

TO CALL THE STRIKE ON SEPTEMBER FOURTH

UNLESS SOME PLANS MADE BY PRESIDENT OR CONGRESS.

PRESIDENT ADDRESSED CONGRESS

Trainers Decide That Unless Their Demands are Met They Will Call The Strike For Next Monday, September Fourth. President to Take Matter Up Before Congress With Hope of Averting Strike. President Addressed Congress Today in Regard to the Matter at 2:30 O'clock. Strike Starts Labor Day Unless Called Off by Settlement.

Washington, Aug. 29.—While President Wilson was announcing that he would lay the railroad strike situation before Congress at 2:30 today, the brotherhood leaders rejected the belated proposition of the committee of railroad presidents, and actually ordered a strike to begin at 7 a. m. labor day, unless a settlement satisfactory to them was reached in the meantime.

Their order for a strike was tentative, and required a secret signal to put it into effect. Unless a settlement satisfactory to the labor leaders is reached before that time, or unless President Wilson and Congress find some way to prevent it, the strike would come on Labor Day without further notice.

Labor leaders admittedly took action for the first thing in the belief that some means was being sought to prevent the strike actually being called. By their action they think they have anticipated any legal processes which might be brought against them.

President Wilson announced the decision to address Congress in a joint session at 2:30 o'clock soon after the decision of the labor leaders became known.

A summary of developments in the strike situation follows: Negotiations between the railroads and the brotherhoods through the President were definitely broken off. Brotherhood leaders definitely ordered a strike to begin at 7 a. m. on Labor Day, unless ordered countermanded and declared that only a settlement favorable to the men could change it.

President Wilson prepared to go before Congress in a joint session at 2:30 this afternoon, with proposals for new laws to prevent a strike. The latest outline of the proposal follows: Increase of interstate Commerce Commission from 7 to 9 members.

An 8-hour law for railroad employees in actual interstate transportation. To empower the Federal Board of Mediation to fully investigate the operation of the 8-hour day on the railroads.

To empower the Interstate Commerce Commission to consider the 8-hour day in connection with fixing of the rates. A measure similar to the Canadian industrial dispute act for an investigation for all disputes between the railroads and the employees.

A measure empowering the President to operate trains with the primary object of providing the American troops on the Mexican border with food.

The Brotherhood leaders favor the 8-hour day feature but oppose the proposal to adopt the Canadian plan. The proposal of the railroads formed last Friday and unofficially published at the time that pending the investigation of the controversy, the Interstate Commerce Commission keep account of operations based on the 8-hour day and the 10-hour day, and later to make an award, was formerly communicated to the men this morning. They gave every evidence of rejecting it as had been expected.

Arrangements were today made at the capitol for the House and Senate to assemble in the hall of the House to hear the President's proposed legislation agreed upon by administration leaders.

To Address Congress. Washington, D. C., August 29.—President Wilson will address Congress in a joint session on the railroad strike situation at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

While the President's decision to go before Congress was being announced the brotherhood leaders made a tentative order for the strike on Labor Day, to actually order a strike at that time unless it is called off by a satisfactory settlement. Negotiations Closed. Washington, Aug. 29.—Direct negotiations between the railroad executives and the employees, through the President, were practically closed today when the executives refused to accept the proposal made to them yesterday by Mr. Wilson and presented to him a statement of their position, containing another argument for arbitration.

TRAINING SCHOOL VS. KANNAPOLIS

Former Wins by Score of 4 to 3 in Game Last Saturday.

The boys of the Jackson Training School crossed bats with Kannapolis in a double header Saturday. The first game resulted in a victory for the Training School, with the score of 4 to 3. The second game went to Kannapolis with the score 6 and 5. Mumford, the young south paw, occupied the mound for the Training School during both games. His banders kept the visitors guessing throughout both games. Taylor did the twirling for the visitors for the first game and Daniels the second. Both pitchers did good work for their team.

COTTON TAX PROPOSAL TO RAISE SENATE ROW

Underwood, Overman and Others Will Fight Finance Committee Again Today.

Washington, Aug. 28.—Another clash in the senate between Senator Underwood and members of the finance committee is expected tomorrow when section 2 of the revenue bill is voted on. This section, among other things, places a tax of five per cent. on cotton which is to be used in the manufacture of munitions. Senators Underwood and Overman, and probably a few other senators, will fight this section while the finance committee will insist upon its passage.

This section of the senate finance committee's bill, if passed, would impose an unjust tax on southern cotton farmers, it is claimed, and those senators who do not believe that cotton should be taxed any more than it is at this time have planned a free-for-all fight.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD TODAY

Press Association and Publishers Meet in Greensboro Today to Discuss Paper Question.

