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## COAL STRIKE CALLED OFF

Miners Accept Invitation of Secretary Wilson to Attend Conference in Washington Friday.

Washington, Nov. 11.—Having forced the miners to call off the coal strike, the government set out today to help them negotiate a new wage agreement.

On the heels of the announcement that Federal Judge Anderson, at Indianapolis, had approved the order promulgated by the United Mine Workers of America rescinding the strike notice, Secretary Wilson invited representatives of the miners and operators from all the fields involved in the walkout to meet here Friday "for the purpose of negotiating a basis of settlement."

The miners accepted. When Mr. Wilson went home tonight, he had received no formal reply from the operators, but was unofficially advised that they would comply with his request. The secretary was assured by operators and miners that they would endeavor faithfully to frame a pay scale that would send the 425,000 strikers back to work willingly and at once.

## Schools Aiding in Red Cross Drive

The county schools have rendered great service in the third Red Cross roll call. The teachers have organized themselves into a committee to solicit members in the respective communities of the county.

At the Marion Mill school the teachers under the leadership of Miss Delia Gibbs, principal, not only made the membership of the school faculty "100% strong," but went out and secured an even one hundred members in the mill village. Several other schools have been active in the campaign for membership. The lists are not all in, however, and cannot be published.

## Change in Railroad Schedule.

Train schedule changes were made Sunday on the Southern railway. No. 12, eastbound, formerly arriving here at 3:10 in the afternoon, now arrives at 4:15, and No. 16, also eastbound, now arrives at 6:35 in the evening instead of 4:40. No. 21 arrives at 7 p. m.

The service on the Rock Hill division was improved by extending the run of trains Nos. 113 and 114 from Rutherfordton to Marion. No. 113 arrives at Marion at 10 p. m., and No. 114 departs for Rock Hill at 5:45 a. m. No. 135, formerly arriving at 12:10, now arrives at 12:30 p. m.

## Sugar Prospects.

Chairman Lowery, of the American Refiners' distributing committee, in the following telegram to Senator Simmons, holds out hope for sugar:

"Replying to your telegram, would say that the allotments for North Carolina are now being made and the entire state should be taken care of in the near future. The chief cause of the complaint results from the long-shoremen's strike, that has tied up shipping in New York harbor for the last month and prevented refiners operating. Consequently all invisible supplies in the country and stocks were reduced to a minimum."

## Anti-Saloon Speaker in Marion.

Dr. George W. Morrow, of the National Anti-Saloon League, spoke to two Marion audiences on last Sunday, at the Baptist church in the morning and at the Methodist church in the evening, in the interest of national and world-wide prohibition.

Dr. Morrow is a speaker of national repute. His addresses in Marion were fully up to his reputation. He told of the object and organization of the Anti-Saloon League and of its great work in abolishing whiskey in a style that made a deep impression on the minds of the people of Marion. He told of the subtle tactics of the liquor forces in trying to evade the laws and in their determination to continue the nefarious and contemptible business of making and selling liquor.

"Since the country has gone dry the liquor forces are making plans to go to China and other countries where they hope to continue their devilish business unmolested and under the sanctity of the law," said the speaker. But the Anti-Saloon League, he said, hopes to get on the ground at once and start its fight to defeat the traffic before its hold gets too strong.

At the conclusion of the address Dr. Morrow asked for subscriptions and donations to carry on the work of the Anti-Saloon League. The audience was furnished with cards and blanks for the purpose, liberal subscriptions and donations being made.

## Gross Mill School Making Great Progress.

The Gross Mill school, under the principalship of Mrs. I. A. Holland, assisted by Miss Nelle McCarry, is making a very fine record. Practically every child between the compulsory ages is in school. The mill authorities are co-operating with the teachers in a very fine spirit in everything that pertains to the success of the school.

An entertainment was held one evening during the past week at which refreshments were served. A charge was made for the benefit of the school. The net sum of \$85.00 was realized which will go to purchase books and primary supplies.

The teachers are planning a Christmas entertainment, a tree and presents for every child. The children are taking great delight in helping the teachers in every possible way.

The new building is about completed. It is furnished with single patent desks and other necessary furniture. The people of the community are much pleased with the way in which the education of their children is being taken care of.

## Road Money Available.

More than \$600,000,000 is available in the United States for construction of hard surface roads in 1920, according to a statement by the department of agriculture. This sum is more than four times the amount estimated for 1919. Expenditure of the fund the department announced is dependent only on the ability of the railroads to furnish enough cars to transport material. The department will institute a national drive to influence purchase and storage of road building material during the winter months and to overcome the open-top car shortage.

## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

### DYSARTSVILLE.

Dysartsville, Nov. 10.—Badger Daves has purchased the B. T. Daves property near the school house and will move to it some time during the winter or spring. Fulton Kirksey has purchased the Curtis farm adjoining W. A. Laughridge.

A nice monument has been placed to J. A. Laughridge's grave in the Methodist cemetery.

Prof. M. S. Giles spent Saturday in Marion.

The school is progressing nicely at this place.

The Baptist people have changed their preaching day from the third to the fourth Sunday in each month. They will have a Thanksgiving service the fourth Sunday in this month. A collection will be taken for the Baptist Orphanage.

### CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill, Nov. 10.—The farmers around Chapel Hill have about completed their fall work.

Jack Frost paid us his first visit Wednesday morning, the 5th.

Mrs. J. M. Swann of Spruce Pine visited relatives here last week.

Joe England and son, Willie, of Marion, spent Sunday with the former's brother, J. W. England.

We have had a few cases of smallpox in this community recently.

Misses Guthrie and Ida Poteet, Mamie Boman and Minnie Turner made a trip to Bridgewater, Sunday.

Miss Lona Goforth attended the teachers' meeting in Marion Saturday.

The Baptist pulpit was filled Sunday by Rev. Short, the new supply.

### NEBO.

Nebo, Nov. 11.—Mrs. J. F. Wilson is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. G. Cobb, in Morganton.

Miss Maggie Taylor, of Greenlee, spent the week end here with homefolks. She was accompanied by Misses Mand Elliott and Olivia Patton, also of Greenlee, and Miss Mamie Goforth, of Old Fort.

C. S. Poteet attended the burial of his sister in Morganton Sunday.

J. R. Taylor and family of Morganton, spent Sunday at the home of G. D. Taylor.

### STROUDTOWN

Stroudtown, Nov. 13.—We regret to have E. K. Hild leave the community. He will locate near Burnesville, in Yancey county.

Mrs. Bertha Killough, Mrs. Ethel McCurry and Mrs. Hattie Burgin visited M. Y. Hicks, near Glenwood, Monday. Mr. Hicks is quite ill.

Mrs. M. L. Ledford and sister, Miss Stella Burgin, of Marion, visited their mother and father, near Old Fort, last Saturday.

P. A. Ledford, of Sugar Hill, is visiting his son, M. L. Ledford.

## Moving Picture of Special Interest to Marion Citizens.

Tonight, Thursday, the Grand Theatre will show a special film illustrating the making and operating of cotton mill machinery and appliances. This film will be shown in addition to the regular program and at regular prices, the film being furnished at the request of Mr. Eugene Cross, by the company who made the machinery now in use in the Cross cotton mills.

As the cotton mill industry is now Marion's biggest business asset, and the source of living for many of our citizens, as well as dividend earners and trade makers for most of our business men, this film will no doubt be of great interest to the community.

Services at St. John's Episcopal next Sunday at 7 p. m.

## Armistice Day Observed in Marion.

Armistice Day was observed in Marion in a very fitting and appropriate way on last Tuesday. The exercises were held at the court house, beginning about 2 o'clock. Mr. J. E. Knipe acted as master of ceremonies.

The program began with a very impressive prayer by Rev. J. C. Story. Speeches reciting the great deeds of valor of the American soldier in the great conflict were made by Mayor Cutlar, B. L. Lunsford, J. W. Pless, Jr., Reys. Lassiter, Holmes and Hutchins.

Notwithstanding the inclement weather the court house was full. A large delegation of soldiers was present in uniform and participated in the exercises. After the exercises the ladies of Marion served the soldiers with delicious refreshments.

## Over Six Hundred Members Enrolled.

On Armistice Day at the court house, Mr. B. L. Lunsford, roll call chairman of the Red Cross, was asked to make a report of the roll call campaign ending November 11th. In giving his report, he stated that last year's membership was seven hundred for McDowell county, and that in making the drive for membership for 1920 it was the purpose of the Marion chapter of the Red Cross to endeavor to secure at least seven hundred members. He reports so far approximately six hundred and thirty-two dollars received in membership fees, with several sections not yet heard from. It will possibly exceed the seven hundred mark by the time all Red Cross workers have made their reports. A complete report of the campaign will be made just as soon as the full report of the workers is secured.

