

LAY THEIR CASES BEFORE PRESIDENT WILSON TODAY

DEADLOCK THAT THREATENS NATION-WIDE STRIKE MAY PROPOSE SPECIAL ARBITRATION

First Came 35 Representatives of the Brotherhoods Who Conferred With the President About 10 O'clock.—Brotherhood Men Firm in Their Determination Not to Accept Arbitration Under the Newlands Act, as They Claim They Do Not Have a Fair Opportunity With the Arbitrators.—The President Will Probably Recognize That View.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Aug. 14.—The railroad managers and brotherhood leaders, deadlocked in their negotiations, which threaten a nationwide strike, today laid their case before President Wilson.

First came 35 representatives of the brotherhoods who conferred with the President shortly after 10 o'clock. They were followed by a committee of the railroad managers.

The brotherhood men went into conference firm in their determination not to accept an arbitration under the Newlands act, which they contended has always furnished arbitrators before whom the men did not have an unprejudiced opportunity.

There were some indications that the President, recognizing that view, might propose special arbitration before the board of 12 members on which the four brotherhoods could be represented.

The President's plan was to appeal to the managers and men on highest patriotic grounds to find a way of composing the differences without a strike.

Were With the President for Two Hours. Washington, Aug. 14.—After being with President Wilson two hours, the representatives of the men left the White House and Mr. Garretson said he expected to see the President again later in the day, after he had conferred with the managers.

Mr. Garretson refused to say whether the outlook was hopeful. "As long as the matter is in President Wilson's hands we will have no statement to make," said Mr. Garretson.

President Wilson immediately sent for the railroad managers to lay before them the position of the workmen.

It was arranged that the managers should see President Wilson at 3 o'clock, and meanwhile the President was to keep one or two other important engagements, including one with Mr. Chambers of the mediation board.

It was said that no indication would be given of the progress of the negotiations until after the President sees the managers.

Outlook Hopeful. Mr. Garretson was asked whether negotiations were off. He replied: "Absolutely not."

While no ground for the feeling was given, administration officials expressed confidence that the President's intervention would result in averting a strike.

One of the leaders of the four brotherhoods, after leaving the White House, characterized the conference with the President as "most encouraging," and declared "the outlook for prevention of a general strike 'was hopeful.'"

Strike, If Called, Will Be Directed From New York. New York, Aug. 14.—If President Wilson fails to persuade the railroad men and their employers to settle their differences and a general strike is called, it will be directed from headquarters in this city.

NEW MEMBER OF THE GRADED SCHOOL BOARD.

Mr. J. Archie Cannon Succeeds Mr. J. Locke Erwin, Resigned.—To Fit Up Room for Domestic Science Work.

At the regular monthly meeting of the School Board, held Friday evening, Mr. J. Archie Cannon was elected a member of the board for Ward 2 to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. J. Locke Erwin, resigned.

The Civic League offered to equip at room at the Logan School for domestic science if the board would set aside a room for this purpose. A certificate will be given to those pupils who complete the course in a satisfactory way and have proven themselves competent and trustworthy. This work will be conducted by Mrs. Carrie Reid Daves.

The board decided to fit up a laboratory in the basement room at the High School for the science work. General science will be taught in the eighth grade and physics in the tenth.

CABARRUS DRUG STORE CHANGES HANDS TODAY.

Messrs. Wright and Ephraim Tucker Buy a Controlling Interest. Messrs. Wright and Ephraim Tucker have purchased a controlling interest in the Cabarrus Drug Company, and took charge of the business this morning.

They purchased the stock held by Mr. W. T. Wall, who retires from the business.

The Messrs. Tucker were born and reared in Concord, and are well known and popular young men. Mr. Wright Tucker has had six years experience as pharmacist and is a graduate in pharmacy of the University of Maryland. They will continue the business at the old stand, which has been the home of a drug store ever since the building was erected about thirty years ago.

Mr. Wall has not yet decided what business he will engage in, but he will not leave Concord.

Efrid Family Reunion Draws 1,500 Members.

Albemarle, Aug. 12.—Fifteen hundred Efrids coming from their homes in four different States assembled at St. Martin Lutheran Church 10 miles west of here Friday in the first reunion of the entire Efrid family. The reunion was held within two hundred yards of the old place where David Efrid, who came to America from Germany, the first Efrid to settle in America, lived, and started one of the largest and most influential families in North Carolina.