Greensboro, Aug. 29.—The executive committee of the North Carolina Press Association, members of the organization, and other publishers were here today to discuss the scarcity of news print paper and means of relieving to some extent the existing conditions in this state. The meeting was called by E. E. Britton, of Raleigh, president of the press association, to be held this afternoon.

THE WHEAT MARKET.

Despite Early Weakness, Wheat Prices Offset Yesterday's Setback Today.

Chicago, Aug. 29.—Despite the weakness at the outset, wheat prices today soon showed a decided tendency to recover from yesterday's setback. The opening, which ranged from 2 5-8 off to 3-8 up, with September at 104 1-4 to 141, and December at 143 3-8 to 144, were followed by material advances all round, but then by something of a reaction.

As for Taft, He's Through. Chicago, Aug. 28.—Former President William H. Taft, here to attend the convention of the American Bar Association, which opens Wednesday, told reporters today that Chicago convinced him he was out of politics.

"I walked four blocks through the downtown streets and made one purchase in a store without anyone apparently recognizing me," the former President said.

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To Fight Investigation. Washington, Aug. 29.—Brotherhood leaders, it was understood today, will fight the compulsory investigation features of President Wilson's legal program, but will support his 8 hour proposal.

Every effort, it was said, will be made to get separate votes.

FOREST HILL NEWS.

Kiah Murr Moves Back to Concord. Personal Items of Interest.

Mr. Kiah Murr, an old resident of Concord, but for several years a resident of Richmond, has moved back to Concord.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Means have returned from a week's visit to relatives at Mt. Airy.

Mr. Lee Philemon has returned to Camp Glenn, after spending several days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Philemon.

Messrs Reese Sedberry and W. T. Williams have gone to Taylorsville to spend several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cook have returned from a visit to relatives at Mt. Ghilead and Troy.

Mrs. J. W. Kime and daughter, Madeline, returned to Concord last night, after spending a week in Statesville, where Miss Madeline received treatment at Dr. Long's sanatorium.

Mr. Gordon Dunn is spending several days in Charlotte with friends this week.

Mrs. Mitchell Clark returned to her home in Burlington yesterday, after spending several days here, with her sister, Mrs. Charles Settlemyre. She was accompanied home by her niece, little Miss Junie Settlemyre.

Mr. Roy Burrage has returned to Concord, after spending several days in Baden.

Mr. Lewis Johnson has returned from a week's visit to relatives in Rockwell.

Mr. Hiram Sherrill, Masters Stone and Thad Sherrill spent Sunday in Chester with relatives.

Miss Margaret Keith, of Charlotte, is spending this week in Concord with Mrs. J. C. Cook.

Mr. Shirley Howell is able to be out again after being confined to his home for several days with illness.

Miss Ruby Porter has returned from a visit to her father, Mr. Asst. Porter, at Laurinburg.

SHIPMENT OF MILITIA TO BORDER RESUMED.

Some 12,000 Men of Ohio, Vermont and Kentucky Ordered to Join Gen. Funston.

Washington, Aug. 28.—Some 12,000 men of Ohio, Vermont and Kentucky national guard regiments still held in state mobilization camps were directed by the war department today to proceed to the Mexican border.

The department revoked suspension of an order for their movement issued two weeks ago. All the regiments will go forward to join General Funston's command as rapidly as transportation can be supplied. Some units were on the move tonight.

There remain approximately 13,000 guardsmen, scattered through many states, who are not accepted by today's order. They also were under orders for the border two weeks ago, but the suspension so far has not been revoked for them.

NORTH CAROLINA FARMERS' CONVENTION MEETING

Fourteenth Annual Meeting Began in Raleigh Today.—Wives Also are Meeting.

Raleigh, Aug. 29.—The fourteenth annual meeting of the North Carolina Farmers' Convention began here today at A. & M. College, with a delegation from all parts of the State in attendance. W. C. Riddick, president of A. & M. College, W. A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture, and J. M. Broughton, Jr., the latter on behalf of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, will address the visitors.

Roger A. Derby, of Jackson Springs, delivered the presidential annual address.

TODAY'S WAR SUMMARY.

French Troops Making Progress Near Thiamount Works.

On the Verdun front last night the French troops made progress near Thiamount works, the French war office announced today. German attacks in the vicinity of Fleury and Fort Vaux were repulsed.

No New Developments. London, Aug. 29.—A British official statement in regard to the military operations in Greece, issued this afternoon, says:

"There were no developments on the Struma or Doiran front."

