

**ARKANSAS UPRISING A NEGRO SCHEME FOR "EASY MONEY"**

E. M. Allen of a committee authorized by the city of Helena, Ark., and Gov. Brough to investigate the recent riots in that section, has issued the following statement:

"The present trouble with the negroes in Phillips county is not a race riot. It is a deliberately planned insurrection of the negroes against the whites directed by an organization known as the 'Progressive Farmers, and Household Union of America,' established for the purpose of banding negroes together for the killing of white people. This union was started by Robert L. Hill, a negro, 26 years of age, of Winchester, Ark., who saw in it an opportunity of making easy money. He had been a farmer all his life, but lately had been posing as a private detective 'doing work in this and all foreign countries.'

"Hill started his first union work in April of this year," Mr. Allen said. "He told the negroes it was necessary for all members of the union to arm themselves in preparation for the day when they should be called upon to attack their white oppressors."

"Negro men were charged \$1.50 entrance fees and negro women 50 cents," Mr. Allen said in his statement.

"Another form of extortion was to sell shares of \$10 each to all the negroes in a proposed building to be erected by the union at Winchester," the statement says. "Hill would find out what negroes possessed thrift stamps and Liberty bonds and would issue a certificate stating that so many shares had been purchased at \$10 per share and all negroes buying shares in the amount of \$50 or more were told that their names would be engraved in the building. In other words, he had so planned his campaign that any negro possessing from 50 cents to \$50 was given an opportunity to invest in something connected with the union."

"Another scheme used by Hill to obtain money was to appoint leading negroes in each lodge as a 'private and foreign detective,' furnishing them large nickel-plated stars and a pair of nickel-plated handcuffs, for which they paid him \$50 each."

"His meeting at Winchester in August was attended and addressed by white men. He simply played upon the ignorance and superstition of a race of children—most of whom could neither read nor write."

"I have cross-examined and talked to at least 100 prisoners at Elaine. They belong to different lodges in that section. The stories they tell are almost identical as to the promises and representations made by Hill. He even told them that probably some of the negroes would be called upon to die before 'equal rights' would be assured, but they must look upon themselves as crusaders and die if necessary to secure the freedom of the other members of their race."

"All lodge meetings were required to maintain an armed 'outer guard' of six sentinels. Hill's usual expression was 'Get your racks filled for the day to come.'"

"As far as oppression is concerned, many of the negroes involved own mules, horses, cattle and automobiles and clear money every year on their crops after expenses are paid."

**WAKE FOREST MAN WINS THE FIRST LAP**

Crossing the continent, 2,701 55 1/2 seconds actual flying time, Lieut. Belvin W. Maynard of Wake Forest, N. C., last Friday took first honors by a few hours in the first lap of the double trans-continental airplane reliability race by landing at San Francisco, while Lieut. E. C. Kiel completed the eastbound trip, followed 20 seconds later by Maj. Carl Spatz, who reached New York first but made an erroneous landing.

Lieut. Maynard, the tenth to start from Mineola, N. Y., Wednesday of last week, required, allowing for difference in time, 57 minutes and 11 seconds more than three days for the trip without flying between sunset and sunrise and after losing several hours at Cheyenne on account of radiator trouble. In addition, he was required to rest a half hour at each control station.

Lieut. Maynard, "the flying parson," will return to the ministry as soon as he is mustered out of the army, his wife says. The daring flier is only 27 years old, having been born in North Carolina in 1892. He attended Wake Forest College. He has been flying only a year and a half, mostly in France, where he was a test pilot, trying out de Havilland Liberty-motored planes after they had been assembled. He was noted for the untiring energy he put into his duties and on one occasion he tested 22 planes in a single morning. He holds a "looping" record, having completed 360 consecutive loops in 60 minutes without losing altitude.

**LARGE ENROLLMENT AT THE NORTH CAROLINA A. AND E.**

The enrollment of the North Carolina State College at the present time exceeds that up to Christmas of last year by 53. The entire number which have entered the regular courses at State College this year to date is 927. The 1918-19 session was the largest in the previous history of the college, with a total enrollment of 1,020 in the winter courses. The indications are that this number will be reached, if not exceeded, by the end of the present fall term. As a whole, this is the most prosperous year of the college. There seems to have been an educational awakening throughout the country, and technical education is claiming its share.

**RED CROSS NURSE DESCRIBES HORRORS OF TYPHUS**

In a letter from Omsk, Siberia, Miss Charlotte Boardman Rogers of New York city, who was on the western front when the Kolchak armies recently evacuated a number of cities, writes a pitiable story of the American Red Cross. Under date of July 20 she writes, according to the Tokio correspondent of the Associated Press:

"I have spent twenty-four hours in hell. Our train was stalled at the railroad station at Petropavlovsk, far western Siberia, and somewhere to the west of us the Red armies were coming on. To the right of us, left of us, rear of us, were typhus fever trains, box cars, passenger cars, twenty-five, thirty, even thirty-five cars to a train, and all loaded with men from the front and from the evacuated hospitals, with hundreds—thousands—of patients dying of the dread disease. No nurses waited on them, no doctors administered medicines to stimulate the action of their weakened hearts. They lay on rough board shelves erected around the sides and ends of the cars, or on the floor, where even cattlemen would have placed straw if animals were to be carried. No sanitary conveniences were supplied; the patients' clothes were stained with filth and blood; their feet caked with mud and manure; their bodies alive with little gray typhus lice—the plague of Siberia. Cheek bones protruded through their yellow skin, eyes sunken into their sockets, hands like birds' claws stretched out with cups for water, they lay all day in the sweltering heat."

