

## FRANCE RESERVES RIGHT TO ACT INDEPENDENTLY

### Cabinet Refuses to Concur in Reparations Commission Decision—Tells Germany Will Accept Short Term Notes

(By the United Press.)  
Paris, Sept. 1.—The French cabinet today refused to concur in the decision of the Allied Reparation Commission and reserved the right to take independent action against Germany.

After the dispatch of a note to Germany to notify her that the request for a moratorium had been rejected and that provision that this year's payment be made in short term treasury notes, France decided to demand the calling of another European financial conference.

### I. C. C. Refuses Permit New Freight Rate for Pig Iron From Alabama

(By the United Press.)  
Washington, Sept. 1.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today refused to permit promulgation of the proposed new rate schedule on pig iron from Alabama producing fields to St. Louis, Louisville and Cincinnati until it has completed a thorough investigation into the new tariffs. The proposed rate would effect a material reduction, which a preliminary examination discloses to be "injurious effect the rights and interest of the public."

### MOUNT OLIVE NEGRO CHARGED WITH BRUTAL CRIME

Mount Olive, Sept. 1.—Following a coroner's inquest here Tuesday afternoon, Mat Hines, a negro, was held for the grand jury, charged with being responsible for the death of a 16-month-old babe of Patia Ammon, a woman with whom he was charged with having illicit relations. According to the evidence brought out at the coroner's hearing, Hines was left at home with the child, which wasn't his, a few nights ago, while the mother went to church, and when she returned, she found her baby burned in a dozen or more places about its body, so badly that it died a day or two later, and the charge, is that during the mother's absence, Hines stripped it of its clothing and laid it in or near enough to the fire to cause the injury that resulted in its death. It is said that he had warned its mother that it must be put out of the way.

### TRANSFER MURDER TRIAL

Winston-Salem, Sept. 1.—In Davie Superior Court yesterday afternoon, the case of C. E. Clayton, a white man, was called for the murder of Alvin Hudson, colored, last May, Solicitor Clement asked that on account of public sentiment the court transfer the case to another county. Judge McElroy transferred the case to Yadkin County. The murder was the result of Hudson, a 60-year-old negro, having alleged intimate relations with Mr. Clayton's daughter, who was about 18 years of age. A bay was born to the Clayton girl, and it is said to be of mixed blood.

### TALMAGE BILLINGS IS CAPTURED IN WILKES

North Wilkesboro, Sept. 1.—Talmadge Billings, life-terminer, who escaped a few months ago from the state penitentiary, was apprehended this afternoon on his farm near Goshen, by J. T. and Roy Ashbey, and Shobe Minton, citizens of the county. Billings, armed with a pistol and shotgun, defied his captors, and as a result, he received shotgun wounds about the body, and it was necessary to bring him to Wilkesboro in a dying condition. Physicians state that his injuries are not serious. Billings, who killed William Chatham, aged white man of this county, was first sentenced to be electrocuted by the governor, who later commuted the sentence to life imprisonment.

### Country's Death Rate Higher First of 1922 Than in Previous Year

(Special to The Free Press.)  
Washington, Sept. 1.—The Department of Commerce announces that provisional mortality figures compiled by the Bureau of the Census for the first quarter of 1922 indicate higher death rates than for the corresponding quarter of 1921. For the states compared the death rate for the first quarter was 13.7 in 1922 against 13.6 for the first quarter of 1921. The highest mortality rate for the quarter is shown for the District of Columbia (17.6), and the lowest for Wyoming (9.6). These early figures forecast for the year 1922 a higher rate for the death registration area than the record low rate (11.7) for the year 1921.

### Heads Greek Cabinet



A new photograph of M. Protopadakis, the Greek Premier who heads the Coalition Cabinet. This Ministry gives the government a strong backing in Parliament. Protopadakis has held a number of important public posts and he is looked upon as the right man in the right position.

### Message to Parents From Lenoir County Health Authorities

By R. S. McGEACHY  
Health Officer and Supervisor of Clinic, By Direction of the Lenoir County Medical Society.

"Both the Lenoir County Health Department and the Lenoir County Medical Society are very anxious to do all in their power to materially aid the children of this community in their physical and mental development, but to accomplish much, both agencies must have the willing cooperation of parents.

"As has before been stated in the local press, physical deformities and weaknesses are often the cause of a child's failure to be promoted in school, and all parents, or responsible parties who have children, that have failed to keep up with their classes, are urged to take such a child to their family physician for a physical examination. If they are not able to pay the usual fee for such an examination they are asked to bring the child to the Lenoir County Clinic opposite the City Hall.