Bulgarians Not to Declare War. Paris, Aug. 29.—The Bucharest correspondent of a local newspaper wires that he is informed that Bulgaria has decided not to declare war on Roumania, even though that country permit passage through it of Russian troops.

Desperate Border Fighting. London, Aug. 29.—Desperate fighting on the border between Roumania and Hungary is reported in an exchange telegraph dispatch from Bernese Switzerland. The Roumanians, who are making a furious effort to capture the important mountain passes.

This information the dispatch says is contained in a telegram from the Austrian headquarters and published in Bernese.

Roumanian Troops Join Russians. Zurich, Switzerland, via Paris, Aug. 29.—Roumanian troops, which have been centered at Gaffy, near the Russian frontier, entered Transylvania at a point to the west of Pietra, and according to information received here, are reported to have joined the forces of the Russians, coming from Bukovina.

First hostilities between Roumanian and Austria-Hungary broke out Sunday afternoon south and southwest of Kronstadt. Skirmishes also are reported farther west.

Heavy Fighting Near Monte Cauiol. Berlin, via wireless, Aug. 29.—Heavy fighting continued near Monte Cauiol, in the Ciu Valley. The repulse of Italian troops, which succeeded in penetrating temporarily the Austrian line is reported in an Austrian announcement of August 28th.

Another statement from the same place announces the repulse of the Russian attacks in the Carpathians and further north in the region of Mariampol, with large losses.

Dominating Adversaries. Paris, Aug. 29.—"On the Somme, as at Verdun we are leading in the offensive, and dominating the adversaries," says the official note reviewing the last week's operations on the Somme front.

ST. JOHNS CHURCH.

Annual Congregational Meeting Held Last Sunday.—Excellent Reports from All Departments.—Other St. Johns News.

The annual congregational meeting of St. Johns Lutheran Church, Cabarrus county, was held on Saturday, August 26, 1916. Reports were heard from all departments of the work.

The Council, Congregation, Trustees, Cemetery Committee, Sunday School, Women's Missionary Society, Young People's Missionary Society and the Children's Missionary Society all made excellent reports showing that the congregation is in a hearty and prosperous condition.

The different treasurers reported all financial obligations fully met with and a good balance on hand.

The reports also show a growing spirituality among the members, which means growing in power with both God and man. A mind to work was plainly indicated by the heartiness and earnestness with which every matter of business was discussed.

Much business was transacted, and plans were laid that, when carried out, will add much to the effectiveness of the congregation as well as to the beauty and convenience of the church and its surroundings.

Although the present pastor has been with the congregation but four months, a strong attachment has already grown up between them and they are rallying to his call promptly and heartily.

Mrs. J. H. Ritchie and children, who have been visiting her father, Dr. G. H. Cox, and other relatives has returned to her home in Concord.

Rev. Grover Ritchie and family are spending a short vacation among home folks.

Mrs. Rachael Beatty, who recently fell and injured her shoulder, is very much improved.

Mr. Jesse Rice and Miss Beulah Shoe were married at St. Johns parsonage, August 26, 1916. Only a few chosen friends were present.

MISS CONSTANCE CLINE ELECTED PRESIDENT.

Of Woman's Missionary Convention of the Lutheran Church.

Burlington, Aug. 28.—The Woman's Missionary Convention here has been a pronounced success. The young people's societies met in conjunction with the main convention, presided over by Miss Laura Efrid.

Dr. R. S. Patterson, general secretary of "Home Missions," made a short address on achievements. The Rev. J. L. Morgan gave an account of his work in Raleigh. Mission study was resumed under the direction of Mrs. H. C. Bell.

"The South Today" is the book used in these study classes. Many observations and experiences of Mrs. Bell while among the mountaineers, were related and evinced her audience of the needs of these mountaineers. Rev. C. L. Brown, D. D., late of Japan, gave an interesting address, dealing with his eighteen years in the Orient.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows:

President, Miss Constance Cline, of Concord; vice president, Mrs. John M. Cook, Concord; second vice president, Mrs. Y. V. A. Riser, Gibsonville; third vice president, Miss Mattie Miller, Bear Poplar; recording secretary, Mrs. W. H. Riser, China Grove; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. D. Moser, Burlington; treasurer, Mrs. A. A. Winceoff, of Salisbury; Y. P.'s president, Miss Ida Brown Efrid, Winston-Salem; children's secretary, Miss Wilhelmina Rock, Charlotte.