There were present Efrids who stand at the head of large textile manufacturing plants, department stores in six of the largest cities in North and South Carolina, owners of large and fertile farms in four States, some in the faraway State of Texas. And then there were present Efrids who have stayed out on the smaller farms, but who have been the backbone and sinew of several counties, especially Stanly and Anson.

Teachers' Institute.

The County Teachers' Institute convened this morning at 9 o'clock, with Dr. W. C. Wicker, of Elon College, and Miss Bettie Land, of Greensboro in charge. Over 100 teachers were in attendance at the opening, and a number of others are expected to enroll during the day.

The morning session was devoted to outlining plans for the Institute's work. Quite a number of the teachers had their books with them, and the regular work of the Institute begins this afternoon.

At the brotherhood headquarters it was said that all preparations had been made for putting into effect a strike that would stop every train, passenger and freight, on the 225 railroad systems of the United States. The critical state of affairs is indicated by the anxiety displayed in every big industry which will be crippled by the tie up of transportation.

A Later Dispatch. Washington, Aug. 14.—Prospects for averting a nationwide railroad strike or at least the formulation of some tentative program to be the ground work of further negotiations brightened up today after President Wilson had conferred with the 35 chiefs of the three brotherhoods.

REPUBLICANS MEET. County Convention Was Held at Court House Saturday Afternoon.

The County Republican Convention, which was largely attended, met Saturday afternoon at the court house. Hon. H. S. Williams acted as temporary chairman, with Messrs. W. J. Weddington and C. R. Andrews as secretaries. Upon motion the temporary organization was made permanent.

The business of naming a county ticket was taken up, and the following candidates selected: For House of Representatives, T. M. Widenhouse; for Sheriff, Howard W. Caldwell; for Treasurer, J. Harvey Dorton; for Register of Deeds, James F. Harris; for Coroner, Carl Spears; for Cotton Weigher, J. W. White; for County Commissioners, L. A. Weddington, A. W. Moore, W. H. Oglesby, J. Frank Goodman and W. A. Cantor.

For the State Senate the convention endorsed Messrs. A. N. James, of Mt. Pleasant, and Cliff Newell, of Charlotte.

Mr. J. M. Burrage was elected chairman of the County Republican Executive Committee.

MR. ROWE DECLINES CALL

To the Pastor of Trinity Reformed Church Here. Rev. Walter W. Rowe, of Newton, who recently was sent a call to the pastorate of Trinity Reformed Church here, has notified the congregation that he will be unable to accept the call.

Mr. Rowe is at present pastor of the Reformed Church at Newton and also a member of the faculty of Catawba College. It was on account of the fact that he felt that he could not relinquish his work at the college that he declined the call to the church here.

The Newton correspondent of the Greensboro News has the following in regard to Mr. Rowe: "Mr. Rowe makes this decision at a financial sacrifice, and relinquishes inviting prospects in a wider field, but finds peculiar pleasure in according to the wishes of Catawba College students, who especially insisted that he remain here, and whose protest against his leaving joined that of his church in such force that he could not accept the flattering Concord invitation."

ANOTHER WEST INDIAN HURRICANE REPORTED

Not Known Now Where It is or How Powerful It Is.—First Felt Sunday. Washington, Aug. 14.—The presence of another West Indian hurricane caused the Weather Bureau today to issue a warning to shipping.

No definite information as to the location or the intensity of the tropical disturbance could be obtained other than that it is in the central Caribbean Sea, and the probable movement is westward.

The disturbance was first reported from St. Kitts, in Windward Island Sunday morning, as being in the eastern portion of the Caribbean Sea.

THE FLOOD RELIEF FUND

Has Now Reached the Sum of \$898.44 Rocky River Sends \$16.70.

The fund being raised by The Tribune and Times for the relief of the flood sufferers has now reached the sum of \$898.44. The following have contributed since our last report: Previously acknowledged \$877.24 C. A. Fink, Wichita, Texas 1.00 D. L. Lipe 1.00 American La France Fire Engine Co. 2.50 Rocky River Church 16.70

Total \$898.44 To Clean Up Rocky River Graveyard. All persons interested are asked to meet at Rocky River Church Wednesday morning August 16, at eight o'clock for the purpose of cleaning up the graveyard. It is desired that as many men as possible be on hand at the above hour, as those in charge wish to have the work done on that day.

New Case of Infantile Paralysis at Durham.

Durham, Aug. 14.—One new case of infantile paralysis developed in East Durham, a suburb of the city of Durham, today. Miss Isabella Cameron, who has been ill with the disease for several weeks, has practically recovered.