"The same causes that make a child unable to keep up with his classes will sometime make a child irritable and difficult to control. Before a child is classed as unruly he should be given a thorough physical examination by a competent physician, and all physical defects found should be given careful attention.

"The physicians of the Lenoir County Medical Society are in 'dead earnest' about this matter and stand ready to do even more than their share, but as above stated, to accomplish anything worth while, they simply must have the hearty cooperation of parents and guardians.

### GOOD SALES AT GOLDSBORO

Goldsboro, Sept. 1.—Tobacco warehousemen here are reporting advances in the prices of all low grade tobacco. Until now a large part of the tobacco grown in this section has been carried through to Wilson this year, but the tide has turned some, it is claimed.

### BONUS BILL PASSED SENATE BY VOTE 47 TO 22 ON THURSDAY

Measure Now Goes to Conference Preparatory to Sending it to President's Desk for Approval or Veto as May Be

(By the United Press.)  
Washington, Sept. 1.—Plans were formulated in Congress today to speed the bonus bill to the White House early next week. Anxious to have the bill finally disposed of after being "kicked around" for more than two years, the conference committee met preliminary to a session to arrange a compromise of the differences in bills adopted by the two houses.

It is said that should the President veto the measure it is doubtful if it can be overridden by the necessary two-thirds.

## GIRL MAY BE HELD ON TUG BOAT OFF NEW JERSEY COAST

### Thought Be Victim White Slavers—In Another Case Pretty Washington Stenographer Claims to Have Been Drugged

(By the United Press.)  
Ocean City, N. J., Sept. 1.—Kidnaped by white slavers, a young woman calling herself Mabel Gilmore today may be held a prisoner aboard an ocean going tug boat lying off the New Jersey coast.

The first word of the girl's supposed plight came in a note found in a bottle washed up on the beach. The note, scribbled in pencil on brown paper, said "August 25, 1922. Help if anyone should find my plea, for God's sake come to my rescue. Five men on a tug drugged and dragged me here three days ago. They would kill me if they caught me writing, but they are all drunk and singing songs. I know I am somewhere off the Atlantic coast. Come, for God's sake come. Help, Mabel Gilmore."

Pretty Washington Stenographer Drugged.  
Greenwich, Conn., Sept. 1.—In a semi-dazed condition and perhaps suffering from a mysterious malady, Miss Betty Tomlinson, a pretty Washington, D. C., stenographer, today gasped her story of a night of horrors after having accepted an auto ride in New York.

The girl, whose illness has not yet been diagnosed by physicians, told attendants that she was drugged, while en route here by a young man with whom she was riding and later thrown from the automobile.

## FORGET-ME-NOT DAY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR DISABLED SOLDIERS

### 100,000 Members of Disabled Veterans to Direct Work of Raising Money by Sale of Worthy Emblems Saturday, November 4

(Special to The Free Press.)  
Cincinnati, Sept. 1.—America's "Forget-Me-Not Day" for the wounded and disabled American veterans of the Great War, will take place on Saturday, November 4, according to announcement made by C. Hamilton Cook, national commander of the Disabled Veterans of the World War. This national organization of 100,000 members will direct the work of raising funds through the sale of "Forget-Me-Not" emblems in the United States, on Saturday, November 4th, the proceeds of which will be used for all disabled and wounded veterans of the Great War, in legislation, relief work, employment, rehabilitation, clubhouses, summer camps and numerous other activities intended for the welfare of the men who made the great sacrifices during the world war.

Citizen's committees are to be named in cities and towns throughout the country. Women's clubs, war workers and the ladies who took part in the home activities that contributed so much to the comfort of the men "over there" will be asked to take part in the "Forget-Me-Not Day" movement, by active participation in the making of the flowers that are to be sold, and again, on November 4, taking part in the sales of the favors. Wounded and disabled American veterans, patients in hospitals throughout the land, are already engaged in making the forget-me-not favors, from cloth or paper, so that the number to be disposed of will mount into the millions, and all America will engage in the great, national movement for the betterment and comfort of the disabled "buddies."

In a proclamation just issued from national headquarters of the Disabled American Veterans here, Captain Cook stated that every city and town in the United States will be requested to enter into the "Forget-Me-Not Day" project on an active scale, so that the response from the nation on November 4th will be a unanimous one, indicative of the feeling and sentiment existing everywhere in the country for the men who gave up so much during the world war.