## Real Estate Transfers.

Reported by W. M. Pratt, Real Estate Agent  
John Tancy to E. M. Britt, 42 acres on Mount Ida, \$1250.

O. H. Bumgarner to H. O. Smith, lot on Logan-street, \$2600.

Mrs. Dora Epley, guardian to Don H. Gosorn, lot in Old Fort, one dollar, etc.

Joseph H. Neal to William Terrell, tax title 50 acres on Catawba river \$36.55.

Annie Robeson and Ida Monson to Lena Burgin, land adjoining Will Caldwell and colored church, \$12.

J. Y. Gilliam to H. B. Walker, 174 and 184 acres on Crooked creek, \$2500.

B. C. Noblett to L. E. Gilliam, 26 acres on Jackson creek, \$1200.

W. E. Stone to J. H. Tate, lot in Tate annex to East Marion, \$10.

E. K. Hild to Joseph Tate, lot on Hild farm, \$50.

Benjamin Chapman to J. F. Biddix, undivided interest in land in North Cove township, \$25.

E. M. Britt to N. H. Bowman, 2 acres adjoining Bowman land, in Marion township, \$75.

Mary Arrowood to J. N. Cartcher, 26 acres in Bracketts township, \$75.

Florence Reaves to R. P. Cuthbertson, interest claim, Nebo

John M. Tate and others to W. C. Gibbs, 280 acres on Muddy creek, \$3500.

Samuel E. Sentelle to Mrs. A. G. Hadley, one-half interest in land on Crooked creek, \$10.

J. R. Thomas to Greater Greensboro Development Company, Round Knob property, \$1 and other consideration.

H. M. Taylor to Mattie M. Lytle, 150 acres in Old Fort township, \$3,000.

J. L. Payne and others to J. H. Bailey, land on Mount Ida, \$500.

W. R. Chambers, commissioner, to J. L. Morgan, 64 acres in Nebo, \$650.

North Carolina has 67 cotton oil mills.

## STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Mason W. Gant, clerk of Guilford Superior Court, has been elected judge of the Greensboro juvenile court.

A talking machine plant is to be established in Greensboro. It will cost \$100,000 and will employ 1,500 to 2,000 persons.

Mayor Frank R. McNinch, of Charlotte, has announced that he will be a candidate for the seat in Congress vacated by E. Y. Webb.

Showing something of the wealth local tobacco farmers are now literally rolling in, Mrs. J. L. Grady, living a few miles from Mount Olive, in Duplin, reports receipt of over \$1,000 from tobacco raised on 6 10ths of an acre.

Mrs. A. M. Kistler died suddenly at her home in Morganton last Thursday night of heart trouble. Mrs. Kistler was the wife of Morganton's wealthiest citizen, one of the leaders of the tanning industry of the country.

The United States public health service will lease Kenilworth Inn, at Asheville, for one year with the privilege of purchase, according to announcement from the treasury department. It is expected that a large number of patients who are now at government hospitals will be transferred to Asheville as soon as the hotel can be prepared for the hospital purposes.

Goldsboro has been selected by the authorities of the livestock associations for the next annual meeting of the associations and sales of pure-bred livestock and poultry and poultry. The date is December 9 to 12, inclusive. Most of the lecture programs will be given at the Wayne county court house, the basement being used for educational exhibits of different kinds.

## Graded School News.

Last week was a busy one at the school. Monday morning we were entertained by the Fifth grade with the following program:

Song, America The Beautiful, by the grade.

Recitation, The Flag Goes, by six children.

The Train to Manro, play in one act, Kathryn McCall, Mrs. Buttermilk.

Harry Guinn, Johnnie Buttermilk, Benson Davis, Mr. Knight.

Wednesday morning the Fourth grade gave the following program:

Song, We Are Jolly Jack O'Lanterns, by the grade.

Song, Hallwe'en Brownies, by 14 boys.

Recitation, Mr. Socrates Snookes, Jeannette Gilkey.

Recitation, Minnie Coulter, Fern Beard.

Recitation, The Best Way, Bonnie Michael.

Recitation, When the Colored Band Goes Marching Down the Street, Mary Grace Carr.

Recitation, Little Orphan Annie, Mildred Hutto.

The Witches Fortunes and song to the Witch by the grade.

Our Hallowe'en Carnival was enjoyed by a large crowd and was a success financially. The receipts of the evening amounted to \$91.46 clear, which will be used in equipment of playgrounds.

Outside the full suffrage states, Florida and Vermont lead in the number of towns and cities where women may vote in the municipal elections.