or five years past on the county roads.

The Recorder Monday morning sentenced "Nub" to two years.

## CAROLINA SCRIBES TO HAVE INSTITUTE AT THE UNIVERSITY

### Former President Taft and Other Prominent Men to Lecture to Newspapermen of the State Next Month—Big Affair

An Institute for newspapermen to be held at the University of North Carolina on December 7, 8 and 9 will be an important thing for the profession in the state. All members of the journalistic craft are invited to attend the institute, at which a number of eminent men will be present. The features of the program as given on Tuesday follow:

Thursday, Dec. 7—7:30 p. m. Address by William Howard Taft.

Friday, Dec. 8—9 a. m. The Newspaper and the Community.

(1) Yoking up with the Agencies of Progress, W. R. Dixon of the Wilson Co-operative.

(2) The Newspaper and Community Development, Clyde L. Davis, of the Moore County News.

(3) The Print Paper Situation, H. B. Varner of the Lexington Dispatch.

(4) How the Newspapers May Better Serve Their Woman Readers, Mrs. A. Fairbrother, of Everything.

Friday, Dec. 8—3 p. m. News and Editorial.

(1) The Effective Editorial, J. H. Cause of the Asheville Citizen.

(2) The Handling of News by Wire, Rorer Steffen of the Durham Star.

(3) The Handling of State News, O. J. Coffin of the Raleigh Times.

(4) The Make-up of the Country Newspaper, T. J. Lassiter of the Smithfield Herald.

Saturday, Dec. 9—E:30 p. m. Addresses by Talbot Williams, dean of the School of Journalism of Columbia University, and Walter Williams.

Saturday, Dec. 9—9 a. m. Business and Advertising Problems:

(1) The Business End of the News Business, Don Seitz, of the New York World.

(2) The Journalist's Relation to the Advertiser, W. W. Easley of the News and Observer.

(3) Guaranteed Advertising, (probably Walter Williams).

## MORE SCHOOL ROOM NEEDED IN KINSTON

Supt. K. R. Curtis of the City Schools says teachers are doubling up now so that the entire enrollment can be cared for in the present buildings. A part of the children attend in the forenoon and a part in the afternoon. The situation is not "grave," and not a large number of pupils are affected yet. But if the enrollment increases as it has for the past five years, there will have to be something done to prevent a hand-to-hand congestion next year. It is apparently certain that a new building will have to be erected before many months.

## GREENE COUNTY NEGRO BURNED TO DEATH IN GIN

Well-to-Do and Respected Man Lost Life Endeavoring to Save Property. Exploding Lantern the Cause—Boy Also Seriously Injured

Daniel Edwards, a well-to-do and respected colored man, living in Greene county, was fatally burned on Friday night, when his gin at Bull Head was destroyed by fire and his 15-year-old son was seriously, if not fatally, burned.

According to the story reaching The Free Press, Edwards was ginning about 9 o'clock Friday night, using a lantern, which was overturned and exploded, setting fire to the gin. In his attempt to put out the fire Edwards received burns from which he died Saturday. The gin was entirely destroyed.

## WILSON WILL CALL FOR MOBILIZATION INDUSTRIAL FORCES

### In Message to Congress— Closer Co-operation Asked to Meet Trade Conditions at End of the Euro- pean War

(By the United Press)  
Washington, Nov. 21.—A call to American business to meet unprecedented trade conditions after the war, will be the keynote of the President's message to Congress Tuesday.

It is expected to appeal to the employer and employe, for more co-operation, mutual confidence and elimination of class feeling, in order that the country's industries may accomplish their maximum.

## WILSON AT NORFOLK ON ELEVENTH DEC'R

### Big Gathering of Southerners to Attend Eighth Annual Convention of Commercial Congress—Many Dele- gates From Each of the 16 States in Dixie

(Special to The Free Press)  
Norfolk, Nov. 20.—President Wilson's coming to Norfolk December 11 to participate in the opening program of the eighth annual convention of the Southern Commercial Congress following closely upon his re-election, will give an impetus to the southern invasion of Norfolk that is expected to assemble here that day the largest throng that has ever gathered for an event in Virginia.

The day will be literally alive with features of the type calculated to draw crowds from distant as well as nearby cities and the lowest estimate that has been placed upon the expected multitudes of visitors on Woodrow Wilson's day is 50,000.

Henry G. Barbee, chairman of the Citizens' Executive Committee, estimates that the four days of the convention will draw to this city between 100,000 and 125,000 visitors. The sixteen State executives of the House of Southern Governors have each appointed upwards of 100 official delegates. Governor Stuart of Virginia is completing his list, which will include the names of probably 1,000 prominent Virginians.

## WOULD LET PEOPLE KNOW HOW RAILR'DS HAVE BEEN EARNING

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 20.—Commissioner McChord of the Interstate Commerce Commission announced today that it was his purpose to put into the record a table of the net and gross earnings of all the railroads of the United States during the last 15 years. His announcement followed a statement by O. F. Clark, general superintendent of the Grand Trunk Lines within the United States advocating an increase in freight rates, the proceeds to be used by the railroads in the purchase of equipment and in making other betterments.

At this point Commissioner McChord said: "It has been suggested here by several other witnesses that the remedy for this trouble is to increase freight rates. I am going to have prepared from the annual reports of the carriers a statement showing the net and gross receipts of all carriers, and also showing dividends paid and additions to surplus funds, and put it into this record so that it may show just what has been happening during the last fifteen years."

Mr. Clark was the first representative of any of the Canadian roads, whose lines cross into the United States to appear at the present hearings, as to causes of recent car shortages.

