

Great Britain Facing Crisis

Labor Calls General Strike for Friday—Miners Insist Upon Nationalization of Pits and Force Railway and Transport Men to Action—Lloyd George Faces Defeat—Situation of Great Gravity

(By the United Press) London, April 13.—British miners, railwaymen and transport workers today called a strike effective at 10 p. m. Friday. The three groups constitute the "Triple Alliance." The railwaymen and transport workers, who opposed the strike called for last night, were driven to action when the miners refused to consider anything less than nationalization of the mining industry.

Government Prepares. London, April 13.—Facing industrial death, Great Britain today is making herculean efforts to meet the general strike called for Friday night by the Triple Alliance. Driven by the implacable miners demanding nationalization of industry, the railway and transport workers prepared to aid them in stopping all business and the circulation of the necessities of life. Premier Lloyd George, for the first time seriously threatened with defeat, renewed his efforts to avert disaster and bring about a settlement of the wage dispute. More soldiers and sailors were ordered out. Government officials declared belief that not more than 50 per cent. of the railway and transport workers will obey the strike orders.

MEMBERS CAPE FEAR PILOTAGE BOARD. (By Max Abernethy, Special Capital Correspondent) Raleigh, April 13.—The appointment of James Sprunt, C. C. Chatham, T. F. Wood and H. C. McQueen, of Wilmington, and J. Ruark of Southport, as commissioners of the Board of Navigation and Pilotage of the Cape Fear River and Bar is authorized by Governor Morrison. The appointments are under an act of the 1921 General Assembly which provides that four of the five commissioners must reside in the city of Wilmington.

REPORTED KILLED IN WRECK; HE WASN'T. Washington, N. C. April 13.—William T. Wilensky, a Savannah traveling salesman, has written friends here that his reported death in a railroad wreck near Charlotte in February didn't occur. Reports said Wilensky's mangled body was identified by means of letters in his pockets, and his acquaintances here grieved over his fate. Wilensky declared he was in New York and working hard at the time of the supposed tragedy. He believes he was the victim of a practical joke on the part of a friend.

Baptist Girls Put Ban on the Dance; Organize Against It (Special to the Free Press) Nashville, April 13.—In the hope of organizing the young women of the country who are opposed to dancing into an organization that will provide wholesome social existence for them, Miss Virginia Hamilton of Atlanta, Ga., has launched the Alpha Delta Sigma, an anti-dancing society. As soon as her duties at Westhampton College, University of Richmond, Va., will permit, Miss Hamilton hopes to give considerable time to pushing the organization of the society among the young women of the South.

Believed to Have Fled to North. The negro named Miller who is believed to have driven an automobile over John Brown, aged negro cripple, in South Kinston Monday night, has not been apprehended. He is believed to have fled to the north. Brown, who may die, has been in a serious condition since the incident.

AMNESTY WILL NOT COME UNTIL PEACE (By the United Press) Washington, April 13.—Amnesty for political prisoners will be held in abeyance, at least until a formal state of peace is declared, according to the impression members of the labor committee on amnesty received from Harding when it conferred with him.

President's Military Aid



Lieut.-Col. Clarence O. Sherrill, who has been appointed personal military aid to President Harding.

TOO FEW COLLEGE STUDENTS IN STATE ALONGSIDE OTHERS Carolina's Average of 23 Per 10,000 Lower Than Most States—District of Columbia Has Seven to One on Tarheelia

(By the United Press) Chapel Hill, April 13.—College students are too many in North Carolina, college facilities considered. But college students are too few in North Carolina, college attendance in other states considered. The United States over, students in public and private universities, colleges, and professional schools averaged 36 per ten thousand of population in 1917-18. But in North Carolina the average was only 23, and 32 states made a better showing. Four of these were southern states—Virginia, Tennessee, South Carolina, and Texas. College students in the District of Columbia are more than seven times as numerous as in North Carolina—which is not surprising considering the stimulus and the opportunities at hand. The next highest ratio is in Iowa, the best developed farm State in the Union. And the farmers believe in college education in Iowa. College students in that state are more than three times as many as in North Carolina. They are nearly three times as many in Colorado. They are two and a half times as many in Nebraska and Oregon; nearly two and a half times as many in Kansas, California, and Illinois; and nearly twice as many in Minnesota, Ohio, Utah, New York, Maryland, and New Hampshire. Massachusetts does not lead in college attendance, as is popularly supposed. Both Iowa and Colorado stand ahead of her. New York stood 20th in 1840, and only 13th in 1918. New Jersey stands at the foot of the column.

