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LABOR GIVES CONGRESS A GOOD HARD JOLT

Railroad Engineers Tell Congressmen That They Might As Well Cut Out Politics and Get Down to Business.

Into the aimless brawl that the House and the Senate have been making of the present session the cool demand of the railway engineers and the hurried order from Mr. Wilson for a realistic policy that may ease or explain the pressure of living costs fell like a bomb.

We may now expect a quick, if not an actually hasty, settlement of the league-of-nations business. Congress has been jolted back to earth, back from Shantung back to the clouds. It has been shocked out of the frenzy of partisan bickering that has been making a national scandal out of a national crisis. The collective mind of Washington is at last made aware of the United States.

A few days ago it was generally understood in Washington that the economic crisis reflected in the intolerable cost of necessities was to be made a party issue. Today there is talk of a "coalition committee" of one or both houses, with authority to put needed restraints upon the lawless gamblers everywhere who are threatening the foundations of economic order in the United States. It is difficult to say how the general situation may be approached. The condition is one that should have had impartial and scientific consideration long ago. The government has to deal largely with a national state of mind. The get-rich-quick mania is general all over the country. But it ought to be possible for Congress and the federal departments to break the spell and avert further confusion.

If the representatives of both parties in Washington can lift the whole question out of politics Congress may yet atone, in part at least, for its previous recklessness. Abroad politicians have had no trouble in temporary adjusting their difficulties to meet similar issues wisely and effectively. They have been willing to forget party ambitions in any pinch that involved the interests of the whole nation. Mr. Wilson and his party, on the one hand, and the Republicans on the other cannot be blamed in this instance for anything worse than prolonged absent-mindedness. We are dealing with the aftermath of war and with thousands of speculators intoxicated with war profits and unwilling to accept less. The profiteering habit is not exclusive to any class. Wage-earners themselves have a touch of it. It was a trades union which demonstrated in the past its willingness to be ruthless that again issued an ultimatum to the government. If Congress had not been in a state of hopeless abstraction it would have seen the approach of some such crisis. It was thinking of 1920. Now the leaders who cannot forget 1920 for a time at least, will invite the contempt of the country.

FLOUR PRODUCTION SHOWS INCREASE OF 100,000,000 BARRELS

Report of the United States Grain Corporation.

An increase of 2,500,000 bushels in the country's wheat receipt from farms for the month ending July 25 as compared with the same month in 1918 was noted in a bulletin issued today by the United States Grain Corporation. In the same period the increase of flour production was nearly 1,000,000 barrels. The exact figures are 107,939,000 bushels of wheat as against 105,432,000 for 1918, and 6,268,000 barrels of flour as compared with 5,319,000.

THREE MILLION KIDDIES ARE UNDERFED IS THE STARTLING REPORT

High Cost of Living Is Responsible For the Deplorable Condition

Washington, August 7.—A study just completed by Miss Lydia Roberts, noted dietitian, stated that 3,000,000 American school children are underfed, because parents are unable to afford enough food.

"Thousands of American families" says Miss Roberts, "are today living on an income which does not permit of an adequate diet. Their children are going hungry because the parents cannot afford to buy a sufficient amount of suitable nourishing food."

THE OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET

The Opening Date To Be Announced Soon.

A meeting of the buyers and warehousemen from all of this section is expected to be held next week to decide definite the date for opening the tobacco market here. Durham, Henderson and Creedmoor will open on the same date that the Oxford market will open.

GOVERNOR BICKETT PARDONS MR. MILTON B. HOBGOOD

Says No Good Purpose Can Be Served By Keeping the Granville County Man in Prison.

(News and Observer.) Governor Bickett Tuesday pardoned Milton B. Hobgood, of Granville county, convicted in Granville county in September, 1912, and sentenced to thirty years in the State's Prison for murder in the second degree.