## NO CONGRATULAT'NS YET; G. O. P. MUST HAVE F'RT'H'R PROOF

(By the United Press)  
New York, Nov. 21.—Replying to published reports, Chairman Wilcox of the Republican National Committee, today denied that a telegram conceding the election of Wilson and congratulating the President, has been prepared. He is still awaiting the official count.

## ONE KILLED AND THREE HURT AUTO ACCIDENT

Greenville, Nov. 20.—As the result of an auto accident near Shelmezdine, this county, yesterday, one man is dead and three others are more or less injured. R. W. Russ, Dave Taylor, Hyman Adams and James Wynn were the occupants of the car. Mr. Russ is dead and the others are suffering various injuries sustained when the car turned over with them.

## VISITING SALVATIONIST.

Staff Capt. Jennie Crawford of Atlanta, secretary for the Salvation Army of the work in four States, will hold services in the Free Will Baptist church here Monday and Tuesday nights. She will be assisted by Capt. Von Egmond of New Bern. The meetings will start at 7:30. The church is at Chestnut and Trianon streets. The public is invited.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST CONCERNING RURAL SCHOOLS OF COUNTY

### Teachers' Meeting.

The Lenoir County Teachers' Association will hold the second general meeting of the year next Saturday, November 25th, at 10:30 in the lecture room of the Gordon Street Christian church. The program is probably the best of the year, as Prof. C. W. Wilson of the E. C. T. T. School and Mr. L. C. Brogden of the State Department will address the meeting and Supt. Hay Taylor of Greenville will lead a discussion on language work in the elementary grades. The Board of Education offers to each group of teachers who are present and on time at the meeting, a set of the books to be used in the State Reading Circle work this year. Every teacher in the county is expected to attend the meeting Saturday, and to hear Prof. Wilson's address. Mr. Brogden will speak to the teachers about gradation and classification of pupils and the preparation of seventh grade pupils for examination.

### Oak Dale.

Oak Dale school will have a basket party in the school building next Friday evening, November 24th. The public is invited to attend the party, for which an entertaining program of amusements has been arranged.

### Smith's School.

The public is invited to attend a rosette party and oyster supper at the school building next Friday evening, November 24th.

### Hickory Grove.

We wish to thank the patrons and co-workers in neighboring schools and visitors for their interest and generosity in making the party at Hickory Grove, on Friday, November 17th, a success. Forty-one dollars was raised for school betterment.

### Farm Valley.

The very enjoyable program and entertainment at Farm Valley school recently has been reported as one of the best of the many social gatherings in the rural school buildings this year. Sixty-five dollars was raised for the school. This amount was made, exclusive of expenses.

### Pink Hill.

The classrooms of the Pink Hill school building are completed and the

## GREECE REFUSES TO DEPORT DIPLOMATS OF CENTRAL NATIONS

### Ordered By Allies to Oust Germanic and Turkish Ministers

## SERBS PURSUE TEUTONS

### Take a Number of Towns From Retreating Monas- tir Garrison—Roumani- ans Suffer Further Re- verses, Admitted

(By the United Press)

London, Nov. 21.—The Greek cabinet has refused an Allied demand that the German, Austrian and Turkish ministers leave the capital before tomorrow, says an Athens dispatch.

## Serbs Press Germans.

Salonika, Nov. 21.—The Serbians are hotly pursuing the Bulgarian-Germans retreating from Monastir. They captured the towns of Makovo, Ocedovo, Vranco, Ridarte, Bitanik and Novak.

## Roumanians Still Retreating.

Petrograd, Nov. 21.—Under German pressure, the Roumanians have retired to Filiass, says the Russian wire office.

## German Statement.

Berlin, Nov. 21.—"Our infantry now stand before Craiova," says a German official report, telling of the Teutonic sweep through Roumania.

By J. T. W. MASON,  
(Written for the United Press)

New York, Nov. 21.—Three offensives are now at the height of their progress in the European conflict, enters its third winter. For the first time the military situation suggests a continuation of activities throughout the zero months. The Anglo-French offensive along the Somme and Aisne, the Allied advance along the Greek frontier, and the Teutonic movements in Roumania, all contain possibilities of winter surprises. The principal problem is the effect of the intense artillery fire concentrated upon the frozen trenches. Since the start of the conflict no effort has been made to test the ability of either side to withstand a trench bombardment under the semi-numbness of winter. Hitherto the trench fighting has slackened into a draw with the advent of cold weather.

The beginning of winter found the Allies better situated on the western front, with the artillery positions on high ground, for shell blasting operations against frozen lines. Along the Greek frontier the advantage is with the Allies because their lines of communication are shorter.

The Teutons hold the advantage in Roumania because the Roumanians obtain ammunition only from Russia, where the supply is insufficient.

The war's third winter will be the supreme test, not only of the fighting power of the belligerents, but the staying power of the non-combatant populations. For this reason Britain, France, Russia and Germany are establishing new systems of conserving food supplies and industrial power.

school has moved in the comfortable building. Each room is equipped with new single desks. A teachers' desk has been bought for each room and new blackboards have been put in place.

The Betterment Association gave a play Friday evening and a large crowd was present in the new school auditorium.

The night school or moonlight school of Pink Hill meets on Monday and Thursday nights of each week. Twelve pupils have been enrolled and some real work is being done.

## Airy Grove.

Patrons and friends of the school are invited to the school building on Friday afternoon, November 24th, at 2:30 o'clock. A program of entertainment by the pupils will be given. It is hoped that all patrons of the school will be present.