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Members of Fifteen Metal Trades Unions Plan To Quit Work.

SEATTLE, Sept. 26.—A strike at 1 o'clock Saturday morning of 12,000 members of the 15 metal trades unions employed in Seattle shipyards and allied contract shops, was ordered today by the Seattle metal trades council, the central organization of the 15 unions. The strike call, it was said, is the result of the insistent demand of the rank and file of the shipyard workers for a "show down" on the long pending wage increase controversy.

As near as can be estimated, three big steel shipyards, about 16 wooden shipyards and 40 contract shops will be affected by the strike. The Skinner and Eddy plant, having granted the wage increase, will not be affected. Three wooden shipyards and six or more contract shops also have signed the new agreement.

Receipt yesterday of telegrams from President Wilson and Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, urging that no precipitate action be taken, gave some hope that a walk-out might be averted, but this vanished when

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press dispatches announced that the president was planning to have the Seattle wage controversy settled by the wage adjustment committee of the United States shipping board, in connection with similar controversies in other Pacific coast cities.

These dispatches precipitated the calling of the general strike. The council's board of "business agents" took the position that the government had hopelessly misunderstood the Seattle situation in attempting to link it with the situations in San Francisco and Portland, and that further attempts to postpone the walk-out would be useless.

UNCALLED FOR LETTERS AT POSTOFFICE

- Sept. 24, 1917.
- Men:
- B—Renner Barker.
 - C—William Craig.
 - F—Willie Fisher.
 - G—N. M. Gaskin, William Golden.
 - K—Brother Korney.
 - N—President National Service League.
- Women:
- B—Miss Catherine Brown, 2; Miss Nettie W. Brogdere; Miss Isilia Beasley.
 - E—Miss Leona Epstein.
 - F—Beulah Fletcher.
 - G—Mrs. Augusta Gray.
 - J—Miss Mary Jenkins; Mrs. Sam P. Jones.
 - L—Miss Lizzie Lemons.
 - M—Miss Mary Machell.
 - S—Miss Bettie Stewart.
 - W—Mrs. Mary Waters.
 - Y—Miss Allen Yellow.

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THIS SNAKE STORY BREAKS THE RECORD

Thirty-Seven Rattlers Found In a Log Down in Pamlico County.

From Pamlico county comes a snake story that has all the others left in the shade; in fact, it is so far ahead of past tales dealing with the reptilian family that the others fade into mere insignificance alongside of this remarkable story, which, incidentally, is vouched for by several of the county's most truthful citizens.

According to the version reaching New Bern, Ross and Harmon Midgett, colored, were engaged in felling trees near Spicer's creek a few days ago when one of them heard a noise which resembled the whirring of a locust. One of the men remarked on this to his brother and asked him what he thought it was. "It's a rattler," replied the latter, "and we had better look for de critter."

The two boys began a search for the snake and in a nearby hollow log they found the reptile along with thirty-six others, ranging in length from three to six feet and some of them being as large around as the upper part of a man's arm.

Calling upon other woodsmen to come and help them kill the snakes, the two Harmon boys began killing them, and with the assistance of several friends, they had dispatched the last one of the snakes in less than ten minutes.

The snakes were laid end to end after they had been slain and when measured it was found that the total length was 132 feet and three inches.

NO INTIMATIONS MADE CLAIMS GRAHAM KENAN

New York, and no statement with reference to the matter will be obtainable for several days yet, is the announcement made here.

Graham Kenan, local attorney, cousin and brother-in-law of the late Mrs. Bingham, made the following statement today: "No charges have been brought against any one, nor has any intimation been made by myself or any member of my family that would reflect upon any one." Further than this, he declined to be quoted. Mr. Kenan remained at home today.

Judge George Harris, of the county court, came to the city today from Wrightsville sound where he is spending his vacation, and started a preliminary investigation to determine whether there was any violation of law in the exhumation of the body of Mrs. Bingham. He held a long conference with the county attorney and also went into the matter with others and when he left on his return to the sound stated that very likely there would be some developments within a few days.

As a lot owner in Oakdale cemetery, Judge Harris took up with President W. E. Springer the action of the cemetery officials in locking the gates of the cemetery Wednesday morning and refusing admittance to lot owners on account of something going on in the cemetery. He was severe in his criticism of cemetery officials.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Sept. 26.—

There is expected to be no real developments from this end in the Bingham case, until after findings have been received and made public from chemists who are making analysis of viscera of Mrs. Robert W. Bingham, formerly Mrs. Henry W. Flagler.