ONE-THIRD LOPPED OFF MARTIN CO. VALUES. Williamston, N. C., April 13.—The Martin County board of appraisers has made a flat reduction of 33 1/3 per cent. in values of real estate. The reduction places the average value of farm lands at a fraction less than \$30 per acre. Previously the average was less than \$45.

Death of Well-Known Negro. Lewis S. Smith, a well-known colored resident, died the first of the week. Smith was generally known among his race and had many friends among the whites. He was a man of good character and an industrious worker. He was formerly the proprietor of a successful mattress business.

ALL VOTERS SHOULD SEE THAT THEY ARE QUALIFIED TO VOTE

New Registration in Progress—Rules Not Announced, But Last Month's "Enrollment" Not Legal for May Election

Registration for the municipal election May 3 is in progress or supposed to be at these places: First Ward, Brown's Store. Second, Lenoir Drug Store. Third, Grand Fountain. Fourth, Carmer Sutton's store, Gordon and East streets. Fifth, Abbott's store, East Kinston. This is not official, the election authorities having made no announcement as yet. Just who will have to register is not exactly clear. It is certain that all who "registered" for the recent Democratic primary and were not duly registered aside from that will have to re-register, however. That was a mere unofficial enrollment. The safest way, according to Plato Collins, retiring chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, pending a statement by the new officials, is for one to see if he is on the books, and if not to have himself formally entered and take the oath.

Mock Wedding at High School Tuesday a Colorful Affair

Tuesday morning at 9 at the High School one of the "prettiest weddings" of the season was solemnized when "Miss Martha Eliza Steptone Cerebellum Gondola Parsons" became the bride of "Mr. Moses Abraham Nebuchadnezzar Sams," the Rev. Dinah Hilaria Duke officiating. It was a mock negro wedding. The auditorium was crowded. The platform was decorated in potted plants which made a beautiful background for the gorgeously-gowned attendants. Preceding the ceremony "Miss Alicia Ida Etna Herndon" sweetly sang, "When a Peach Down in Georgia Weds a Rose From Alabama," accompanied by "Miss Lucretia Jemima Moseley" at the piano, "Miss Dorothea Felicia Hooker," in orchid voile and wearing a hat of sky blue crepe de chine, carrying collard sprouts, entered with "Mr. Ferdinand Erasmus Hill." Then came "Miss Melissa Penelope Taylor," dressed in light blue voile, wearing red picture hat and carrying pink roses, with "Mr. Lazarus Napoleon Moore." The maid of honor, "Miss Mary Ann Cordelia Taylor," attired in pink voile and lace, wore a black picture hat and carried a shower bouquet of pink roses and lettuce. Preceding the bride came the dainty little flower girls, attired in white voile and lace, carrying baskets of roses and cabbage leaves, which they scattered before the bride. They were "Josephine Hannah Edwards" and "Emmeline Bridget Parrott." To the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march the bride entered with her father, "Mr. George Washington Spear," who gave her in marriage, and was met before the altar by the bridegroom, accompanied by his best man, "Mr. Joshua Emmanuel Hodges." The bride wore a very youthful wedding dress, "French" model, of white voile and lace. The entire train was embroidered in taffeta roses and ribbon. The veil was of mosquito netting with Russian headress and forget-me-nots. She carried a bouquet of honeysuckle which was gorgeous.