### Everything is Ready to Give Entombed Men First Aid if Living

(By the United Press.)  
Jackson, Cal., Sept. 1.—Drillers and blasters today attacked the last 50 feet of solid rock separating the rescue squads from 47 men entombed a half mile underground in the depths of the Argonaut gold mine. A hospital in the subterranean passage 3,000 feet below the surface was made ready to give first aid to any men found alive. Cots and oxygen apparatus are on hand and surgeons and nurses await the call to duty.

## Rail Executives Claim Victory Now With 300,000 Men

New York, Sept. 1.—Victory is claimed today by railroad executives in the shopmen's strike. It is announced that 300,000 shopmen are in the employ of the roads, which they say, proves the strike is "broken."

## GOVERNMENT ASKS FOR RESTRAINING ORDER VS. STRIKERS

(By the United Press.)  
Chicago, Ill., Sept. 1.—The United States Government today moved to aid the railroads break the strike of shopmen. Attorney General Daugherty personally appeared before Judge Wilkerson and asked the granting of a "blanket injunction" to prevent striking shopmen from interfering with the operation of the shops throughout the country by strike-breakers.

The injunction was asked here. This is the workers headquarters, and the Railroad Labor Board is also here.

## BULLETINS

(By the United Press.)  
ELEVEN HURT IN WRECK ON BIG FOUR.  
Indianapolis, Sept. 1.—Eleven persons were injured when a Big Four passenger train ran through an open switch and plowed into the rear of a freight train on a siding near Brownsbury early today.

ALLEGED BOMB FACTORY DISCOVERED.  
Albuquerque, N. M., Sept. 1.—"A bomb factory" which was alleged to furnish bombs for the use of railroad radicals was discovered here, a police report said, following the arrest of two men alleged to be carrying a suitcase loaded with infernal machines.

## NEGRO GETS FIFTEEN YEARS FOR BURGLARY

(Special to The Free Press.)  
Fayetteville, Sept. 1.—John Smith, a negro was sentenced to fifteen years in the state prison by Judge W. M. Bond in Superior court here Thursday afternoon after the negro's attorneys had submitted to a verdict of second degree burglary. Smith was charged with the capital offense of burglary in the first degree, the crime being the entering of the home of Judson Jones, well known Gray's Creek farmer, by whom Smith had been employed for five years.

## AMER'N CONSULATE NEW CASTLE, ENG., IS WITHOUT POWERS

### British Action in Withdrawing Them Brings Keen Competition American Shipping to the Fore—Officials Expect Solution

(By the United Press.)  
Washington, Sept. 1.—Action of Great Britain in withdrawing official powers of the American consulate at New Castle, England, is a direct result of the smouldering shipping war between American and British shipping interests.

## MEXICAN CONGRESS OPENED MOST IMPORTANT SESSION IN HISTORY OF COUNTRY

By FRED'K G. NEUMEIER  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
Mexico City, Sept. 1.—Mexico's congress will open this afternoon for one of the most important sessions in its history, with recognition of the country by the United States as its objective.

Political leaders were confident before the opening that all necessary legislation for recognition would be passed within the first thirty days of the session and it was learned that the measures have already been drawn. Legislation necessary for recognition includes a modification of Articles 27 and 123 of the Constitution.

## AUTOMOBILE LAWS BE ENFORCED MORE RIGIDLY HEREAFTER

### State Inspector in County Cooperating With Local Authorities in Seeing That Proper Lights, Licenses Etc. Are Had

S. A. Nichols, state automobile inspector from the department at Raleigh is in Kinston for the purpose of effecting enforcement of the automobile laws. His work covers a wide scope, and it is his purpose to assist and direct city and county authorities in the enforcement of the law. State licenses cover other things than license, and a rigid enforcement of that section of the state law which applies to diffusing lens, dimmers and rear-lights, as well as speeding, is promised by Mr. Nichols. The impression prevails at Raleigh that local authorities throughout the State are too lenient in enforcing the law as it applies to motor-driven vehicles, and the inspectors have orders to cover the State thoroughly and frequently.

Another section of the state law to which the inspector calls attention is the failure of truck owners to secure licenses according to the tonnage. Many trucks are being driven with larger tonnage capacity than the licenses call for. He has official lists of the numbers as issued to the Department of State, and expects to round up the violators of this phase of the law while here.

Cooperating on Wednesday and Thursday with Traffic Officer Leathers Inspector Nichols summoned before a magistrate for trial a number of drivers.

