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STRIKE ORDER REVOKED

Brotherhoods Revoke Walkout Order as Senate Passes Adamson Eight-Hour Bill.

The threat of a general railroad strike which has been hanging like a pall over the country for a month was lifted Saturday night. Three hours after the senate had passed without amendment the Adamson eight-hour day bill, passed by the House Friday, the heads of the four great railroad employes' brotherhoods telegraphed six hundred odd code messages to their general chairmen in all parts of the country cancelling the strike order issued over a week ago to take effect Monday morning at 7 o'clock.

The legislative expedient to avert the strike was passed in the Senate by a vote of 43 to 28—almost a strict party vote—amid stirring scenes, after many Senators, Democrats and Republicans, had fought desperately to amend the measure by provisions designed to prevent industrial disasters in the future. Some Senators, thoroughly aroused, declared Congress was being coerced into enactment of legislation that it did not desire, and that it knew would return to plague it in the future.

In both houses the measure was signed within a few minutes after the final vote in the Senate and it was sent at once to the White House. The bill was signed by President Wilson Sunday morning in his private car at the union station in Washington, where he stopped on his way from Shadow Lawn, N. J., to Hodgenville, Ky. Officials of the brotherhoods who witnessed the final passage of the bill had announced early in the night that cancellation of the strike would not be ordered until the bill had been signed by the President and actually had become law. But later they conferred, changed their minds and flashed the code messages signalling to the waiting trainmen of the country the message that a satisfactory settlement had been secured.

The bill that stopped the strike provides that after January 1, 1917, eight hours shall be regarded as a basis of reckoning for a day's pay of men engaged in the operation of railroad trains in interstate commerce (excepting roads less than 100 miles long and electric lines), that they shall receive pro rata pay for work in excess of eight hours, and that their rate of compensation shall not be changed pending an investigation for from six to nine months of the effect of the eight-hour day upon the railroads by a commission to be appointed by the President.

Brevard Woman Commits Suicide.

Asheville, Sept. 4.—Mrs. C. M. Gallimore, aged 60 years, a prominent woman of Transylvania county, committed suicide at her home at Brevard this afternoon by shooting herself through the mouth, according to information reaching here tonight. Despondency over the death of a grandchild and the departure of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jolley, who have gone to Chicago to study evangelistic singing at the Moody Institute, are believed to have been responsible for her act.

Allies in 2 Days Take More Than 5,000 Germans.

London, Sept. 4.—Keeping up their strong offensive against the Germans north and south of the Somme River in France the Anglo-French forces again have driven their lines forward and captured important German positions.

South of the Somme the village of Soyecourt and part of the village of Vermandovillers have been captured while seemingly more important still the French have made fresh progress east of the village of Forest, which lies one and one-half miles southeast of the railroad town of Combles—a gain which, taken with the capture of Guillemont on Sunday, seemingly outflanks Combles and apparently renders it untenable. More than 5,000 Germans have been made prisoners north and south of the Somme during the last two days.

Farmers' Institutes in McDowell.

Farmers' institutes, under the auspices of the State Department of Agriculture in co-operation with the Farmers' Institute committee of McDowell County, will be held at Glenwood school house Thursday, September 7, and at Ashford school house, Friday, September 8. The institutes will open at 10 o'clock. There will be discussions on farm operations, soils, crops, boys' corn clubs, live stock, health, etc., by T. B. Parker, director of Farmers' Institutes; C. R. Hudson, State Demonstration Agent, and others. Special emphasis will be given to the diversification of crops, soil improvement, live stock, marketing, etc.

There will be held at the same time and place a woman's institute conducted by Mrs. W. R. Hollowell and the home demonstration agent, to which women are invited to attend and join in the discussions of subjects pertaining to household economics, home conveniences, health in the home, the education of children and other topics of interest to mothers and home-makers.

Every one is invited to attend and to help make these the best farmers' institutes ever held in the county.

Compromise in Timber Case.