Granting the pardon, without conditions, Governor Bickett made the following statement of reasons:

"This defendant has now served for seven years and has made a most exemplary prisoner, not a mark being recorded against him. The wife of the superintendent of the State's Prison says that this man has worked under her observation, and she regards him as an honorable, upright man in every respect. He is now about sixty years of age, and is in very feeble health. The circumstances under which the offense was committed were very trying, and it is the opinion of representative men of Granville county, who know the facts, that the punishment of the prisoner has already been ample, that no good purpose could be served by keeping him in prison any longer. The petition in behalf of the prisoner is signed by all the county officials of Granville county, by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, by the Senator from Granville county, and by other citizens of the very highest character, who have no interest in this matter. For these reasons a full pardon is granted."

THE LINE IS GETTING THIN AND SHAKY

Only Nine Granville County Veterans Attend the Reunion

Last Tuesday afternoon at five o'clock nine Granville county survivors of the Immortal Lee, passed the Public Ledger office two abreast. Their gait was slow and their step was unsteady, but their hearts were young again. There was no one at the Seaboard station to cheer when they entrained for Rocky Mount to talk about the great slaughter they witnessed fifty odd years ago.

The Veterans.

As near as can be determined, there are not more than 80 survivors of Lee in Granville county. They are rapidly passing away. The following is a list of the nine who answered the roll-call and entrained here:

Name	Age
J. W. Adcock	86
Wilkins Stovall	83
Capt. W. H. White	78
H. H. Eatman	78
Howard Dorsey	77
W. P. Slaughter	75
J. H. Morris	74
B. I. Breedlove	73
J. L. Dixon	73

Capt. White in Command.

Capt. W. H. White was in command of the squad. Mr. J. G. Nutt, a son of a veteran, accompanied them. They returned home Thursday evening.

ELEVEN CENSUS SUPERVISORS FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Nearly All of Them Are Lawyers.

North Carolina will have 11 census supervisors. They are to be: First district, Lloyd L. J. Lawrence, Murfreesboro, and John D. Biggs, Williamston, second district, W. O. Howard, Tarboro; third, Rivers D. Johnson, Warsaw, fourth, Otway B. Moss, Spring Hope; fifth, John E. Tucker, Yanceyville; sixth, Henry L. Cook, Fayetteville; seventh, Lester A. Martin, Lexington; eighth, Arthur L. Deal, Mooresville; ninth, Joseph M. McConnell, Davidson; tenth, Corsey C. Buchanan, Sylvia. Biggs has the eleventh district, which is part of the first. All of these are lawyers except Messrs. Tucker and Deal, who are farmers; McConnell, a professor, and Biggs, a banker. These men will supervise the taking of the next census in North Carolina.

Fifth District—Counties: Alamance, Caswell, Durham, Forsyth, Granville, Guilford, Orange, Person, Rockingham, Stokes, and Surry (11 counties). Population (1910) 330,474.

PERSHING'S VIEWS WANTED.

Congress Wants His Opinion Before Passing On Universal Military Training Bill.

Washington, August 7.—Congress wants to hear from General Pershing before making up its mind about universal military training and the nation's peace army. Hearings will begin at once but no action will be taken until Pershing returns from abroad.

A WAVE OF UNREST SHAKES THE FOUNDATION OF THE GOVERNMENT

It Is Charged That Profiteers Have Brought the Entire Country To the Brink of a Revolution.

WASHINGTON, AUG. 7. Some sharp views of leaders of organized labor on economic problems were developed at the opening of hearings before the House Interstate Commerce Committee on the Plumb plan for operating the railroads as presented by the brotherhoods and the American Federation of Labor.

Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the brotherhood of locomotive engineers, said labor might advocate a firing squad for profiteers, and said that unless Congress found a solution for the high cost of living problem within a few months America would see "its very worst period."

"The people are not going to starve," said he. "They are going to die fighting."

He added that the time would come when all prices would be fixed by the government.

Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, told the committee that if the plan for ownership and control of the railroads proved successful it would be applied to other industries.

President Will Address Congress.

President Wilson will address Congress in person Friday to make arrangements for legislation designed to aid in reducing the cost of living.

Unions Demand Raise.

Representatives of fourteen railroad unions now have joined in a communication to Director-General Hines asking for an increase in wages. So far as is known, this is the first instance in which all the railroad unions have acted all together as a unit.

