

RAILROAD WORKERS' PAY AGAIN SLASHED

This Time 10,000 Railroad Firemen and Oilers Are Effected.—Announced Today by Labor Board.

RULES ARE TO BE EFFECTIVE MARCH 1

Extra Pay Until After the Tenth Hour Is Eliminated.—Ten-Hour Day Is Virtually Restored.

(By the Associated Press.) Chicago, Feb. 23.—Another pay slash, this time hitting 10,000 railroad firemen and oilers, was made by the United States Railroad Labor Board when it announced rules effective March 1st eliminating extra pay until after the 10th hour, and setting up a "split track" of eight hours, within a spread of 12, without any overtime.

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Harold F. McCormick, recently divorced by Mr. Rockefeller's daughter, and Miss Mathilde McCormick will visit Mr. Rockefeller at Ormond with-in the near future to discuss the proposed marriage, it was said today.

Luther League Social

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The resolution states, however, that if President Lewis is able to arrange a meeting at which the operators of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and part of Pennsylvania, the four states in the central competitive field, will all be represented, the Pittsburgh Vain Operators Association will send representatives to such a meeting.

SERVICE MEN RALLY TO LEGION BANNER

Local Post Membership Drive Meeting With Success—All Service Men Asked To Join.

The American Legion drive for members continues. The mopping-up squad continued activities yesterday afternoon and met with marked success. Service men from the town and county are rallying to the Legion's banner and by the end of the week it is expected that the Concord Post will be able to make a splendid report to headquarters in Raleigh.

The local Post needs and wants every service man in the county. The dues are only \$2.50 a year, which includes subscription to the American Legion Weekly (easily worth the amount of the dues) and all men who were honorably discharged from the service are eligible. Plans are on foot for the organization of a Legion Club room in keeping with the strength and prominence of the organization, for a baseball team, boxing team, sham battle, play and a series of social events.

All service men who have not joined the Legion are requested by the local Post to send their names to Harry Caldwell, chairman of the membership committee, or Clyde Propst, finance officer.

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TWO MUSCLE SHOALS OFFERS CONSIDERED

Offer From Henry Ford and From the Alabama Power Company Before House Committee Now.

TWO WITNESSES TO BE HEARD YET

Actual Work on Alabama Offer Will Probably Begin Next Week, After Witnesses Finish.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 23.—Rival offers of the Alabama Power Co. and of Henry Ford for the purchase and lease of the government's nitrate and power projects at Muscle Shoals, Ala., were officially before the House military committee today. The body received the power company's proposal from today afternoon and the Ford offer report while it prepared to complete study of the Ford bids this week.

Chairman Kahn estimated that the actual work on the Alabama offer would begin next week, and said that the few remaining requests for hearings on the Ford proposal would be disposed of today and tomorrow.

Gray Silver, Washington representative of the American Farm Bureau Federation, concluding his statement today, advised acceptance by Congress of the Ford contract, leaving only two other witnesses to be heard on that offer, W. B. Mayo, chief engineer for Mr. Ford, and Thos. W. Martin, president of the Alabama Power Company. These will be disposed of probably tomorrow and the way cleared for the committee to begin actual study of the Alabama bid on Monday.

COTTON SITUATION UNDER DISCUSSION

By Delegates at New Orleans Meeting Delegated by Governor Morrison.

(By the Associated Press.) New Orleans, Feb. 23.—Delegates appointed by the Governors of the principal cotton producing states at the request of Governor Cameron Morrison, of North Carolina, met here today for the announced purpose of establishing the "business" production of cotton as an unprofitable business, and to find a remedy for conditions, if possible.

In the absence of President E. S. Butler, of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, where the conference sessions are being held, acting president J. W. Brinkfield is host to the delegates.

No set program has been arranged for the sessions of the conference, nor is it known definitely how long the session will last.

FRATERNITIES HAZE FRESHMEN WITH 'INTELLECTUAL BARBARITY'

Providence, R. I., Feb. 23.—In intellectual barbarity has replaced the traditional physical punishment applied to freshmen fraternity candidates of Brown. Now upper class men are substituting mental torture by methods learned in psychological courses instead of by the time-honored custom of paddling.

Two of the leading fraternities have adopted the new system and are pronouncing their work good. Others are expected to follow, as the results are declared to leave the initiated in a much more tractable state of mind and imbued with a "proper sense of his unworthiness."

BASEBALL MEETING TONIGHT

That Concord will enjoy baseball this season is about to be assured as a number of "cranks" have begun the agitation for a winning team both at the Gibson and Cabarrus mills. Several meetings have been held and discussion indulged in at the Gibson mill, and the movers in that village hope to have a better team than last year. At the Cabarrus mill several players have already been signed. The "Myers Club" is to be on the diamond again this year. A meeting has been called for tonight at the Gibson mill at which time it is hoped that something definite will be decided on.

WHAT IS SAID TO BE THE GREATEST COMEDY OF HER SCREEN CAREER IS THAT IN WHICH CONSTANCE TALMADGE WILL STAR AT THE STAR THEATRE TODAY AND TOMORROW

When "Good Night Paul" opens a two day engagement. "Good Night Paul" is not a new performance to the screen, for it first found expression on the silver sheet two years ago when Miss Talmadge was starring in Selznick Pictures. But the performance is considered so clever and pleasing that the revised version of this picture has been brought to the screen with modern improvements.

While his train was traveling at 25 miles an hour, a locomotive fireman on Staten Island, New York, jumped from the engine into a creek and pulled out a schoolboy, who had been struck by the engine and thrown into 15 feet of water.

The highest known inhabited house in the world is in a high pass in Tibet. It is a stone building occupied by a guard, and is 18,100 feet above sea level.