In the Superior court at Asheville last Thursday a compromise was effected in the suit of S. Montgomery Smith against the Black Mountain Land company in which the title of several thousand acres of timber lands in McDowell county in the Mt. Mitchell and Black Mountain sections, was involved. Since 1914 this case had been in the Federal court and afterwards sent to the Buncombe county court.

Road Work Stopped.

More than 1,200 men and over 200 teams were thrown out of employment in McDowell county last week when Lieut. Gotwals, representative of the United States Government, appeared on the scene and ordered all the relief work stopped. The Federal relief appropriation for the county amounted to about \$12,000. It is not known as yet whether any further aid will be received from this source, but for the present all the road work has ceased.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell County—Items About Home People.

DYSARTVILLE

Dysartville, Sept. 4.—W. H. Taylor is able to be out again after being very sick.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Daves and little son, Albert, Jr., have returned to Charlotte after spending some time with relatives here.

Miss Mayo Laughridge of Marion spent several days here recently with friends and relatives.

Key Landis and sister, Miss Lillie, visited relatives in Morganton last week.

H. E. Taylor and family of Atlanta, Ga., have returned home after a visit at the home of Mr. Kirksey.

C. N. Doyal of Asheville spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Laughridge returned home yesterday from an extended visit with relatives in Shelby, Lawndale and other places.

Mrs. W. P. Knox and little daughter, Sarah, of Statesville are visiting relatives here.

J. A. Daves made a business trip to Marion last Friday.

R. C. Laughridge and family of Spencer are visiting homefolks here.

Mrs. H. Mangum has been very sick but we are glad to say she is much improved.

T. B. and Will Landis went to Marion on business last week.

J. S. Upton of Spencer spent the week-end with homefolks last week.

H. C. Mangum has returned home from Morganton where he has been at work.

Mrs. Mary Landis died at her home here Thursday, August 31. She was 96 years old. The remains were taken to Golden Valley for burial.

J. F. Parker and family have moved to Crooked Creek. We are sorry to give up such a good teacher as Mr. Parker, also good neighbor's as they were. He has a splendid wife. They both have many friends here.

BRIDGEWATER

Bridgewater, Sept. 4.—Mr. and Mrs. Wilfong Tate and little daughter, Virginia, of Hickory, are here visiting relatives.

R. A. Abernethy made a business trip to Old Fort Saturday.

Miss Kary Tate left Friday for Baltimore.

J. D. Adams of Lancaster, S. C., spent a few days here last week. He was accompanied home by his daughters, Misses Sadie, Mattie and Johnnie, who spent the summer here with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Tate.

Misses Nora Ballew, Louise and Josephine Abernethy spent the week-end at Marion Junction.

Clyde Hemphill spent Saturday in Marion.

The graded school here opened Monday with Misses Katherine Rockett and Trissa Campbell of Rutherford College as teachers. We are glad to have the same teachers with us again this year.

The protracted meeting which was to begin here at the Presbyterian church Sunday has been postponed till the first week of October.

Miss Mabel Turnbill and Ernest Seagle, both of this place, were married at the home of the bride Wednesday afternoon, Rev. M. W. Mann officiating.

Misses Willie Arney and Georgie Simpson of Glen Alpine spent Thursday here with friends.

Mrs. B. C. Gibbs and children have returned to their home in Knoxville after spending some time here with relatives.

The Progress is requested to state that the county commissioners have no power to grant exemptions on property damaged by the recent flood. It is understood that this matter will be taken up with the next legislature by the corporation commission and representatives from the flooded districts with the hope of securing relief.

Grass for The Piedmont and Mountain Counties.

The question of farm management is perhaps the greatest problem we shall have to solve in this age. The conservation of our soil resources demands our deepest thought and keenest judgment. Then, just how we may manage the farm so as to produce a living, maintain the farm equipment, educate the children, meet our social demands, and still maintain the fertility of the farm, is the great problem for solution. The South is poor; North Carolina is poor. In all our history as a State we have been able to accumulate the paltry sum of \$764, and our rural people only \$322 per capita. Our State stands high in per acre yields, but low in per capita wealth retained. There is something wrong with any system of farming when a people can produce high per acre yields, and remain poor in per capita wealth.

