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WIDE COAL STRIKE IN GREAT BRITAIN

1,200,000 MINERS IDLE AS A RESULT OF CONTROVERSY OVER WAGE SCALE.

ALMOST COMPLETE STOPPAGE

Danger Threatens That Mines May be Flooded and That Many May be Irretrievably Ruined.

London.—All work ceased in the coal mines of the United Kingdom at midnight with the exception of a very few districts and approximately 1,200,000 miners were idle as a result of the controversy over the wage issue. In only two collieries in Yorkshire, one in Northumberland, one in Scotland and one in North Wales the men have promised to continue at their posts without prejudice to any terms that may be agreed upon, but all other pit workers, including mechanics, pump men, ventilating men and pony men, came out with the miners.

Danger that the miners may be flooded threatens and many may be irretrievably ruined from the rush of water. Strenuous efforts are being made to enroll volunteers. Yorkshire pump men have decided to remain at work.

Apprehension is felt that the National Union of Railway Men and the transport workers' union, partners with the miners in the labor dispute, may be tempted to strike in sympathy with the coal diggers. In such an event, the nation would be confronted by a crisis of unprecedented gravity.

Huns Suggested Release.
Berlin.—The pardoning of Carl Neuf and Franz Zimmer, the Americans under confinement in Baden for their attempt to arrest Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, the American draft evader, who were released at Moscow, was suggested to the Baden authorities by the German government as a voluntary attempt to smooth out an unpleasant situation.

Germany Dumps on Belgium.
Brussels.—In a formal note addressed to the Belgian government, the Belgian Federation of Contractors charges Germany with perfecting a gigantic system of dumping. This is declared to be so formidable that no industry outside of Germany can fight against it unless determined and rapid action are taken at once.

Death of "Uncrowned King."
Berlin.—Wilhelm Syll, known as "the uncrowned King of the Berlin proletariat," died as a result of a bullet wound received after he struck a policeman who arrested him on suspicion that he was planning a general strike.

Want Chinese Treaty Revised.
Mexico City.—Declaring that Chinese are monopolizing the labor jobs in the northern district of Lower California, a delegation of citizens of that territory has arrived here to ask that the treaty with China, negotiated six years ago be abrogated or revised.

Legion Asks Contributions.
Indianapolis, Ind.—A call for all members of the American Legion to contribute ten cents to a Memorial Day fund for the decoration of American graves overseas was sent out in a bulletin from national headquarters of the legion here.

One Woman Blinds Another.
Jerome, Ariz.—Mrs. Clarence V. Hopkins, wife of a mining engineer, was rushed to the Prescott county jail to avoid violence against her, following the throwing of acid into the face of Lucille Gallagher, a school teacher.

Fighting Has Spread.
Athens.—Fighting between the Greeks and Turkish nationalists has spread along the line in Asia Minor until the northern end of the active zone is within 20 miles of Ismid.

Beer Drinking Falls Off.
Washington.—Beer drinking in Germany has fallen off by more than 750,000,000 gallons a year as compared with pre-war consumption, Consul General Coffin, at Berlin reported.

Engage Russian Militia.
Tokio.—The anti-bolshevik troops formerly commanded by the late General Kappel, armed with machine guns, opened an engagement with the Russian militia in Vladivostok, says a dispatch from that city to newspapers here.

VIEWS OF WALLACE ON HIGHER PRICES

PENDULUM OF PRICE READJUSTMENT SWUNG TOO FAR AND TOO VIOLENTLY.

DOLLARS MUST BE EQUALIZED

Farmers Must Be Paid an Approximate Increase of 70 Per Cent for the Product of Their Toil.

Washington.—Food prices must rise again—and rise soon—before the coming of real prosperity. All the farmer raises is sold for too little; he is receiving fifty to sixty cent dollars for what he sells and paying 100-cent dollars for what he buys. The pendulum of price readjustment has swung too violently and too far in his direction.

One of two things must happen, Secretary of Agriculture Wallace believes, before the country can be truly prosperous. As he sees the dilemma, the horns are described thus:

1. Farm products—and this means all foodstuffs—must rise approximately 70 per cent in wholesale prices to the farmer; or—

2. The retail price of everything else must drop still further until the buyer's dollar and the farmer's dollar are worth exactly the same amount.

Present prospects are that both movements will be noticeable within a short time. Increased prices of foodstuffs will be brought about to some extent, it is believed, by the enactment of a tariff sufficiently high to prevent the dumping into American markets of farm products raised abroad, these products at present being sold at prices lower than the cost of producing the commodities on American farms.

Harding Dines Newspaper Men.
Washington.—President Harding fulfilled one of his campaign pledges when he gave a White House dinner to newspaper correspondents who were assigned to him during his race for the presidency.