Freight Cars Idle.

Already more than 200,000 cars are reported to be out of commission, and unless railroad rolling stock can be kept in running order, it was pointed out, a number of mills, mines and factories and food products will be threatened with closing.

Shoe Manufacturers Responsible.

Unprecedented profits taken by slaughtering, tanners, manufacturers dealers, for which there was no justification, are responsible for the high prices of shoes, Congress was informed by the Federal Trade Commission. President Wilson was understood to have ordered a detailed summary printed and sent to Congress immediately.

Farmers Will Hold Fast.

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 7.—In a telegram to President Wilson the Indiana Federated Farmers Association, representing more than 100,000 Indiana farmers, condemned "veiled threats of a revolution," and declared that if the railroad strike continues, it seriously considers advising its members to hold all farm products until the strike ends. The message to the President was signed by Louis Taylor, general secretary of the association.

Criminal Prosecution.

Washington, August 7.—The government's new anti-trust suits against the five great packing concerns is being brought by director of President Wilson as one of the first results of his study of the cost of living problem. It became known today that the President came to his decision after a careful study of the investigations of the Federal Trade Commission and the hearings before Congressional committees considering bills to control the packing industry. The government's case against the five big packers will be placed before the Federal grand jury which meets at Chicago three weeks hence. This means that criminal prosecution will be instituted.

OXFORD BOY SCOUTS CAMPED AT LOCH LILLY LAKE

About twenty young boys constituting Troop No. 2, of the Oxford Boy Scouts, left Tuesday for Loch Lilly Lake for their annual summer camping trip. They were in charge of their scoutmaster, Rev. R. C. Craven, and a most enjoyable as well as helpful time is anticipated by the young people.

Mr. Craven has greatly endeavored himself to all the young people of Oxford in this work and great credit is being accomplished by the different scout organizations of Oxford. They will be absent about ten days.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners Davis and Averett Will Attend the Annual Meeting of the County Commissioners of North Carolina.

The Board of County Commissioners held a short session last Monday. Messrs. J. Ennis Davis, chairman; J. T. Averett, B. I. Breedlove, and W. E. Cannady were present. Commissioner J. L. Peed, of Creedmoor, was absent on account of sickness.

New Road.

The county engineer was instructed to survey a new road, running west from a point near Gela to intersect with the Mt. Creek road.

Joins State Association.

The County Commissioners of the several counties of the State having formed an association for the dissemination of such knowledge as will benefit the people at large, the clerk was instructed to mail a \$5.00 check to the association, the same being the annual fee for county membership. The board named Chairman Davis and Commissioner Averett as delegates to the annual meeting.

Old Soldiers Made Happy.

The motion to pay the railroad fare of the veterans of the War Between the States to the reunion at Rocky Mount met with hearty approval. Only nine or ten veterans answered their names when the roll was called. They highly appreciated the favor the commissioners bestowed upon them.

The County Income.

The commissioners, in accordance with the law, carefully revised the outside pauper list of the county.

Sarah Tingin, white, was granted admission to the Home of the Aged and Infirm.

The Insolvent List.

The Sheriff presented his insolvent list of \$344.35, which was examined by the commissioners and allowed.

SEABOARD AND SOUTHERN PUTS EMBARGO UPON OUTGOING FREIGHT SHIPMENTS

Tripling of Service by Shopmen's Strike Forces Curtailment of Service To Public.

The public is getting its first real taste of the effects of the shopmen's strike on the railroads of the country when official notice from the Seaboard Air Line was issued late Wednesday afternoon ordering an embargo on all freight, except foodstuffs for human consumption, and that may be accepted only subject to delay and with the bill of lading so endorsed. The order came from O. R. Teague, at Raleigh, superintendent of this district.

Mr. Teague's Order.

"Am wiring you embargo on all freight, car load and less car load, to all points, except foodstuffs for human consumption, and only subject to delay and bill of lading so endorsed. Get this notice to press tonight, and be governed accordingly, making what labor reductions you can."

The Southern.