At 5 o'clock all delegates and members of Macedonia Church were invited onto the spacious lawn and a picnic was immensely enjoyed by all present.

SMITHFIELD WOMEN HONOR PASTOR'S WIFE.

Mrs. Spence the Recipient of an Unexpected Demonstration.

Smithfield, Aug. 28.—Mrs. T. H. Spence, the wife of Rev. T. H. Spence, the pastor of Hartsburg Church, was the recipient of an unexpected demonstration of esteem and affection at the hands of the ladies of the town.

In a few weeks Mr. Spence will leave to take charge of his new pastorate, and before departing, the ladies of the neighborhood decided to show in some substantial way the esteem in which Mrs. Spence is held.

Few women ever came to this town, who were as universally well-liked as this lady. The scene took place at the house of Mrs. N. G. Grant-ham, where the ladies had gathered at their weekly meeting of the Book Club.

After the games were over and refreshments served, there was presented to the guest of honor a large dish pan containing all manner of presents and remembrances. This gracious act was graciously acknowledged by the honoree and heartily approved by the whole town.

Hartsburg will find in Mrs. Spence a devoted worker in matters religious, educational and social as well.

TWO SAFES BLOWN AT HOMER, ILLINOIS.

Two Banks Robbed at Same Time and Yeggmen Got Away With Much Money.

Danville, Ill., Aug. 29.—Six robbers blew safes in two banks at Homer, Ill., near here early today and escaped in automobiles with \$13,000. A general alarm has been sent out.

The robbers worked quickly. Explosions at the two banks were simultaneous and so muffled that only a few persons were awakened. \$8,500 was taken from one bank and \$4,500 from the other. There was some delay in spreading the alarm, as the banks could not open this morning until the money had been shipped from Danville.

POSTAL SERVICE DELIVERY IS ON THE INCREASE

This System Was Established in 1913 and is Increasing Rapidly.

Washington, Aug. 29.—Free delivery service of postal matter in United States, established July 1, 1913, under Postmaster General Montgomery Blair, of the District of Columbia, has grown from 66 city delivery offices having 685 carriers and costing \$17,063 in 1864, to 1,808 city delivery offices having 32,902 carriers and costing \$42,036,876 in 1915.

ARMY AND NAVY BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT.

Washington, Aug. 29.—President Wilson today completed the administrative preparation legislative programme by signing the army and navy appropriation bills. At the same time he signed the Philippine bill.

To most of us the Dutch West Indies are beautiful isles of somewhere.

SALISBURY IS VISITED BY MOST SEVERE STORM

CONVICTED OF SELLING INTOXICATING BEVERAGE ABOUT THREE O'CLOCK YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

J. H. Draughin Sentenced To Roads in Three Cases, for a Term of 10 Months.

In the city court this morning a special session was held for the trial of J. H. Draughin, arrested over a week ago. He was indicted on three charges: having intoxicating liquors in his possession; for selling intoxicating liquors; and for carrying concealed weapons. He was represented by Attorney L. T. Hartsell.

City Attorney M. H. Caldwell had present at the trial the State Pure Food Chemist, Mr. Allen, who testified that the famous Riv-i-co, which was being sold by Draughin, contained an appreciable amount of alcohol, the two samples analyzed by his showing 6.67 per cent to 6 per cent respectively.

According to this analysis, the court ruled that the beverage was more intoxicating than beer. The defense contended that the beverage did not come under the head of spiritous, malt or vinous liquors, but under the head of ciders. Justice Palmer ruled that the defendant was guilty and imposed a sentence of four months in each of the first two charges, and two months more for carrying a concealed weapon—a total of ten months on the roads. He was given the option of paying a fine of \$500, upon condition that he does not deal any more with such beverages.

Attorney Hartsell gave notice of appeal to the Superior Court, and the defendant's bond was fixed at \$650 for his appearance at the next term.

THE NATIONAL TAX ASSOCIATION MEETING.

Tax Officials from Various States are Present at Indinnapolis, for Session of Four Days.

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 29.—Tax officials from various states, economists specializing in public finance, and others interested in the question of taxation, met here today for a four-days conference of the National Tax Association. The meeting marks the tenth anniversary of the Association's work, and it is declared that this year's conference will be of more than ordinary importance because of a number of changes that are pending in taxation schemes.

The states, as a rule, it is pointed out, are all confronted with problems of increased expenses and are without definite programs for meeting them. In addition federal revenue schemes will be discussed, including the income tax which has had two years' trial.

The subject of the allocation of public service corporation values will be definitely approached by the Association for the first time through the report of a special committee.