These reporters, who organized themselves into "the order of the elephant," gave a dinner for Harding last September.

Want Amnesty for Prisoners.
Atlanta, Ga.—Samuel M. Castleton, personal counsel in Atlanta for Eugene V. Debs, socialist leader now serving a ten-year sentence in the federal penitentiary here for violation of the espionage act, will appear before President Harding April 13 to present a plea for general amnesty to political prisoners.

Cure Found for Seasickness.
Brussels.—Dr. Nolf, a professor at the University of Liege, announces that he has discovered an absolute cure for seasickness by the use of belladonna and atropine. Seasickness according to the doctor, has its origin in a nerve in the interior ear which causes dizziness.

Elks Take Ty Cobb In.
Detroit.—Life membership in the Elks has been voted Ty Cobb, manager of the Detroit American League team, by Detroit Lodge No. 34. A gold membership card will be presented the Tiger manager before the opening game of the season here April 13.

Heaviest Holders of Bonds.
Washington.—National banks are heaviest holders of government bonds. Their total investments in Liberty bonds and Victory notes amount to \$2,269,575,000. The banks have in all sorts of securities, both foreign and domestic, \$4,186,465,000.

Housing Shortage to Continue.
Washington.—Hopes for relief from the housing shortage were shattered by John H. Donlin, president of the building trades union. There is no relief in sight or any indication of a revival of building activity, Donlin declared.

Husband Only to Recommend.
Washington.—Recommendations on appeals of immigrants barred from entering this country will be made directly by Commissioner General of Immigration Husband.

Jewell and Harding to Confer.
Washington.—President Harding has invited Bert M. Jewell, head of the railroad organizations, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, to confer with him here on the general railroad situation. It was learned in labor circles here.

RALEIGH-RICHMOND BRIDGE IS OPENED

CONSUMPTION OF TWO YEARS OF EFFORT WAS ACHIEVED ON FEBRUARY 23.

MOST DIRECT TOURIST ROUTE

Road Ganga Along This Line, Also in Georgia and South Carolina Very Busy Grading and Filling.

Raleigh.
Consummation of the thoughts and ideas of the several communities interested as to the desirability of a better method of communication with the world, North and South, was achieved, when on February 23 the South Hill-Henderson Bridge was opened to travel and traffic.

The new bridge shortens the distance from Richmond to Raleigh between North and South, twenty miles, and from South Hill to Durham, the route is over the South Hill-Henderson bridge, and through Henderson and Oxford.

In a recent communication from one of the officials of the American Automobile Association, the following reference was made to the new route:

"We are going right ahead with preparing new detailed strip maps showing the main route down through Richmond, South Hill, Henderson, Raleigh and Pinehurst so that by next fall the procession of motor cars carrying tourists from the North to the Southland may be directed over the best and most direct route. On our inspection trip through to Florida, we found that all through South Carolina and Georgia the road gangs are very busy grading and filling along the main lines of travel, especially along the route, or course which we expect to route our members over during the coming season. The State Highway Commissioners advise us that conditions will be better than ever before down through the Carolinas and Georgia so that the usual difficulties will not be experienced in getting through. Of course the Virginia section has been well taken care of, and Commissioner Coleman is making a real highway throughout the State."

Insurance Company is Warned.
Insurance Commissioner Stacy Wade served notice on the Belt Automobile Indemnity association of El Paso, Ill., that it cannot do further business in North Carolina or get its unapproved contracts approved unless there is quick and radical improvement in the business methods of the company.

Governor Morrison to Speak.
Governor Morrison has accepted the invitation of the North Carolina Merchants' association to deliver an address to that body when it meets in Greensboro on April 7. The governor spoke here to a group meeting of bankers, enjoining the financiers to do the patriotic turn by the state now, just as much as they did by the nation when it went to war.

Prohibition Agents Active.
Chief Federal Prohibition Agent Gulley and Agents Ranes, Richardson and Brady last week arrested twenty men on charges of violating the prohibition laws, captured eight stills, confiscated a large amount of whiskey.

Sustains Lower Court Verdict.
The supreme court upheld a verdict for \$3,500 damages given in Brunswick superior court to J. H. Cotton, a well known white man of the county, because of a slander made against him by officials of the Fisheries Products company of New Hanover.

"Baptist Bishop" is Dead.
Rev. J. D. Hufham, D. D., one of the best known and most highly esteemed Baptist preachers in the state and referred to by many as "the Baptist bishop of North Carolina," died after a brief illness.

Commissioner Shipman Returns.
Washington, (Special).—Commissioner of Labor and Printing, M. L. Shipman, who has spent two days on matters connected with the national and state employment service for North Carolina, left for his home. Mr. Shipman had quite a lengthy conference with the new Secretary of Labor James O. Davis, who is much interested in the employment service.