MONSTROUS BIG FISH CAUGHT IN NEUSE

George O. Brown, alderman in the Fifth Ward, would stand high in the estimation of the Moscow Soviet could the latter know him. It isn't that Mr. Brown holds any political views similar to the Reds. It's what Mr. Brown has at his King Street butcher shop that would make any hungry Russian proclaim him great among men. Brown owns 80-odd pounds of potential caviar. A single sturgeon roe in his possession tips the beam at four-fifths of a hundredweight. It is proof that not all the big fish are in the sea, for the monster that gave up the roe was caught at a seine beach in the shallows of Neuse River only two miles from here. The sturgeon was one of the largest ever seen in this part of the country. It was captured by Robert Casey and weighed 266 pounds. Brown paid a price the equivalent of that of a whole box of shad for the roe. The roe is being retailed in portions.

BULLETINS

WORSER THAN AVERAGE STATE LEGISLATURE. Washington, April 13.—About 5,000 bills will be introduced in Congress this session, it was estimated today. Already about 3,000 are in.

FIRE DESTROYS HOME RALEIGH COUNTRY CLUB. (By Max Abernethy, Special Capital Correspondent) Raleigh, April 13.—Fire yesterday totally destroyed the clubhouse of the Carolina Country Club of Raleigh, three miles northwest of the city, entailing a loss of approximately \$25,000. The building was covered by insurance. Lack of fire protection by reason of its location made it impossible for Raleigh firemen to combat the flames. The building will be rebuilt.

URGES LEGIONNAIRES TO APPLY FOR MEDAL. Washington, April 13.—Emphasizing the fact that the victory medal for those who fought in the world war should be proudly cherished by recipients, Col. E. W. Galbraith, national commander of the American Legion, has issued a statement urging all ex-service men to apply for this award. Colonel Galbraith points out that these medals are a badge of honorable service and should appeal not only to ex-soldiers, but to their relatives and friends as well.

WILHELM FAILS TO SET HOUR FOR HIS EMPRESS' FUNERAL

Grief-Stricken Hohenzollern Proceeds With Arrangements Until Asked to Fix Time for Last Rites—May Be Thursday

(By the United Press) Doorn, April 13.—Former Kaiser Wilhelm, grief-stricken at the death of the former empress, was unable to complete the funeral arrangements today. Wilhelm insisted on arranging the services himself, but refused to set the hour. Clergymen and others arriving here for the private funeral in Doorn Chapel did not know whether it would be held Thursday as first planned or delayed until Saturday.

WILL INVESTIGATE HAZING AT STATE COLLEGE RECENTLY

Judge Connor Orders Grand Jury Probe—Statutory Offense—Witnesses to Be Summoned and Indictments Are Possible

BY MAX ABERNETHY (Special Capital Correspondent) Raleigh, April 13.—An investigation into a hazing episode at the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Engineering at West Raleigh which occurred two weeks ago was ordered by Judge George Connor in Wake County Superior Court today. The jurist charged the grand jury to summon witnesses and go into the matter thoroughly. Several students' hair was cut, shots were fired and a room door broken down by the hazers. Hazing is a statutory offense in North Carolina, the sentence being in the discretion of the courts.

LAURENE IMPOSTOR, SAY MASONS; PAPERS FROM S. A. NO GOOD

"Capt." Henri Laurene, who lectured here several weeks ago, is an impostor, according to Masonic leaders in the State. An official notice sent out says Laurene is a "fake." Laurene claims to have been a captive in a Turkish prison eighteen years, to have been liberated during the world war and to have come to America to seek his wife, who came to this country some years ago. His alleged search has not been successful. Laurene says he was commissioned to the French army from a well-known military school in that country. The Masonic officials, who intimate that Laurene has not attempted to gain admission to lodges on his papers, say he carries "credentials" from Hiram Lodge, Capetown, South Africa, and that such a lodge does not exist. Skeptical persons here tried to "trip" Laurene on his recent visit but failed. His knowledge of French and Lafantine politics for the last generation proved superior to that of his questioners. He said he was taken prisoner when a detachment of engineers was cut off and annihilated by Bedouins, just beyond the French sphere of influence in Syria.