"We tried to look away, but all day long we heard them moan or call for their sanitary attendants."

"Our trip from Omsk to the extreme front and back again at a time when the Siberian government armies were falling back before the Reds has revealed in all its pitifulness the tremendous need of Russian hospitals, sanitary towns and dressing stations for every kind of supply."

"Although the American Red Cross has been sending train after train to western Siberia, so vast is the need that many more trains are necessary to meet even the most primal necessities. Yet those of us who have seen the immediate improvement in hospitals and sanitary trains where American Red Cross supplies have come in are immensely encouraged, knowing that every pound of absorbent cotton, every ounce of drugs, every yard of gauze, can be used in western Siberia to save a life."

**WILSON CANNOT LEAVE BED FOR INDEFINITE PERIOD**

Hope that President Wilson might regain his normal health and resume fully the duties of his office have been swept away by his physicians, who announce that it will be impossible for him to leave his bed "for an extended period."

The announcement, made after a consultation between Rear Admiral Grayson and the three other physicians aiding in the case, said there had been no interruption of the President's slow improvement, but emphasized that he still had a long road to travel before he reached complete recovery. The physicians' announcement was not taken to mean that Mr. Wilson would be prohibited from sitting up in bed, and it was considered entirely possible that he might be permitted to sign a few important bills and orders each day as his progress continues. All of the physicians have been in close touch with the patient's condition for more than a week and they were said to be unanimous in their agreement that an extended rest from the worries of the presidency is necessary.

Announcement that President Wilson cannot leave his bed for an extended period brought home to officials the possible effect of the President's illness on public affairs and renewed discussion as to what expedient might be adopted should the press of the executive business reach a point demanding more attention than he could give it.

The disposition on all sides seems to be to refrain from raising the question of the President's disability to act under the constitution, but officials are known to have considered it as one of the possibilities of the situation. The constitution provides that in case of the President's disability the vice-president shall act as chief executive, but there is no precedent for such a transfer of authority, and official opinion is divided as to how it might be brought about should the necessity arise.

Who could declare a President's disability is known to present something of a puzzle to the legal advisers of the government. The constitution is silent on the point and in the absence of an exact precedent a number of divergent opinions have been advanced informally.

**CENSUS DATA NOT TO BE USED IN SECURING TAXES**

"That the facts and figures gathered by the enumerators, supervisors and special agents of the fourteenth decennial census will have absolutely nothing to do with valuation of property for taxation purposes is a point I desire to emphasize with all possible vigor," said Director of the Census Sam L. Rogers in speaking of the forthcoming 1920 enumeration.

"Some difficulty has been experienced in the past," continued Mr. Rogers, "in getting absolutely accurate values of land and other property because of a certain amount of confusion over this point. Many people were erroneously inclined to connect the census with taxation. We hope to avoid any such confusion this time."

The proper tabulated figures of the census are given out nowhere but in Washington, and then only upon the express authority of the director of the census bureau.

Actual work by the enumerators in the various census districts will begin Jan. 2, 1920.

The national woman's party has started a drive to obtain ratification of the suffrage constitutional amendment in order to allow women all over the United to vote in November.

**ALL RUSSIA CALLED TO ARMS**

A dispatch from Helsingfors says the soviet government of Russia has ordered the entire population of that country to train immediately for military service, according to a dispatch from Moscow. All peasants, it is said, have been instructed to engage in military training except for the time they are farming.

Joe Boyer won the world series automobile sweepstakes race, 250 miles, at the Cincinnati speedway, with an average time of 101.69 miles an hour.

**NEW MOTORCYCLE RECORD**

A new world's record for the 100-mile motorcycle race was made at New York by Albert Burns of Los Angeles, who did the distance in 1:07 5/7. A world's record for 50 miles was made by Ray Wishear of Bridgeport, Conn., in 32:57 2/5.

A plan for a union of colored cooks which will ask affiliation with the State Federation of Labor has been started in Asheville and a wage increase which will probably reach 100 per cent will be asked.

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Cost of crime to all other states	697,000,000
Cost of crime to federal government	80,000,000
Criminal losses by fires	100,000,000
Custom House frauds	60,000,000
Wages of 100,000 prisoners in state prison	28,000,000
Wages of 150,000 in jail	33,000,000
	\$1,075,000,000

**The Cost of Crime Today is:**

Nearly two billion dollars a year.

**The Cost of Crime in Human Misery is Annually:**

64 hanged or electrocuted. 62 lynched. 28,760 murders, 17,000 suicides, 100,000 divorces.

**What Brings Wave of Crime:**

Juvenile delinquency in Cincinnati increased 21%.  
It increased 54% in Chicago.  
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