MRS. EDWIN DENBY.
New photograph of Mrs. Edwin Denby, wife of the secretary of the navy. She was born Thurber, the daughter of Cleveland's private secretary, and got her first schooling in the White House kindergarten.

COST OF LIVING GOING DOWN

The Pennsylvania Railroad System in February was Operated at a Loss of More Than \$8,500,000.

Pittsburgh.—It has become impossible to operate the Pennsylvania railroad successfully and continue to pay the "abnormally high" wages fixed by the Railroad Labor Board. C. S. Krick, general manager of the eastern region declared in opening a series of conferences between officials of the company and representatives of its employees to discuss proposed reductions in salaries and wages.

Mr. Krick maintained that the entire world rapidly is getting back to normal and that since the middle of last year, the cost of living has been steadily going down.

"At present," he declared, "nearly 70 per cent out of every dollar the Pennsylvania railroad receives from operation is paid out in wages. The remaining 30 cents is not sufficient to buy fuel and other materials and pay our taxes and other obligations."

"Without taking dividends into consideration, the Pennsylvania system was operated in February at a loss of more than \$8,500,000."

Hold up List of Evaders.
Washington.—Publication by the War Department of the list of wartime draft evaders has been postponed until Attorney General Daugherty can prepare an opinion on the question of the legal liability of the government in the event names of innocent men should by accident appear on the lists made public.

Archbishop Gibbons at Rest.
Baltimore.—With all the splendor of a ceremony centuries old, the Roman Catholic church laid to rest one of its oldest and most faithful servants—James Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore, and the second American to be elevated to the cardinalate.

U. S. Exports Much Morphine.
Tokio.—Morphine brought from the United States every year to Japan for re-export to China amounts roughly to 65,000 pounds. Baron Fujimura, raising the question of the opium traffic in China, asserted at a session of the budget committee of the House of Peers.

30,000 Jugo-Slavs Ready.
Vienna.—The Weimer Journal announces that thirty thousand Jugo-Slav troops have been massed in Varasdin in Croatia, with the intention of marching on Stehnamanger and preventing a restoration of the Hapsburgs by all means.

Asks Provisional Reduction.
Chicago.—Provisional reduction of the wages of approximately 26,000 unskilled workmen on the New York Central Railroad, to be effective April 1, was asked of the Railroad Labor Board.

Roosevelt and Hoover Invited.
Washington.—Theodore Roosevelt and Herbert Hoover may attend the good roads meeting in Greensboro, N. C., April 18 to 23.

Fought Fire Among the Clouds.
New York.—Firemen fought among the clouds for more than an hour before subduing a dangerous blaze on the 31st floor of the towering Equitable Building in the heart of the downtown skyscraper district. It was one of the highest fires the firemen have ever been called upon to fight.

CONDENSED NEWS FROM THE OLD NORTH STATE

SECRET NOTES OF INTEREST TO CAROLINIANS.

Rutherfordton.—John H. Wood, 65, one of Rutherfordton's wealthiest and best known citizens was buried at the local Methodist church.

Greenville.—Edward Weatherington died at the age of 51. Death was due to apoplexy. Mr. Weatherington had large farming interests in Pitt county.

Durham.—The city manager form of government was adopted by the citizens of Durham in an election. Official tabulations gave the managerial form a majority of 895 votes out of 1,811.

Spencer.—Mrs. William Kester, wife of one of Franklin township's well known citizens has been in a precarious condition for several days as the result of an attack by a hog.

Kinston.—John Pully is the Republican favorite for postmaster at La-Grange, second plum in importance to be awarded to a Lenoir county man by the new administration at Washington. Pully has been connected with the office several years.

Statesville.—Bruce Fesperman, age 16 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fesperman, of Statesville, was drowned in the Southern Power company's pond, about 12 miles from Statesville on the Catawba river.

Durham.—Durham citizens voted in the managerial form of government for this city by an overwhelming majority. The official count has not been made, but members of the campaign committee predict that the new charter was carried by a 3 to 1 vote.

Greensboro.—A peanut lodged in the windpipe of C. W. Huffines, Jr., the 13-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Huffines, of this city, caused the child's death at a local hospital following an operation.

Greensboro.—An effort will be made to get Calvin Coolidge, vice president of the United States, here for the conventions of the United States Good Roads association and the Bankhead National Highway association, the week of April 18 to 23.

Salisbury.—R. A. Kohloss of this city, who is slated for the position of prohibition director for North and South Carolina, will continue Salisbury as headquarters of his department.

Charlotte.—Establishment of an employment bureau with state and federal aid may be effected in Charlotte according to T. T. Allison, business manager of the chamber of commerce.