## Mrs. Vanderbilt is Active Worker for State Fair at Raleigh in October

(Special to The Free Press.)  
Raleigh, Sept. 1.—The North Carolina State Fair will be held on the fair grounds this year, but the buildings and the grounds will present a far different appearance from what they did last year. Mrs. Vanderbilt, in carrying out her idea that the grounds should be beautiful, has directed the management not only to plant flowers, shrubbery and fall bulbs at many places on the grounds, and has induced the North Carolina florists to aid in this part of the beautification work, but she has also directed the purchase of several hundred gallons of paint. The old buildings will be given a liberal treatment of this white paint and they will all be trimmed off in blue which is Mrs. Vanderbilt's own selection.

Comfort and rest stations for men and women have been located at many places on the grounds during the past summer. Sewerage connections have been made, and additional watering places installed.

In addition to these changes the crowds which will throng into the fair grounds during the week in October will find that there are much better arrangements for getting lunch and other meals during the day. In an effort to make it possible for the church societies, schools and others who will have charge of these stands to make a liberal profit and at the same time serve a good meal, the number of stands and lunching places have been materially reduced. An effort is being made to eliminate the smaller sandwich stands, in order that the bigger stands can handle the business better.

All of the eating places this year will be located in tents on the right of the fair grounds as one enters the gates. The use of tents was necessitated both because of the need of the room in the buildings for the bigger exhibits which are looked for this year, and also in order to give those wanting something to eat more space in which to partake of a lunch. Likewise the question of sanitation played a part in the decision to eliminate all of the restaurants and lunch stands from the buildings. There will be more room, so better sanitation will be possible.

All of the grounds around and in the tents will be treated with some kind of a dust layer so that one will not have to eat any large part of the proverbial peck of dirt one is supposed to eat during a lifetime, while lunching at the fair grounds.

## PRESIDENT AND CABINET DISCUSS LAWLESSNESS

### RALEIGH DETECTIVE SHOT AND RUN OVER BY DESPERATE MAN

### Probably Fatally Wounded. Cotton Warehouses Throughout State Opening and Mass Meetings Scheduled for Saturday

(Special Raleigh Correspondence to The Free Press.)  
Raleigh, Sept. 1.—Detective Crabtree died at 2:30 this afternoon.

Raleigh, Sept. 1.—Warehouses in practically every county in the cotton belt opened today for receipt of cotton from the members of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association. For a week or more, the offices of this association have presented a scene of activity, some fifty or more clerks, and stenographers have been working to get everything in readiness for the opening. Saturday will be observed as "sign-up" day, when there will be a mass meeting in the court-houses of every county in the cotton belt. The goal set for that day is 500 new contracts.

It has been decided not to receive cotton at the opening of the season except at licensed warehouses; however, it is expected that by September 10th the association will have ample warehouse space contracted for.

No Action in Klan Matter.  
The middle in the ranks of the local Ku Klux Klan does not seem to clear up. It is reported there has been a warrant pending for W. V. Guerd, deposed King Kleagle for some time, but as yet it has not been served. Mr. Guerd is now in Atlanta, Ga., but his friends say he will be ready at any time to answer any action brought by the opposing faction. It is understood that lawyers have been retained by both sides in the controversy, but what, or when, action will be taken remains to be seen.

Railroad Situation Unchanged.  
Local strikers and the management of all railroads entering Raleigh seem to be holding their own. Both sides are still claiming the victory, so far, and, like all other points, the controversy seems to have settled down to a watchful waiting policy. There has been no violence reported in several weeks, and with the exception of the trial of Ben Beddingfield and two others accused of kidnaping, there is little of interest to report. Beddingfield and the other two involved were thrashed out. The Norfolk-Southern has lately received five new locomotives, it is stated, and will endeavor to handle traffic as promptly as possible. The Seaboard continues to operate to the best of its ability with a force of some 220, all told, and probably ten or a dozen skilled mechanics.

Raleigh Detective Shot.  
The condition of city detective Tom Crabtree, who was shot and run over by "Boots" Klutz shows little, if any, improvement. It seems that Crabtree was endeavoring to stop an auto in which Klutz and a negro, George Williams, were riding, and Klutz, who it is claimed, was intoxicated, opened fire on the officer. Crabtree fell with several bullets in his body, and Klutz, in his haste to make a clean getaway, ran over the fallen man. The officer had several ribs broken, and was injured internally, besides being probably fatally shot.