NO LIVES WERE LOST AT TOXAWAY

INHABITANTS STILL AWAITING CREST OF FLOOD. THE LAKE COVERED 550 ACRES

At Lake Toxaway Village, the Summer Resort. Only Minor Damage Is Reported.—A Spring Sweeping Away the Foundation of Stone and Earth Caused the Collapse.—Water Ran Through Almost Uninhabited Section.—Gangs of Men Busy Strengthening Dams in South Carolina.—The Dam Cost \$50,000.—Much Other Property Loss.

(By The Associated Press) Asheville, Aug. 14.—What are considered the most reliable reports from Lake Toxaway, state that only portion of the top of the big dam gave way last night that about all of the 540 acres of water were free. No direct connection with Lake Toxaway had been had at noon today.

When the dam broke it was estimated that the water would reach Anderson by midnight. Then the time was postponed until three this morning. When water caused only a foot rise in the Seneca river, and in a short time the river was falling. Flood gates had been open in anticipation of a much larger volume of water. It was believed here that by the time the flood reached Augusta, it would cause very little rise in the Savannah river.

Asheville, Aug. 14.—Daylight found the inhabitants of Weowee and Seneca valleys in South Carolina still awake anxiously awaiting the crest of the flood waters swollen last night by the breaking of the great dam at Lake Toxaway, N. C.

The collapse of the dam released the lake, which covered 550 acres to an average depth of 30 feet, but so far as is known no lives were lost. At Lake Toxaway village, a summer resort, only minor damage is reported. A spring sweeping away the foundation of the stone and earth structure is believed to have caused the collapse.

The water's course through North Carolina ran through an almost uninhabited section of Transylvania county.

Early today no reports of the damage had been received, but there is little doubt but that the crops suffered heavily. Preparations were being made by industrial plants in South Carolina to combat the floods. Gangs of men are busy today strengthening the dams.

The known property damage early today is \$50,000—the cost of the dam. This, however, is certain to be increased greatly when full reports are in.

Not Much Damage Done.

Atlanta, Aug. 14.—The waters let loose from the artificial lake Toxaway last night did not cause much damage and no casualties have been reported. The torrent was weakened by every outlet of valley and by the time it reached Anderson, S. C., had spent much of its force.

Sentence Commuted.

(By The Associated Press) Raleigh, Aug. 14.—Governor Craig today commuted to life imprisonment the death sentence imposed on M. Horne, a white man, of Wilmington, for the murder of his brother-in-law, P. S. Capps, of that city. Horne was to have been executed Friday of this week.

White's Body Not Found.

(Special to The Tribune) Salisbury, Aug. 14.—A telegram to Mr. H. C. White shortly after noon today from Captain Best, of a fourth company stated that the body of his son, Fred White, who was drowned yesterday, off Fort Monroe, had not been found.

The Deutschland has managed to turn a spectacular submarine trick without plunging nations into sadness and resentment.

Lazarus Rouse, colored, died Friday at his home in Lenoir county as a result of being shot some days before by an unknown assailant. This is the sort of weather that makes one admit that a Mexican hairless dog may not be so foolish as it looks.

NO. 12 TOWNSHIP S. S. CONVENTION.

Held at Central Graded School Building Yesterday Afternoon and Last Night.

The Sunday School Convention of No. 12 township was held at the Central Graded School building yesterday. The sessions were presided over by Prof. S. A. Wolff, President. At the afternoon meeting devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. B. S. Dasher. The discussion on "A Sunday School Scholar for Every Church Member" was led by Rev. C. M. Short, followed by Rev. H. F. Beaty, Rev. R. K. Brady, and Messrs. J. L. Crowell and C. S. Smart. Rev. Dr. Wicker, of Elon College, who was present, also made some stirring remarks on this subject.

Prof. A. S. Webb, Rev. R. K. Brady and Mr. V. L. Norman were appointed a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year to report at the evening session.

Brening Session. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. M. F. Moores. Prof. Webb for the committee reported recommending the following officers for the coming year: President—C. S. Smart. Vice President—R. E. Ridenhour. Secretary and Treasurer—D. C. Caldwell.

Executive Committee: D. B. Coltrane, J. C. Fink, Paul Ridenhour, Lonnie Crooks, J. H. A. Holshouser. Several selections were delightfully rendered by an orchestra composed of Miss Josephine Atkins, Mr. C. A. Workman, and Mr. Henry Smith, with Miss Jamie Patterson at the piano.