Statesville.—A 50 gallon liquor barrel, buried near the home of Flake Holland in Union Grove township, is the latest discovery of Sheriff M. P. Alexander and Deputies Privett, Tomlin and Policeman Gilbert.

Lincolnton.—Mrs. Hosea Carpenter died at her home at Elm Grove from the effects of burns received more than two weeks ago. At the time of the accident Mrs. Carpenter was nursing her baby before an open fire.

Concord.—Mark Teeter, 18 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Logan Teeter of Mecklenburg county committed suicide at the home of C. A. Smith, near Irvin's crossing, by drinking a quantity of carbolic acid.

Hamlet.—T. F. Moffitt recently elected secretary of the Hamlet chamber of Commerce, has arrived in Hamlet and is on the job. Mr. Moffitt comes to Hamlet from Henderson where he was for the past years secretary of the Henderson chamber.

Wilson.—While returning to their homes, S. H. Vick, ex-postmaster of Wilson, and Albert Robinson, retired railway mail clerk, both leading colored men of this city, were held up and robbed of their watches by two masked highwaymen.

Asheville.—Damage to fruit in western North Carolina by reason of the freeze will not exceed one-tenth of the total crop, according to the estimate of James F. Gray, district agricultural agent.

Governor Calls a Conference.

Governor Cameron Morrison has called a meeting of the heads of the various state institutions which have building programs uncompleted at the time the office of building commission and state architect were abolished, for the purpose of discussing ways and means of carrying this work forward to completion. At this conference, which will be held during the first week in April, according to the present plans, the governor and the institution heads will map out ways and means of carrying forward the work the building commission had under way when its official head was cut off by the legislature.

For the present, Engineer A. Underwood, who was the chief engineer of the building commission, has been placed in charge of the work of the building commission for the purpose of handling matters pending the development of a new plan. Mr. Underwood, it is understood, has been placed in charge of the building program of some of the institutions after he is released from the work of the old building commission. The institutions will have to have some one not only to complete the work under way on March 1, but also some one to take general supervisory charge of the new building program which will be started during the coming summer.

Warned by Secretary of A. C. A.
Unless farmers reduce their cotton acreage for the next season at least 40 per cent it will continue to sell far below the production cost, declared Winston D. Adams, secretary of the American Cotton association, in a statement on the condition of the textile industry and a review of its status for the last 12 months.

Cotton manufacturers are heartily in sympathy with the movement for reduced cotton acreage, Mr. Adams said. The prosperity of the farmer depends upon the prosperity of the cotton manufacturer, and vice versa.

Telephone Hearing Comes Next.
The state corporation commission cleared its calendar of gas rates and began preparations for hearing the petition of the Southern Bell Telephone company and subsidiary companies with exchanges in North Carolina.

The telephone siege begins with the prospect that another week will be consumed in hearings. Every city in the state, including Charlotte, Asheville, Raleigh, Wilmington, Greensboro, Winston-Salem and Durham will oppose the increases the companies are asking of the commission.

Rivers and Harbors Allotment.
Chief of Engineers Beach, of the war department, has made the following allotments for North Carolina rivers and harbors work from the last appropriations by congress:
Manteo (Shallowbag) bay \$4,000; Pamlico and Tar rivers, \$8,500; New river, \$15,000; Swift creek, \$800; Contentnea creek, \$1,500; Trent river, \$1,000; waterway connecting Core sound and Beaufort harbor, \$2,500; Northeast Cape Fear \$3,000.

State S. S. Convention.
Raleigh Sunday school workers are getting ready for the State Sunday Convention to be held here April 12, 13 and 14. The general sessions of the convention will be held at the Tabernacle Baptist church.

The mayor of Raleigh, Mr. T. E. Edridge, who is a Bible class teacher in the Edenton Street Methodist Sunday school, is chairman of the entertainment committee. This committee is busy securing lodging for the out-of-town delegates in the private homes of Raleigh at the rate of \$1.00 per night.

Mr. J. M. Broughton, superintendent of the Tabernacle Baptist Sunday school, is chairman of the finance committee which will raise funds to pay the expenses of the state convention.

For Inter-Racial Amity.
Expansion of the work of the State Inter-Racial Relations committee every county in the state for the motion of better feeling between negroes and white people was discussed generally at a meeting held at the Yarrowburgh hotel. Sub-committees named will develop plans for the extension of the work throughout the state, reporting to a later meeting.

Fifteen Competitors Passed.
Dr. E. C. Brooks, state superintendent of education, recently stated that he believed the next federal educational statement would show the North Carolina had jumped 15 places in the matter of scoring. The Tar Heel state has been fourth from the last among the states from an educational standpoint, according to records from Washington, published to date. But there will now be 19 below it if Dr. Brooks' figures prove correct.