

WILL THERE BE A CALL FOR A GENERAL STRIKE

TO BACK UP NEW YORK STREET CAR EMPLOYEES?

THE TRADES UNIONS VOTE TODAY

To Determine Their Response to the Call for a Sympathetic Strike.—By Monday, the Labor Leaders Assert, 70,000 Men Will be Called to Protect the Continuation of Union Life in New York.—Majority of Members of Machinists' Union Have Voted to Strike, Labor Leaders Say, at the Munition Plants in New York.

(By The Associated Press) New York, Sept. 16.—Several trade unions voted today to determine their response to the call for a general strike to back up the street car employees. By Monday the labor leaders expect to get a settlement for Longshore teamsters, Tide Water Boatmen and Bargemen, and Stationary Engineers and Firemen. By Monday they assert that 70,000 men will be called to protect the life of the unions in New York.

The union leaders announce that the majority of the members of the Machinists' union, having a membership of 25,000, have voted to strike at the munition plants in this city to protest against the financial interests of the owners of the subway, elevated and surface lines.

Should the long shorem, boatmen and bargemen go out all work on the water front would be tied up. The police commissioner has been informed that 8,000 local bargemen will quit today. It is stated that the longshoremen have voted to go out.

This movement is described by the Central Federated Union as "preparatory to a general strike." While it is estimated that there are 800,000 trade unionists in New York, but the strike will not call out but half of that number, 400,000.

One man was killed and 34 injured in accidents on elevated and surface car lines within the last 24 hours.

New York, Sept. 16.—While labor leaders were perfecting plans for a systematic walk out by 75,000 workmen to aid street railway men, officials of the International Rapid Transit Company discussed the possibility of instituting action charging conspiracy against union leaders.

In a train collision at the entrance to the Pennsylvania Railroad tunnel under the Hudson river to New Jersey, two persons were hurt. For about an hour and a half 100 passengers were held prisoners in the tube. The persons injured are a conductor, who was pinned under a car and one unidentified passenger.

"BIG MARY" PAYS THE DEATH PENALTY

Huge Elephant of the Sparks Circus Put to Death for Murder of Her Assistant Keeper.

Bristol, Tenn., Sept. 14.—Condemned as having forfeited her right to live under the laws of Tennessee "Murderous Mary," the big female elephant heading the quintette with Sparks shows, was today put to death at Erwin, Tennessee, the State authorities requiring it. Having none of the quick poisons at hand, the showmen chose to hang the beast. A derelict car of the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Railway was used. Heavy chains were looped about the elephant's neck and the steam operated crane lifted massive form into the air. The animal struggled for quite a while before death finally resulted from strangulation. The showmen are said to have admitted that "Mary" had slain her eighth man, her last victim being Walter Eldridge, a Virginian, who was gored to death at Kingston Tuesday last. Showmen valued the animals at \$8,000.

"Big Mary" was advertised by the Sparks circus as being the "largest land animal in captivity," and this claim was backed by Mr. Sparks personal assertion to friends here. He said she was two inches taller than the famous "Jumbo," which animal was advertised throughout the world by the late P. T. Barnum.

"FOURTH OF JULY" IN MEXICO TODAY.

Comparative Tranquility Now Prevailing Reflected in Celebration.

Mexico City, Sept. 16.—The comparative tranquility now prevailing in Mexico was reflected today in the popular celebration of the national holiday, which was observed with more enthusiasm than has marked the occasion for several years. The day is the 107th anniversary of Mexican independence. Business houses and residences in the capital were decorated on an elaborate scale, and large crowds congregated in the parks to listen to the band concerts. The customary civic parade was held and was reviewed by President Carranza and other prominent representatives of the government.

Neither manifests the blessing of our conscience so plainly as the disappearance from society of healthful recreation is still—Andrew Lang

1,000,000 FRENCH TROOPS FOR BRITAIN'S CALL

Kaiser Has 1,000,000 Men Opposite Allies on the Somme. Special to New York World. At the British Front on the Somme Sept. 13, via London Sept. 14.—In spite of the steady advance being made on the Somme, the British army does not look to a quick termination of the war. Officers and soldiers alike with whom I have talked realize the German strength, and while figuring on continuously advancing and forcing the Germans back, they are always talking of next year. The phrase has become almost a byword.