The examination of viscera is now in progress at Bellevue hospital,

ANOTHER I. W. W. PLOT REVEALED

Papers Seized by Federal Agents Bring More of Their Acts to Light.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 26.—How a small coterie of active anti-war workers operating under the direction of the Industrial Workers of the World persuaded hundreds of Oklahoma farmers to take up arms against the government in enforcement of the selective draft law is revealed in papers seized by federal agents in the recent nation-wide raid of Industrial Workers of the World headquarters.

Department of justice agents operating in the vicinity learned of the ambitious program and prior to July 27th, the night set for the general uprising brought the project to an end, with the arrest of alleged ring leaders.

The fomentation of this trouble is only one of the many which authorities here are investigating in connection with the recent seizure of I. W. W. papers throughout the country.

GERMANY AGREES TO EVACUATE BELGIUM ON CERTAIN CONDITIONS

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Sept. 26.—Germany has agreed to evacuate Belgium on certain conditions. It is declared in a German official statement, according to a dispatch from Bern today. "Germany must have the right to develop her enterprises freely in Belgium, especially in Antwerp," is the proposal made in a supplementary note to the Vatican.

ENJOYABLE RECEPTION GIVEN AT VANCEBORO

VANCEBORO, Sept. 26.—On Friday evening, September 21, the faculty of the Farm Life School gave a reception honoring the students and their parents, and friends. In the receiving line were Mr. and Mrs. Joselyn, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon, Mrs. Bonner, Mrs. Howard, Miss Willis and Mr. Tuttle of the Farm Life School; Mr. and Mrs. Covington, Misses Moore, Jennette and Williams, of the graded school; and Mr. Ben Warren and Mr. O. McLawhorne, trustees.

Mrs. Joslyn, wife of the popular superintendent of the Farm Life school, looked very handsome in white duchesse satin trimmed in bands of white fur. Mrs. Weldon, one of the season's brides, wore her wedding gown of white silk tulle with silver trimmings. Miss Mildred Moore's dress was of pink silk and net. The other ladies were dressed, becomingly in soft white evening costumes. The punch bowl, lovely in its decorations of flowers and ferns, was presided over by Misses Harriett Brown, Edith Harvey and Susie Beaton. About one hundred were present.

On Monday, Sept. 24, Miss Esther Gray and Mr. J. W. Sears, of New Bern, went with the members of the different committees of the Vanceboro fair through the country in automobiles and distributed one hundred and fifty premium lists. The fair will be held on October 9, instead of the 8th. Monday will be used to decorate the school building and get everything in readiness to handle the immense crowds that will come. The display of canned goods will be unusually large as the fruit crop has been splendid this year. There will be booths of bread, cakes and pies. A number of mothers have promised to enter their babies in the "Babies contest." One of the prettiest booths will be that of the Red Cross. The men will enter farm implements, vegetables, tobacco, poultry and live stock.

Swift creek has been higher this week than it has been since 1908, the water reaching to Mr. J. Arnold's place, which is a half mile from the banks of the creek, and the road was impassable except with small boats.

On Friday afternoon the Seaman Knapp Literary Society of the Farm Life School met and elected the following officers: Miss Harriett Brown, president; Miss Edith Harvey, vice-president; Miss Susie Beaton, secretary and treasurer; Miss Sallie Russell, chaplain; Miss Irene Harvey, Sergeant of Arms.

Quite a number from here attended "Mutt and Jeff Divorced" in New Bern Saturday night. Among them were Mrs. J. A. Duguid, Misses Neva Warren and Gladys Ives, and Messrs. Willie Forest Millern, Hobson Lane, Charlie Bonner, Linwood Joyner and Wesley Whitehead.

Mr. Coppage spent Friday in New Bern.

WOMAN SAID TO BE FORMER RESIDENT THIS CITY CLAIMS

ESTATE OF A MURDERED MAN
The Sun-Journal last night received from Los Angeles, Cal., a message stating that a Mrs. Claude Chapman, formerly of New Bern, together with another woman, was claiming the estate of a man murdered there.

No details were given and inquiry here failed to bring to light any information regarding a Mrs. Claude Chapman that was at any time a resident of this city.

NEW BERN BANKER ONE OF OFFICERS

Mr. O. W. Lane Is Vice-President State Bank Section Of A. B. A.

The September edition of The Southern Banker, the official organ of the American Bankers' Association, contains an excellent reproduction of a photograph of Mr. O. W. Lane, cashier of the New Bern Banking and Trust Company, this city and vice president of the state bank section of the A. B. A. for North Carolina.

The annual convention of the A. B. A. begins at Atlantic City, N. J., tomorrow and Mr. Lane had hoped to be in attendance at this but business affairs have prevented him from being present.

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