Although the embargo against the acceptance of freight shipments expected momentarily had not been received at one o'clock Thursday afternoon, movement of freight over the Southern Railway's branch line into and out of Oxford was restricted entirely to local shipments. Embargoes on the Atlantic Coast Line and the Chesapeake & Ohio, connecting lines for the Southern, made it impossible that goods be accepted by delivery any great distance from the starting point.

At Richmond no consignment of any kind was being received Thursday, it was said at the local freight office, but deliveries were being made as usual of shipments that had come in. A complete tie-up of all the lines is expected within a very short time unless there is a settlement of the strike.

TERRIFIC STORM SWEEPS OVER GRANVILLE COUNTY

About nine o'clock Wednesday night a terrific storm broke over this section, doing much damage to farms and roads. The downpour for half an hour was the hardest that has been seen here in many years. The street drains in Oxford were swelled beyond their capacity.

Capt. Reid, of the Oxford police force, sought refuge in the Mayor's office, and while watching the storm a bolt of lightning knocked him to the floor. He soon recovered from the shock and left the building.

The Lightning Struck One of the Big Trees in Mr. M. P. Chamberlain's Back Yard and Left Its Mark.

The telephone system was put out of commission.

STRIKERS MUST RETURN TO THEIR WORK TO GET A HEARING

Joint Session of Congress Today to Hear President—He Will Make Recommendations for Combating High Cost of Living By Strengthening the Present Statutes As To Profiteering.

WASHINGTON, AUG. 7.

President Wilson tonight notified Director General Hines that he was authorized to take up the demands of railroad shop employes for higher wages and decide them on their merits.

The following is an extract from the text of President's letter to the Director of Railroads:

MUST DEAL WITH HEADS.
"You are, therefore, authorized to say to the railroad shop employes that the question of wages they have raised will be taken up and considered on its merits by the Director General in conference with their duly accredited representatives. I hope that you will make it clear to the men concerned that the Railroad Administration cannot deal with problems of this sort or with any problems affecting the men except through the duly chosen international officers or the regularly constituted organization and their authorized committees. Matters of so various a nature and affecting so many men cannot be dealt with except in this way."

CONTRARY ACTION WOULD DEFEAT PURPOSE.

"Any action which brings the authorized representatives of the organization into question or discredits it must interfere with, if not prevent, action altogether. The chief object of a decision has been created by the men themselves. They have gone on strike and repudiated the authority of their officers at the very moment when they were urging action in regard to various interests."

STRIKE WAS PREMATURE.

"You will remember that a conference between yourself and the authorized representatives of the men was arranged at the instance of their representatives for July 28 to discuss the wage question of a national agreement, but because this conference took place or could take place, local bodies of shopmen took action looking toward a strike on the first of August. In the presence of these strikes and the repudiation of the authority of the organization concerned, there can be no consideration of the matter in controversy. Until the employes return to work and again recognize the authority of their organization, the whole matter must be at a standstill."

Will Address Congress Today

President Wilson put the finishing touches on his high cost of living address to Congress tonight and prepared to deliver it in person tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Immediate Legislation Urged

The address will be confined to laying before Congress what measures, in the opinion of the President and of the sub-committee appointed by Attorney General Palmer, should be enacted at once to bring relief to the public from the existing high prices. All the elements that have helped create the condition the country finds itself in today, in the view of these men, will be dealt with. These include, it was learned authoritatively, labor problems and strikes resulting from them, and production which would be interfered with by strikes.

ROGUES GO THROUGH POCKETS OF MRS. WALTERS' BOARDERS

Several Watches and Some Cash Was Stolen.

Some time between three and four o'clock Thursday morning thieves entered every room of Mrs. Walters' boarding house, on Main street, and helped themselves to valuables.

Nine people in all were robbed. Considerable cash and five watches were taken. A man from Durham was robbed of his pants, pocketbook and watch.

There is no clue as to who perpetrated the crime.

AUTOMOBILE SMASHES THRU PLATE GLASS WINDOW

The Car Was Driven By Mr. Ple Cheatham

Mr. Ple Cheatham, one of the good men of the county, met with bad luck at noon Thursday. He had just bought a handsome new Mitchell car and was driving it for the first time when it took a notion to crawl upon the sidewalk in front of Cohn & Son's store. It pushed two big boxes out of the way and continued on to the Brown building and poked its hood through the plate glass from in the department occupied by R. A. Wiggins, who sells the Eveready battery.