## ARGENTINE GUNBOAT SUNK BY AMERICAN LINER RUNNING WILD

### Munson Steamer Became Unmanageable at Buenos Aires Sunk One and Damaged Five Other Boats. Investigation Now On

(By the United Press.)  
Buenos Aires, Sept. 1.—An Argentine gunboat was sunk and five other vessels were rammed and badly damaged by the Munson liner, "American Legion," which became unmanageable in the harbor here when it was about to leave for New York yesterday. Several persons are reported drowned and at least four were injured, including officers of the gunboat Acopardo, which went to the bottom immediately after the American vessel started firing.

Passengers were ordered to remain aboard the American Legion, pending an official investigation by the Argentine Government, which began today. Conferences were under way between the United States ambassador and Argentine and naval officials.

## Judge Connor Modified and Continued Order Vs. Norfolk Southern Strikers

(Special to The Free Press.)  
Raleigh, Sept. 1.—Judge Connor continued the Norfolk Southern injunction against the strikers until October 1st, modifying it to conform to the Act of Congress and Seaboard's orders. The strikers on the Norfolk Southern were enjoined from going near the 200 yards of the company's shops, and only one picket was allowed at each entrance and exit. These conditions were removed and two men designated to represent the strikers.

### Increased Violence and Sabotage Calls For More Rigid Work on Part of Department of Justice, Vigilance Orders Issued

(By the United Press.)  
Washington, Sept. 1.—A report of the increased violence and sabotage on railroads as an outgrowth of the strike of shopmen, was placed before President Harding and cabinet today. Administration officials are concerned over the increase in violence of the past few days and today's discussion dealt with ways and means of curbing it. An order is understood to have gone out to United States district attorneys to redouble their efforts to get evidence of conspiracies to interfere with interstate commerce, and to prosecute vigorously all violators of federal laws in connection with the railroad strike.

## PREPARE TO RESUME WORK IN ANTHRACITE FIELDS

Philadelphia, Sept. 1.—Preparations for a resumption of anthracite mining are under way in Pennsylvania today, as the last steps in settlement of the strike are taken. The peace agreement will probably be signed Saturday at noon.

## ATTEMPT MADE TO BLOW UP BRIDGE

Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 1.—Guards at New York Central Belt Line bridge over Cuyahoga River near here were driven from their posts early today by a fusillade of shots. The shots were fired by four men whom the guards surprised while digging a hole at the foot of one of the concrete supports. The police searched the vicinity but the intruders had disappeared and authorities believe it was an attempt to blow up the bridge.

## SEVEN BRIDGES DESTROYED IN SOUTHWEST

Texarkana, Sept. 1.—Work of rebuilding seven bridges and trusses on the Cotton Belt Railroad between here and Garland City was completed this morning after traffic was delayed 20 hours. Special agents expect to make arrests in the next few hours in the case. The longest bridge destroyed was a thousand feet.

## PLANNED TO KIDNAP RAILROAD EXECUTIVES

Chicago, Sept. 1.—Federal authorities today announced that they had information that "Reds" planned to kidnap the presidents of the New York Central, Pennsylvania and Rock Island roads. Identity of the leader of the radicals is known. His Southside home here is being watched. Arrests are expected today in all parts of the country.

## Splendid Addition to Herds Pure-Bred Cattle at N. C. State College

(Special to The Free Press.)  
West Raleigh, Sept. 1.—Sophie's Abdul No. 189,292, one of the best bred young Jersey bulls in the United States, has been presented to the Animal Husbandry Department of State College by Mrs. Richard P. Baer of Cherokee Farm, Catonsville, Maryland. He reached the college Saturday, being shipped by express from Baltimore.

As a calf the youngster was bought by Mrs. Baer from the famous Hood Farm, the purchase price being \$1,000. He is now two and a half years old, a solid dark grey fawn in color, and shows splendid quality and finish. The sire of Sophie's Abdul is Pogis 9th of Hood Farm, a gold medal bull and sire of more champions than any other bull of the Jersey breed. His dam is Hood Farm Torono's Last, who has two registers of merit records averaging 532 pounds of butter. Jersey fanciers will recognize his blood lines as the famous Sophie Tormentor strain, one of the best of the Jersey breed.

Mrs. Baer, who donated this splendid animal to the college, is a North Carolinian by adoption. Before her second marriage she was Mrs. William Hall Kerr. Mr. Kerr lived in Raleigh for a number of years. His father was W. C. Kerr for twenty-five years state geologist. Mrs. Baer is also related to the Kerrs and Scotts of Alamance County.