The subject for discussion for the evening session was "The Value of Real Sunday School Work," and was discussed by Messrs. D. B. Coltrane and J. L. Yost, Rev. H. F. Beaty and Rev. R. E. Lovén. Dr. Wicker was again called on and made another most highly interesting talk.

Dr. Wicker said the problem of the Sunday school is to save the people in this city, who are not in the Sunday school. And if they are saved, he said, they must be saved through the present membership of the Sunday school. In doing this work three things are necessary, namely: First—Know. We must know the facts, what we are doing, what we ought to do, and what are our responsibilities.

Second—Glow. We must glow with enthusiasm and with an intense desire to bring things to pass. Third. Go. We may have all the theories possible, but if we do not make them go they are of little value. We must accomplish things by systematic efforts, enthusiasm and intelligent direction.

COURT THIS WEEK.

Judge Carter, of Asheville, Presides. Names of Members of Grand Jury.

The regular August term of Cabarrus County Superior Court convened this morning, with Judge Frank Carter, of Asheville, presiding. The Grand Jurors are as follows: J. F. Troutman, foreman, Wm. Sides, J. A. Kennett, R. A. Barringer, Joe S. Litaker, G. M. Moore, Geo. W. Blackwelder, E. C. Moore, Ingle O. Cook, R. M. Troutman, R. L. Reed, E. Y. Misenheimer, A. M. Allman, Roy Dorton, W. C. Graham, W. D. Melchor, J. C. McEachern and W. L. Basinger.

Up to the noon recess the court had taken up the case of State against D. M. Sherwood and O. S. Smith, charged with assault. The defendants submitted to a charge of simple assault and the case did not go to the jury. Sentence will be passed later.

Final Decision on Sale of Islands is Delayed.

Copenhagen, Aug. 12, via London.—The final decision on the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States may be postponed nearly a month if the proposal of radical and socialist members of the Folkething for a plebiscite is adopted on Monday.

The proposal of the radicals and socialists calls for the approval of the cession treaty between Denmark and the United States by parliament. The approval by parliament, however, will become effective only if it is ratified by a majority vote of the plebiscite which is to be held within three weeks.

Body in River Thought to Be That of Negro Convict.

Spencer, Aug. 13.—The body of an unidentified negro man has been found in the Yadkin River, near Spencer. Farmers who found the body reported to Sheriff Krider, but no inquest was held, as there were no marks of foul play. Because of an iron band around an ankle, it is believed he escaped from the State prison forces of Badin last week.

RUSSIANS JOINING AUSTRINIANS TOWARD LEMBERG

NEW MANAGEMENT TAKES CHARGE. Messrs. McDaniels and Marsh Arrive This Morning to Take Charge of the Strand.

The Strand Theatre will open this afternoon at 3:00 P. M. under the new management with high class vaudeville and motion pictures. Mr. W. J. McDaniel, of Salisbury, who has been connected with the Colonial Theatre of that city, has taken over the Strand Theatre here, and he promises that the amusement loving people of Concord have many treats in store for them during the coming season. At the recent meeting of the Virginia-Carolina Vaudeville Managers at Ocean View the managers made arrangements whereby twenty or more houses in this part of North Carolina and Virginia were to get a better class of shows than have ever been in this vicinity.

Each show that plays this circuit will have to make good in the first house it plays and if it does not it will be booked for any of the other houses. The management of the Strand has made arrangements where by this house is to get these shows after they have played all the other houses and in this way they are assured that nothing but the best of shows will come to Concord.

The show that opens this afternoon is one of unusual merit coming to Concord after a week stand in Salisbury. It more than pleased all who saw it. Mile Margaret Manell comes as special added attraction. She has just finished a tour of the Keith houses in the large cities and the management was able to secure her only to break her jump from Atlanta to New York. Mile Manell has a good singing voice and a fine selection of songs which she puts over in a way that wins the approval of all who hear her.

Avery Coughlan Otto Trio, three men whose harmony singing won for them the approval of both the press and public in Salisbury, last week. They came to Salisbury direct from an engagement of ten weeks at one of the large picture houses in Atlanta, where they pleased large audiences every day.

A five reel Mutual Masterpiece will be shown at every performance which is alone worth the price of admission.

SAY AMERICANS SEEK TO FORCE INTERVENTION. Mexicans in Chihuahua District Declare Owners Refuse to Operate Their Mines.

Chihuahua City, Mexico, Aug. 13.—Charges are circulated even in official circles that American mining and other concerns with properties in Mexico are refusing to operate in order to help bring about intervention it was learned today.