The fact that the steering gear of the new car was rather tight accounts for the accident. Mr. Cheatham is going through and through and acknowledged that it was his fault and offered to pay the damage, which will cost him about \$200.

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In the battle for bread it looks as though General Public were being out maneuvered by General Cussedness.

HOW TO PURCHASE FOOD FROM THE GOVERNMENT

From Surplus of War Goods Offered For Sale by War Department At Reduced Prices.

Washington, August 7.—The method of procedure whereby North Carolina cities can take advantage of the reduced prices offered by the War Department in its sale of surplus canned and cured meats has been announced.

Government Don't Pay Freight

The surplus products are offered to the municipalities in not less than carload lots, but at these warehouses at which stocks of vegetables and meats are stored a municipality will be permitted to purchase mixed carloads of either vegetables or meats, or both vegetables and meats. The prices quoted are f. o. b. location. The War Department does not pay freight charges or transport the goods. The responsibility for such detail must be assumed by the municipality.

Nearest Zone Supply Office.

Municipalities desiring to take advantage of the War Department's offer are requested to negotiate directly with the surplus property office, at the nearest of the zone supply offices, which are located in the following cities: Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Newport News, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, New Orleans, Fort Sam Houston, El Paso, Omaha and San Francisco.

These surplus property offices have been instructed by the War Department to make sales to towns under the conditions prescribed by the War Department, and are supplied with complete information concerning the commodities available in each of the zones and the actual prices at which they may be disposed at.

The Prices.

Compare the following prices with those you have to pay in North Carolina: Corn beef, No. 1 cans, \$3.60 dozen; No. 2 cans, \$3.96; No. 6 pound cans, \$26 per dozen; roast beef, No. 1 cans, \$3.49 per dozen; roast beef, No. 1 pound cans, \$4.92 per dozen; roast beef, 2-pound cans, \$7.92 per dozen; roast beef, 6-pounds, \$26.40 per dozen; corned beef hash, 1-pound cans, \$2.76 a dozen; corned beef hash, 2-pound cans, \$4.80 a dozen; or bacon in crates, 34 cents a pound. Bacon in 21-pound tins, 36 cents a pound.

WOOD-THOMAS MARRIAGE

Oxford Couple Go To Washington City To Wed.

Miss Bernice Wood, the pretty and attractive second daughter of Mr. J. Robert Wood, and Mr. George N. Thomas, clerk of the late Granville County Exemption Board, were quietly married by Rev. Hugh T. Stevenson, No. 157 U Street, N. W., Washington City, last Monday afternoon.

There is an interesting tinge of romance in the life-story of the young couple, embracing an ardent courtship of more than one year. Miss Wood went over to Chester, Va., last week to visit her uncle, A. day of two later Mr. Thomas calls on her at the home of her uncle, and on Monday last they made a trip to Washington and were quietly married, as stated above.

Immediately following the marriage the happy couple boarded the train and returned to Chester, Mr. Thomas again stopping with her uncle and Mr. Thomas continuing on to Oxford.

The first intimation of the marriage was contained in a Washington wire to the State press, received here Wednesday morning.

The bride is a very attractive and smart young woman and has many friends here. Mr. Thomas is a bright medical student at Wake Forest college and will complete his studies in one or two years.

SHIP BRINGS 4,800 TONS POTASH TO WILMINGTON

(Morning Star.)

The Dutch steamer Veerhaven arrived here today with the first potash from Europe that has been brought here since the war stopped shipment in 1915. She brought 4,800 tons from the Alsatian potash fields now in control of the French after 40 years under German direction.

SOMEBODY LOST SOME MONEY ON THE STREET

While walking along Main street last Tuesday morning, a lady found a small sum of money in front of Mr. W. H. Hunt's residence. The owner can get the same by calling at the Public Ledger office, describe the money and paying for this announcement.

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