LINCOLN MEMORIAL IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

This Structure to Cost \$2,000,000, Will Be Ready in Two Years From This Month.

Washington, Aug. 29.—Two years from this month the \$2,000,000 Lincoln memorial now being constructed in Potomac Park here will be ready for dedication. The corner stone was laid February 12, 1915. Henry Bacon, architect of the memorial, in speaking of the progress of the work says:

"Before the winter is over the Lincoln memorial will be roofed and the building will be completed and the statue of Lincoln in place two years from now. Largest blocks of marble ever used in the construction of a building have been used in the memorial. One, the largest block, is 18 feet long and six feet high. It is the top middle stone over the entrance. The memorial when finished will be as tall as an average ten-story office building."

CARGO FOR U LINERS OFF FOR NEW YORK

Each of German Submarines Is Designed to Carry 1,000 Tons.

New London, Aug. 28.—Two thousand tons of cargo is on its way here for German submarine merchantmen. It will be enough for both the Bremen and the Amerika on their return from here to Germany. Some of it is expected to arrive here tomorrow.

The official estimate of the cargo brought to Baltimore by the Deutschland and that taken back by her have not been given out, but it was learned here today that the submarines were designed to carry 1,000 tons. The Deutschland brought over about 300 tons, as it had been decided not to load her too heavily on the first trip. She took back about 700 tons.

The many make the household, but only one the home.—Lowell.

Had Hidden in Princeton Cotton Mill Building, Which Collapsed on Him. His Companion Was Seriously Hurt.—Thousands of Dollars Damage Done by the Wind and Rain.—People at Spencer Were Also Hurt.—All Light and Power at a Standstill, and Hundreds of Telephone and Telegraph Poles are Blown Down. Late yesterday afternoon several rumors of a severe storm in Salisbury reached Concord, and The Tribune made an effort to reach that city by telephone, but found that the wire were down and that no message could be gotten through. The Western Union wires were working, however, and we wired the Salisbury Post to send us particulars of the storm. The message received from the Post about 8 o'clock stated that a cyclone struck the city a few minutes after three o'clock and that one life was lost and thousands of dollars of damage done. There was a down pour of rain and hail, while the winds tore through the city with full force. Hundreds of telegraph poles were blown down, and the lights and power were cut off. Will Calloway, a carpenter, was killed instantly. He and another man name Whitlow, took refuge in the new Princeton cotton mill, in course of erection. The mill was blown down and Calloway met instant death. Whitlow was badly hurt. The grand stand at the fair ground was wrecked, and about half the fence blown down. A half dozen stores on which the roofs were damaged, list heavily by their goods being soaked with water. Blocks of streets were made impassable, being blocked with trees, wires and poles. At Spencer a two story brick building occupied as a store by C. E. Fesperman, was demolished, injuring half a dozen persons. The most seriously injured is Mrs. D. A. Klutz, who was caught under a ton or more of falling brick from the walls of the store building, one arm, one leg and her hip being crushed besides other serious bruises. She was rushed to a Salisbury hospital for treatment. In the store at the time were also Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fesperman and four children. Seeing the top of the building had blown across the street they abandoned the store only to be covered with brick and timber falling in front. With considerable difficulty there were extricated and all were more or less injured. The youngest son, Milford, was badly cut about the face and shoulders and was sent to a hospital. Several doctors were on the scene in a short time and did all they could to relieve the suffering. This was the second time Mr. Fesperman has suffered from storm, his store being demolished by storm in 1905. He has been burned out since that and has been robbed by burglars a dozen times. His store building and stock was valued at about \$5,000 and is a total wreck tonight. The roof of his dwelling was also crushed in by the storm. Julia Swearingen, aged 10 years, also in the store when the wind hit it, was hurt in the side and leg. ALEXANDER WINS A THOUSAND DOLLAR BONUS Won His 25th Game of the Season at Chicago Yesterday. (By The Associated Press) Chicago, Aug. 29.—Grover Alexander, star pitcher for the Philadelphia Nationals is \$1,000 richer today for having won his game against the Cubs here yesterday. It was the twenty-fifth victory for Alexander this season, which gave him a bonus of \$1,000. ANOTHER TROPICAL DISTURBANCE REPORTED. It is Now in Caribbean Sea, Not Far from Porto Rico. (By The Associated Press) Washington, Aug. 29.—Another tropical disturbance, central in the east Caribbean Sea and not far from Porto Rico, is indicated by the weather bureau's report today. Information still is too meagre to estimate the probable course of the storm. Even fighting in the trenches is better than nothing on the benches.