They are determined to carry the war on to German soil, and the army seems to be at one in the belief that it can be done. The Kaiser may never have spoken of Gen. French's "contemptible little army," but the British army believes he did, and is eager to show its power. There is certainly nothing contemptible small about this army, and the Somme reinforcements are literally thick from there to the sea.

Seeing these reinforcements visualize for me what has happened to the British army in two years since I heard a German General cry out in Binche, Belgium: "We have met the English at Mons and are driving them into the sea."

The Germans, realizing the British strength, are concentrating against the British. Though the British hold but 100 miles of the 360-mile front in France, it is estimated that a third of the German effectives are concentrated against them, mostly on the Somme. As Germany has 2,000,000 troops in France, there are 700,000 against the British. On the Somme, opposite the French and British lines Germany has combined an army of 1,000,000 men.

EUGENICS FOR THE ZULUS.

All Children Born to Zulus Parents are Killed if Not Up to Standard. (By The Associated Press) Chicago, Sept. 16.—A club working for a solution of the eugenic problem of the Zulus, of Africa, was addressed by John Balmer, for 32 years a resident of that country, before the International Lyceum Convention here last night.

"When a child is born to Zulus parents, and it apparently is not up to the Zulu standards, it is hit over the head," he said. "After that there is a funeral," he added.

INCREASE IN INFANTILE PARALYSIS CASES

Forty-One New Cases and 13 Deaths in Past 24 Hours. (By The Associated Press) New York, Sept. 16.—A slight increase in the infantile paralysis epidemic is shown in the bulletin for the 24 hours ending at 10 a. m. today. Forty-one cases were discovered and there were 13 deaths, a jump of 3. Federal officials found encouragement in the statement of a week that there were only 245 deaths, as compared with 352 the previous week.

THE WHEAT MARKET.

Lower Prices Due to Uneasiness Regarding Hearings of British Trade Restriction Board. (By The Associated Press) Chicago, Sept. 16.—Increase in the selling pressure in the wheat market and consequently lower prices resulted today from uneasiness in regard to the hearings of the British trade restriction board regarding neutral selling. Opening prices, which were from yesterday's close to 1-1/2 points higher, were followed by a decline.

Albemarle Tent Meeting Has a Successful Close. The tent meeting conducted by Rev. Leonard Gill, which has been in progress here for the past two weeks closed last night, when the tent was filled to overflowing. Rev. Mr. Gill has had an exceedingly successful series of meetings, and has been heartily assisted by the pastors and members of nearly every denomination in the city. Your correspondent has not obtained the number of conversions during the meeting, but there was an exceedingly large number of professions made during the meeting and these will unite with the various churches in the city.

The large tent in which these services have been conducted was donated by Mr. Gill by Henry Belk, of Charlotte.

Newton Man Not Near Bridge When It Fell. Newton, Sept. 15.—A message from John Aderholt to his father, J. H. Aderholt, reassures his family regarding his safety at the Canadian bridge over the St. Lawrence, where the immense central span collapsed and carried 11 men to death. Mr. Aderholt is employed in the supply department and was not in the danger zone. Nine years ago his brother, James Aderholt, was in the wreck of the same bridge, and was killed. Previous to that another Catawba young man, Ross Sherrill, son of Capt. James Sherrill, fell while at work on the bridge, and was killed.

Call for Bank Statements. (By The Associated Press) Washington, Sept. 16.—The comptroller of currency today issued a call for the conditions of all national banks at the close of business on Tuesday, Sept. 12th.

THE END OF THE WORLD IS COMING

BOARD IS SWAMPED WITH APPLICATIONS

FROM CITIZENS FOR PAVING STREETS WITH ASPHALT.

SOUTH UNION ORDERED TO BE PAVED

Petitions Were Presented at the Aldermen's Meeting Last Night to Pave Many Streets, But All of Them, Except That of South Union, Were Laid on the Table Till the November Meeting.—The South Union Folks Have Fought Long and Hard for Their Street to Be Paved.—Mr. Weddington Offers Right of Way for Sewer Line.

Already the board of aldermen have ordered many miles of streets in this city paved with asphalt. The number of streets already ordered paved will total approximately five miles. At the meeting of the board last evening many other petitions were presented by property owners on several streets. The board tabled these petitions, with one exception. The motion tabling these petitions also included the resolution that these petitions cannot be presented again until the November meeting of the board.