TRIAL ASSAILANT OF LaGrange Cop Expected Wednesday

The trial of Fred Penn, negro, charged with shooting Arthur Lamm at La Grange, is expected to be started in Superior Court here Wednesday. Lamm, a young policeman, narrowly escaped death from three pistol bullet wounds. The shooting followed an attempt by Lamm to search a negro for concealed weapons. Penn was arrested some weeks later. The following cases were disposed of Tuesday: Will Davis, larceny, prayer for judgment continued; Will Cunningham, aiding and abetting larceny, prayer for judgment continued; Richard Garner, false pretense, not guilty; John Boyette, retailing, not guilty; Kid Porter, selling cocaine, three months; Johnnie Bryant, larceny, eight months; Albin L. Larceny, four months; Jerome Moore, larceny, three months; Blanch Rhodes, robbery, decision of lower court to stand.

AMERICA ASKED TO JOIN ALLIED BODY

(By the United Press) Paris, April 13.—The United States has been formally invited to join a conference of the Allies on settlement of the Austrian boundary lines, the French Foreign office announced today. The conference will be held April 30 at the port of Rosa, Italy.

MRS. DIXON FAILS TO GET PLACE ON EXECUTIVE COM'TEE

Wootens, LaRoque, Moore and Sutton Comprise the Democratic Steering Board—Late Announcement of Primary Results

This is how Kinston Democrats voted on April 5 for executive committee: Dal. F. Wooten, 811. Walter D. LaRoque, 470. Guy Moore, 470. L. K. Wooten, 470. Fred I. Sutton, 472. Mrs. Errol P. Dixon, 342. Ed. J. Beeton, 341. Reynolds T. Allen, 341. H. P. Fort, 341. The first five, comprising one ticket, were elected. Wooten was on both tickets, thereby getting a much larger vote than the others. The results were announced Wednesday afternoon after long delay, due to failure to count one box following the primary. It was believed following the primary that Mrs. Dixon had been elected, and members of the old Executive Committee predicted that the final vote would show her to have been chosen. The official count proved their prediction wrong.

KINSTON WILL HAVE A BIG CELEBRATION ON 4TH OF JULY

This town will spend all day celebrating Independence Day this year. Only once before since they stopped holding community picnics and hearing the best bass voice in town read the Declaration has Kinston observed the anniversary. The American Legion and other patriotic organizations have started out to promote a big program. Business will be suspended. Automobile races will occupy several hours. Other events will be a baseball game and miscellaneous athletic events. A fireworks display on a big scale will be staged. A spectacular parade will be held. The Fourth of July celebration will be the result of a compromise wrought about by Carl H. Van Herve, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, who yesterday night told the legionnaires that they should seek to interject nothing in the way of sports into the May Day and Memorial Day program, the former belonging largely to the children and the latter to the Daughters of the Confederacy, but that the legion should lend active assistance in the May Day exercises from the reason that on that day radicalism gets its hardest blows at democracy, as evidenced by the rioting and bomb outrages staged by reds throughout the world on the holiday. The legionnaires will furnish a 20-odd piece brass band, marchers for the parade, and financial assistance for the May Day program, such aid as they can in the Memorial Day exercises, and will promote a record celebration on Independence Day.

WADDE'S REQUIREMENTS TOO RIGOROUS FOR COMPANY, STATE COMMISSIONER ISSUES WARNING TO POLICYHOLDERS IN CAROLINA

Raleigh, April 13.—Insurance Commissioner Stacey W. Wade's recent action in requiring the Belt Automobile Indemnity Exchange of Illinois to pay two claims in North Carolina over which there arose some difference of opinion as to the rights of the policyholders, gave rise to the withdrawal of this exchange from the State. Commissioner Wade maintains that everything favors a company selling insurance, since it provides the contract and imposes all of the conditions, and often provisions which might prejudice the rights of the policyholder are included without his knowledge or assent, or without any explanation as to their full import. Consequently such contracts should be so liberally interpreted as to strip them of mystery and technicalities, and to guarantee to the policyholder commonsense protection and fair treatment. No objection is interposed to the fullest investigation of each claim, and where the existence of fraud is established the company has ample protection, but no bona fide claim should be rejected until such fraud is proven. The Belt Exchange is not now licensed in North Carolina and the policyholders as well as the public generally, warns Commissioner Wade, should be governed accordingly.

COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD OF SALVATION ARMY ELECTS HEADS

At an enthusiastic meeting of the Salvation Army Community Advisory Board the following officers were elected: H. H. Taylor, president and treasurer; Geo. Hardwick, vice-president and Fred I. Sutton secretary. There will be another meeting of the board Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock, at which the president will appoint the various committees of the board. A. L. Klein, field director from divisional headquarters, Atlanta, has been in the city several days and has selected a board that will give Kinston and the immediate community a valuable service in matters of welfare work and in assisting the army to function for the public to the best of its ability.

CUBA WILL FLOAT A BIG LOAN IN N. Y.

(By the United Press) Havana, April 13.—A huge loan, possibly as high as \$20,000,000, to tide Cuba over the financial crisis, is expected to be consummated in New York today. The money will be devoted to marketing the sugar crop on the island.

KNOX INTRODUCES PEACE RESOLUTION IN UPPER HOUSE

Pennsylvania Senator Paves Way for End of War With Germany

(By the United Press) Washington, April 13.—Senator Knox of Pennsylvania today introduced a resolution ending the state of war with Germany. Knox's resolution was referred to the Foreign Relations Committee. It was in the "simple declaratory form" which President Harding in his message yesterday said he would approve. Panama's Reply Unsatisfactory. The reply of Panama to the last Hughes note on the boundary question between that country and Costa Rica was received by this government as "most unsatisfactory," it was learned today. Says America Owes Colombian Government Nothing. Senator Kellogg of Minnesota today opened a senatorial attack on the Colombian Treaty with a speech in which he declared Colombia has no proper claim to payment of \$25,000,000 from the United States now and never had.

AMERICAN ASSOC'N RACE LOOKS LIKE A CLOSE FIGHT 1921

(Written for United Press) Toledo, Ohio, April 13.—No club in the American Association came up from the south a favorite for the championship honors. Unless there are radical changes made in the early season there will not be a first choice in the group. Naturally one looks for St. Paul, the runaway champion of 1920, to occupy a lofty niche in the race, but in spite of the fact that Manager Mike Kelly will receive player help in part payment for some of the stars he sent up last fall, it is unlikely he will be able to replace Catcher Bubbles Hargrave, Third Baseman Goldie Rapp and Pitcher Combs. Yet in spite of the loss of three such valuable players, the Saints have a formidable lineup and are around to frolic around the top, through the summer campaign. Right now the association looks like a mighty well balanced league. All clubs had good training weather in the south and are in good condition for the early part of the race.

MANY NOTABLES TO SPEAK AT BARACA-Philathea Meeting

(By the United Press) Asheville, April 13.—The program for the eleventh annual convention of the North Carolina Baraca and Philathea Union, to be convened at Henderson April 21, fairly bristles with subjects of interest to church and Sunday school workers of every denomination and teachers, with their subjects, are: Dr. Hubert M. Potent, Wake Forest College; Dr. Forrest J. Prentyman, Knoxville, Tenn., "What Think Ye of Christ?"; A. B. Saleeby, Salisbury, "Taking Inventory"; Dr. J. Kenneth Pfohl, Winston-Salem, "The High Service of Fellowship"; Dr. Millard Knowlton, Raleigh, "The New Crusade"; Mrs. T. W. Bickett, Raleigh, "The Girl Worth While"; Hugh Latimer, Winston-Salem, "Soul-Winning Our Important Task."

ALLEGED AUTO THIEVES HELD

Durham, April 13.—Four men are being held by the police for Norfolk, Va., authorities on suspicion of being auto thieves wanted in the Virginia city and deserters from the navy.

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