With plenty of work and food de factor government officers say the prevalent tendency of the poorer classes to turn to banditry would disappear. It is said that resumption of work at the various mining camps could be accomplished without danger, as only small bandit groups are now in existence, while large garrisons are available for all properties.

REPORT OF SINKING OF DEUTSCHLAND DENIED

Captain of French Cruiser Discredits Street Rumors Laid to One of His Orderlies. Pensacola, Fla., Aug. 17.—Captain Leskiv, of the French armored cruiser Admiral Anbe, which arrived here this afternoon, denied street rumors, which were credited to one of his orderlies to the effect that the Admiral Anbe had received a wireless message Tuesday from a British patrol boat on the Atlantic Coast, stating that the patrol boat had sunk the German merchant submarine, Deutschland, on August 8.

Lower Today Because of Estimate of Big Crop in Canada.

Chicago, Aug. 14.—Wheat opened 7-8 to 1-2-3 lower today, principally because the Canadian estimate of the Dominion crop of 230,000,000 bushels. September opened at 142 to 141 5-8, touched 141 and then reacted to 141 1-2.

Narrow Escape From Being Dynamited.

Mr. Mack Bradford had a narrow escape from being dynamited this morning as he was driving his car up West Corbin street. Major W. A. Foil, who is doing some grading in front of the W. M. Smith property, had just touched off a charge of dynamite, and had sent his orderlies to stop anyone coming past. Mr. Bradford did not understand their signals when they motioned to him to stop, but continued on his way. When exactly opposite the spot where the charge was, the dynamite exploded, hurling a mass of earth and rocks into the road. Fortunately none of the missiles struck the driver, but the machine was badly dented, one tire torn up, and other damage done.

BOTH FLANKS ARE UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE. THE CENTRE IS NONE TOO SECURE.

Austrian Army on Lemberg Front Under Heavy Pressure, and Military Observers Say It Has None to Secure a Position in Its Rear Along Upper Zlota Lips, To Which It Is Said to Be Retreating.—Petrograd Announces New Gains on Northern Wing of This Front.—The Italians Make Further Progress on the Carso Plateau.

(By The Associated Press) The Russian drive in Galicia is rapidly pushing the Austro-German armies backward toward Lemberg. Both flanks of the Austrian army on the Lemberg front are under heavy pressure, and its center forced from line on the Stripa, is believed, by military observers in allied capitals, to have none too secure a position in its rear along upper Zlota Lips, to which it is presumed to be retreating.

Petrograd announces new gains on the northern wing of this front, on upper Sereth, while to the south the Russians are continuing their drive up the Dniester. Russian armies in the center also are pursuing the Austrians in middle Stripa and Koropiec regions.

Continuing their advance from Gorizia on the Isonzo front, the Italians made further progress on the Carso plateau to the southeast. Following the usual course, the Germans have launched a counter attack west of Pozieres.

COTTON TODAY SHOWS RENEWED FIRMNESS. In Response to Strong Cables and Bullish Crop Advice.

(By The Associated Press) New York, Aug. 14.—The cotton market showed renewed firmness this morning in response to strong cables and bullish crop advice. At the opening an advance of 15 to 18 points carried prices 25 to 30 points above the low level of Saturday morning and attracted a good deal of realizing, but the offerings were very well absorbed by setbacks of 5 to 6 points and the market soon worked above the opening figures on renewing of general buying.

Cotton futures opened firm: August, 14.12 bid; October, 14.30; December, 14.47; January, 14.58; March, 14.74; May, 14.85.

ANOTHER GOOD TURN IN PARALYSIS PLAGUE.

Only Ninety-five New Cases and 31 Deaths During Last Day. (By The Associated Press) New York, Aug. 14.—The epidemic of infantile paralysis took a turn for the better today. The number of new cases reported by the health department went under the hundred mark for the first time in several weeks. During the 24 hours ending at 10 a. m. the plague killed 31 children and 95 new cases were reported. The falling off in cases is attributed to cooler weather.

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President Says Strike Must Be Avoided.

Washington, Aug. 12.—President Wilson was in communication by telephone with the Federal Mediation Board and asked that he be informed if a strike became imminent. The President informed the mediation board that a strike must be avoided, and if a deadlock is reached he would like an opportunity to talk to representatives of the railroad managers and employees.

Every man is supposed to be the architect of his own fortune, but many of them forget to build.

FROM US THE NEWS.