The meeting of the board was held promptly and was carried out in less time than it takes to conduct the majority of them. All of the aldermen except Mr. Hoover, who is sick, were present, and Mayor Isenhour presided.

For several months the petition to pave South Union street from Tribune street to the city limits has been before the board. Several property owners in that district, and especially Alderman Ritchie, have been opposed to paving this stretch of South Union. But the signers of the petition were not to be put off, and they continued to work for the passage of this petition. The matter was again brought up before the aldermen last night and they ordered the street paved. This will complete all of South Union street to the city limits, the remainder of the street already having been paved.

Petitions for the paving of the following streets were tabled: Church street, Franklin avenue from Spring street to Georgia avenue; South Spring street from Babbie to Chestnut; Powder street; Buffalo street as far as McGill street.

A committee was appointed some time ago to investigate and recommend the purchase of a fire truck. The committee reported favorable on the matter at the meeting last evening and the truck was ordered. This is a decided step forward for the aldermen. With only one fire department in the city, enough protection was not given to the people on the outskirts of town with the horse department. These trucks have been used in a majority of the larger cities and have proved successful. Concord has enough paved streets to carry the truck all over the city, and the aldermen are to be congratulated on this move. A La France truck will be bought at a cost of \$8,000, less the cost of chemical tanks. These will be supplied from the wagon now used here.

Mr. Frank Weddington offered the city a right of way through his land for a sewer line and for a tank line from the portion of Union street ordered paved last night. The septic tank will be used to catch the run of water from South Union street, and the city accepted Mr. Weddington's offer.

The board ordered all bills paid which had been passed by the finance committee. No other matters other than of a routine nature were presented to the board, which adjourned to meet again in October.

Child Starts Big Car Down Embankment. Asheville, Sept. 15.—An unknown child had a miraculous escape from death yesterday, after starting a six-cylinder Chalmers touring car, belonging to Miss Lillian Flecher on a wild race that culminated in a plunge down a fifty-foot embankment which totally wrecked the car. Miss Flecher was visiting a friend on Contland avenue, and had stopped her engine and put on the brakes, leaving it standing in front. A little child climbed into the car, and in some manner managed to find the right levers. The car started, and the child, alarmed, finally jumped to safety. The car continued on down the street to where the road curves around a fifty-foot embankment, and plunged over. There was little semblance of an automobile to the twisted mass of junk recovered.

Boston Getting Along in Years. Boston, Mass., Sept. 16.—Boston will reach its 286th birthday anniversary tomorrow. It was on September 17, 1630 that the colonists under John Winthrop removed to the present site of Boston from Charlestown, where they had established themselves several months earlier. At that time the peninsula was called Trimountain. The colonists renamed the place Boston after the legendary hero of the same name.

CHANGE AT ST. CLOUD.

Hotel Will Be Operated on Both the American and European Plans After Wednesday.

Beginning next Wednesday the St. Cloud Hotel will be operated on both the American and European plans. A cafe will be arranged, and the service will be first class in every particular. The boarders of the hotel will be taken care of as before, and the public will be served on either plan. The cafe will be open from 7 to 9 a. m., from 12 to 2:30 p. m., and from 6 to 8:30 p. m. A handsome menu card has just been printed on The Times presses for use in the cafe. Everything the market affords will be furnished at the most reasonable prices. A table d'hote breakfast, dinner or supper will be served for 50 cents. This change will no doubt be welcomed by the people of Concord and the traveling public generally.

PRACTICALLY NO CHANGE IN THE PENNANT RACE

In the American League Today.—Brooklyn Made Gain in the National.

(By The Associated Press) Chicago, Sept. 16.—Boston, Detroit and Chicago will occupy relatively the same position in the American league pennant race when they face the opposition teams today, as they did yesterday morning, but there is a chance for a change. Should Detroit lose and Chicago beat Boston, Chicago would be in first place.

In the National League Brooklyn has forged ahead to the extent of half a game, Philadelphia, Boston and New York being unable to play on account of rain.

BRIDGE PARTY.

Miss Montgomery Entertains in Honor of Miss Jessie T. Reid, of Michigan.

Miss Shirley Montgomery this morning delightfully entertained at a bridge party at her home on North Church street in honor of Miss Jessie T. Reid, of Bay City, Mich., who is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. A. Carver. There were four tables of bridge and the party began at 11 o'clock.