ONE REASON WHY WE ARE POOR.

There may be several reasons why we are poor, but I shall discuss one of them. Every year we plow up the entire farm, and plant some crop, and most of the crops planted on Southern farms are those requiring more or less cultivation. Thus each year the land is plowed up and subjected to the heavy rains of summer and winter, suffering immensely from washing and erosion in addition to crops which are consumed on the farm or sold off the farm. This system is not only wasteful of soil resources, but it is the most expensive in the amount of labor required. Economic farm management would require a maximum of production or farm income, with a minimum of soil waste and labor. Our present system is one of maximum soil waste and labor and a minimum of production. It is exactly the opposite of what should be the practice.

THE REMEDY.

Then what is the remedy? The answer is, grass and live-stock. Others are to discuss live-stock, but I want to say that grass and live-stock are inseparable. Grass without live-stock would be worthless, or at least it would not be a profitable crop, while the stock without the grass would be an impossibility. Then the success of the grass-live-stock farmer is dependent upon the quality of the grass and the stock. The quality of North Carolina live-stock has always been of the poorest, and in keeping with the quality of the pastures. Dr. Butler used to say: "A North Carolina pasture is a piece of land with a fence around it and no grass in it."

WHY WE GROW GRASSES.

There are two principal reasons why grass should have a place in our system of farm management. First, to produce hay and pasture for the live-stock, and secondly, to conserve soil fertility. While we are doing these two things we are utilizing the steep or rough lands of the farm for permanent pasture, and the smooth portions to grow hays, rotate the crops, reduce the cost of operation, and prevent soil waste. If one-third to one-half our plow land was laid down in grass and a sufficient number of

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STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Hon. T. W. Bickett is to speak in Newton on the 13th.

The late William Brown, of Bryson City, the engineer who was killed recently when his engine overturned at Willetts, on the Murphy division, left property valued at approximately \$24,000, and the bulk of the estate goes to his widow.

A bill to allow Federal prisoners to be worked on highways over which mails are carried, and providing for the establishment of factories for government supplies at the Atlanta and Leavenworth penitentiaries, has been introduced in the House of Congress by Representative Webb of North Carolina.

The State Farmers convention in session at Raleigh last week elected J. P. Lucas, of Mecklenburg, president; A. J. Moyle, of Pitt, and C. C. Wright, of Wilkes, vice-presidents, and A. K. Robertson of West Raleigh, secretary. Resolutions were adopted declaring for best possible agricultural and home economics courses in schools; furtherance of credit unions, cotton grading, national rural credit system, and community service leagues. County boards of agriculture as special instruments of progress were stressed.

When Colonel Colman made survey for the Southern Railway up the mountain in 1858 a poplar trough, with a lid, was constructed to hold milk for use of the men camping at Round Knob. In the intervening years this receptacle had gradually disappeared from view; but the late flood and wash-out exposed its resting place four feet below the surface of the soil. We are informed the box or trough was found in perfect condition, with its lid lying near by. Who said poplar wasn't lasting wood?—Old Fort Sentinel.

Dimes of New Design.

The newly-designed 10-cent pieces are now being coined at the Philadelphia mint and will soon be in circulation. It is stated that ten million dimes will be turned out within the next four months, and new 25-cent pieces will soon be coined.

The new dime bears the figure of a Grecian lady on the obverse side and the bundle of rods and the axe of the Roman lictors on the reverse.

Mr. E. W. Culbreth, of the State division of market and rural credits, Raleigh, is here this week in the interest of establishing rural credit unions in McDowell county. Mr. Culbreth will discuss the different phases of the rural credit system at the farmers' institute at Glenwood to-morrow and at Ashford Friday. He will also speak at Belfont Friday night at 7 o'clock. Interesting meetings were held at Garden City and Stroudtown Wednesday.

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