The score prize was won by Mrs. H. M. Umberger and the guest of honor prize was presented to Miss Reid. Following the games, a chicken salad course was served by Miss Montgomery.

KING'S DAUGHTERS

Distribute Envelopes Soliciting Contributions for Their Local Work of Mercy.

The Stonewall Circle of the King's Daughters have distributed in the business block as well as in homes of Concord, small envelopes soliciting a contribution to aid in their local work of mercy during the coming winter months. The King's Daughters take this means of giving everybody an opportunity to participate in this work of charity, and ask all to remember the date, Wednesday, September the 20th, that the envelopes will be collected by the various committees.

Brandy 84 Years Old.

Lexington Dispatch. Mr. C. E. Voils has in his possession a little phial of brandy that is now 84 years old. The fluid was made in 1832 by Mr. M. Voils, of Cabarrus county, grandfather of Mr. Voils, of this place, and the latter secured it last week at the winding up of the estate of his late father, who died recently at Mooresville. This phial was bottled and sealed on December 11, 1834. Wishing to determine whether the juice had held its own, Mr. Voils broke the seal Monday and smelled of it. The aroma showed that it was the real goods, so he re-sealed the bottle and expects to keep it thus as long as he lives. The brandy is of an amber color and is clear outside of a few drops of dregs that have gathered in the bottom.

New Publication at Kannapolis.

A monthly paper has just been started at Kannapolis, the first number being issued on The Times presses today. It is The Cameo Men (The Cannon Mills Company Men) and its editors are Messrs. H. W. Owen and D. J. Evans. It is a four page paper, size of sheet being 12 x 18, and is a neat and well-filled publication. It is devoted to the Y. M. C. A. and its work, and the interests of the Kannapolis people generally. The first issue contains a cut of the handsome Y. M. C. A. building at Kannapolis, and of Mr. J. W. Cannon, "the man who put Kannapolis on the map."

Three Hornets Lead Various Departments.

Durham, Sept. 15.—Roy Grimes, Durham second baseman, with an average of .404, and Jimmy Hickman, Asheville outfielder, with an average of .350, led the Carolina league in hitting for the past season. President W. G. Bramham announced today Warren C. Butts led in stolen bases with 87; Nicholson, of Charlotte, led in total bases with 210 and Smith of Charlotte secured the largest number of sacrifice hits, 31; Paschall, Charlotte's left fielder, led in home runs, with 15.

"You all," we all seem to be agreed, is never used in the singular. Anyway it is not "you all" but "you."

BRITISH GAIN GROUND IN THE HEAVENS DEFENSIVE

MRS. HOWE DEAD.

President's Only Sister Died at New London, Conn., Today.

(By The Associated Press) New London, Conn., Sept. 16.—Mrs. Annie E. Howe, only sister of President Wilson, died at a local hotel here early today.

With her were her two sons, George Howe, of North Carolina and Wilson Howe, of Richmond, Va., her daughter, Mrs. Cochran and Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of President Wilson.

Will be Buried at Columbia. Long Branch, N. J., Sept. 16.—President Wilson received word here early today that his sister, Mrs. Annie E. Howe, died early today at New London. He was greatly shocked, as he thought she would live several days and had planned to go later to her bedside. He will attend the funeral, at Columbia, S. C., where her husband and other relatives are buried.

President Wilson immediately cancelled an engagement to speak in St. Louis next Wednesday before the Underwriters' Convention.

THOMAS GETS TWELVE MONTHS ON ROAD

Convicted Yesterday of Assault on Girl on Pullman Car.

(By The Associated Press) Raleigh, Sept. 16.—E. S. Thomas, of Charlotte, who was placed on trial here yesterday charged with an attempted criminal assault on a young lady in a Pullman car at the Union station recently, was today sentenced to serve 12 months on the county roads.

The jury last night found him not guilty of the criminal assault, but found him guilty of assault on a female.

COTTON MARKET STEADY

Closed 5 to 8 Points Lower After End of the First Hour.

(By The Associated Press) New York, Sept. 16.—The cotton market opened steady at an advance of four points to a decline of four points. There was reported an increase of southern offerings and the market rallied to 15.56 for December and 15.63 for January, before the end of the first hour, and closed 5 to 8 points lower.

Cotton futures opened steady: October, 15.48; December, 15.65; January, 15.73; March 15.86; May, 16.05.

Cotton Closes Steady.

New York, Sept. 16.—The cotton market closed steady. October, 15.38; December, 15.51; January, 15.60; March, 15.76; May, 15.94.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Generally Fair Weather With Lower Temperatures for Next Week.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Sept. 16.—Generally fair weather with temperatures somewhat below seasonal averages are forecasted for the Southeastern states for the week commencing tomorrow.

Fire Don'ts.

Poor Richard observed that "Three removes are equal to a loss by fire." He might have added, "and a single move often prevents one."

Why do so few people living in new houses, or who have recently moved, suffer fire losses?

Because, generally, they have previously removed those conditions which cause fires, by clearing the premises of trash and rubbish.

These are some of the ways to avoid fires:

Don't put ashes in wooden vessels. Don't start fires with kerosene oil. Don't use any but safety matches. Don't allow rubbish to accumulate in cellar or attic.

Don't allow trash or paper under or behind pieces of furniture. Don't place oil lamps or candles under or near paper decorations or other inflammable material.

Don't leave the room with paper, or articles of clothing strewn or hanging in front of an open fire. Don't allow leaves to accumulate on the roof where a spark from chimney or locomotive may start a blaze.

If you live in an old house, or if there is any doubt about the safety of flues, call up your Building Inspector or fire chief and have the flues inspected.

Have a thorough inspection of your premises at least every three months and see that they are cleared of all conditions likely to cause fires.

Write the insurance department for a copy of this or other data regarding the prevention of fires.

Frost in Tennessee.

(By The Associated Press) Nashville, Sept. 16.—There was frost in middle Tennessee today, the earliest in 12 years. The official temperature at 6 a. m. was 45 degrees.

There may be a serious bread shortage in Austria, but the people there can always fall back on their own wheat.

GAIN ALONG ENTIRE LINE EXCEPT AT GINOKY.

THE GERMANS FOUGHT DESPERATELY

Germans Began Attack on French at Points Where They Recently Advanced North and South of Somme.

—Paris Reports These Attacks Repulsed East of Clercy.—In Macedonia Notable Successes of Entente Troops Against Bulgarians Are Reported on the Left Wing.—Germany and Her Allies Win Decisive Victories in Roumania. (By The Associated Press)

The heavy offensive which was begun yesterday by the British, west of the Somme, was successful in gaining ground along the entire line except at Ginoky, where the Germans fought desperately, today's dispatches say.

The Germans began the attack on the French where they recently advanced north and south of the Somme. Paris reports these attacks were repulsed east of Clercy, immediately north of the stream of Berny, below the river.

In Macedonia notable successes of entente troops against the Bulgarians are reported on the left wing, where it is reported they renewed their attack. An attack is announced on the right flank, where the British have thrown skirmishes across the Struma and have raided villages occupied by the Bulgarians. A continuous bombardment of Bulgarian positions in the Doiran region indicates probably that the British are about to strike with the infantry in that sector.

In Dobrudja and southern Roumania, the Bulgarians, Turks and Germans have won decisive victories against the Romanians and Russians, Field Marshal Mackensen reports. Recent reports from the capital of the Central Powers have indicated an advance in their Dobrudja invasion. Petrograd reports the situation in Russia and Galicia as unchanged.

Dispatches from Athens announce that Callaghyropoulos, a lawyer and former member of the cabinet, has been summoned to the home of King Constantine and it is indicated that the former member of the cabinet has been asked to make a new cabinet.

Will Consider Belgian Loan Null and Void.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Sept. 16.—Ambassador von Bernstorff said at the State Department that Germany would consider "null and void" any loan to Belgium through negotiations in the United States during German occupation of that country.

The Imperial German government, through its ambassador at Washington, has informed the State department that in view of the statement that the Belgian government is trying to contract a loan in the United States and has for this purpose sold the Belgian State railroad, any such arrangement made during the German occupancy and without the consent of the German government, will be considered null and void by the German government, says the State Department.

Marriage Last Night.

An event of more than usual interest was the marriage at the Strand last night of Mr. Hart L. Russell, of Washington, to Miss Loretta Barnes, of Cincinnati. The ceremony, which was performed by Esp. C. A. Pitts, was witnessed by a packed house. The bride and groom are members of the Jewel's Jubilee Girls Company, which closes a very successful week's engagement at the Strand tonight.

STRAND THEATRE

Tonight

JEWEL'S JUBILEE GIRLS.

Jake in Egypt

Wm. S. Hart