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The Children's Encyclopedia

F. G. Hickman

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RESERVATION TO FOUR POWER TRIANGLE OPPOSED

Opposition Furnished by Several Republicans as Well as Democratic Senators.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 23.—Modified blanket reservation to the four-power Pacific treaty laid before the Senate foreign relations committee today by Chairman Lodge, after a conference with President Harding, met with immediate opposition from several Republicans as well as Democratic committee members.

The new reservations intended as a substitute for that proposed several days ago by Senator Brandegee, republican, Connecticut, provides that nothing in the treaty shall be construed as committing the United States to an exercise of armed force without the consent of Congress.

After more than an hour's debate, which failed to give over to the new proposal any of the senators who had supported the Brandegee reservation, the committee adjourned till tomorrow without action.

Although Senator Lodge did not inform his colleagues as to the attitude of the President, other committee members gained the impression that the modified reservation would be acceptable to the White House. It had been discussed at an earlier conference between Mr. Lodge and Mr. Harding, but it was not formally referred to the committee with the administration backing. The committee chairman said he had only "suggested it."

Senators Borah, republican, Idaho; and Johnson, republican, Cal., both pronounced the modified draft as unsatisfactory, while Senator Brandegee and other republicans, and democratic advocates of the Brandegee reservation withheld decision and indicated by their attitude in discussion that they did not find the new proposal readily acceptable.

"During my years as a trial judge," the speaker said, "I was frequently distressed by the fact that one side or the other in the case before me was so incompetently represented by counsel, or represented by such ignorant counsel that, owing to skill of attorneys on the other side, it seemed impossible to get the case properly before the court, or keep an error out of the records."

THREE NEW YORKERS PAY \$18,193,979 TAX

Each Reported a Taxable Income of More Than \$5,000,000 in 1919.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 23.—Of the five net incomes in excess of \$5,000,000 reported for taxation for the calendar year 1919 three were reported by persons living in New York State and two by persons living in Michigan. One of the returns from New York was made by a single man—undoubtedly John D. Rockefeller, who is a widower. The four others were joint returns of husbands and wives. One is believed to represent the income of Henry Ford, but the report of the Internal Revenue Bureau is not permitted by law to contain such details.

The three incomes of more than \$5,000,000 from New York, when combined, totaled \$28,130,942. The normal tax on the three was \$108,337 and the surtax \$18,085,642, giving a total of \$18,193,979.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Firm at an Advance of 21 to 27 Points and Soon Showing Net Advance of 20 to 37 Points

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 23.—A feature in the cotton market early today was the unexpectedly small number of March notices. So far as could be learned, only 17, representing 1700 bales were issued, and there was active covering by March and May shorts with the market opening firm at an advance of 21 to 27 points and soon showing net advances of 20 to 37 points.

Cotton futures opened firm. Mar. 18.50; May 18.10; July 17.85; Oct. 17.65; Dec. 16.96.

RHODE ISLAND MILLS OPEN WITHOUT TROUBLE

Military Guards Are Still on Duty, and Few Pickets Were on Duty Today

(By the Associated Press.) Pawtucket, R. I., Feb. 23.—Under military guard the mills here affected by the strike of textile workers opened today without a disturbing incident. Comparatively few pickets were on duty. Those who did appear were obliged to keep moving.

At the Jencks Spinning Company plant, where Monday's fatal rioting occurred, no attempt was made to organize the usual demonstration.

IRISH SIGNATORIES OF TREATY CALLED TO LONDON

For an Early Conference on Whole Situation, Winston Churchill Announces

(By the Associated Press.) London, Feb. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—The British government has invited the Irish signatories to the Anglo-Irish treaty to come to London for an early conference on the whole situation, it was announced in the House of Commons today by Winston Churchill, secretary for the colonies.

Mrs. W. M. Linker Entertains at Bridge

Mrs. W. M. Linker entertained a number of guests at six tables of bridge yesterday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock at her home on White Street.

George Washington birthday suggestions were carried out in the decorations, little Miss Sara Frances Fisher and Master Billy Linker representing George and Martha Washington. They met the guests at the door and also assisted in serving refreshments.

The living room of the home was profusely decorated with pink carnations, and in the dining room jonquils were artistically arranged.

A salad course was served by Mrs. Linker following play.

EQUALITY BEFORE THE LAW IS IMPOSSIBLE

So Long as the Rich Are Represented by Trained Lawyers and Poor by Untrained Men.

JUDGE GOODWIN OF CHICAGO SAYS

In Many Instances It Seems Impossible to Get Cases Properly Out of Courts or to Keep Error From Record

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 23.—Equality before the law is impossible so long as the rich and powerful are represented in court by highly educated lawyers, while a large part of the poor and ignorant are represented by untrained and incompetent men; Judge Clarence N. Goodwin, of Chicago, declared in his opening address today as Chairman of the conference of the Bar Association here. Until such a condition is corrected, he said, there will be little justice in the courts.

The shrewd and powerful men and interests of large means are able to know who are competent and who are not, Judge Goodwin asserted, adding it was impossible for the poor man, the ignorant man to make any estimate of who is able to represent him properly.

"During my years as a trial judge," the speaker said, "I was frequently distressed by the fact that one side or the other in the case before me was so incompetently represented by counsel, or represented by such ignorant counsel that, owing to skill of attorneys on the other side, it seemed impossible to get the case properly before the court, or keep an error out of the records."

SENTENCE SUSPENDED IN CAPT. CRAWFORD'S CASE

On Payment of Costs.—Sentence Pronounced Today by Judge Ray.

(By the Associated Press.) Salisbury, Feb. 23.—Just before adjourning Rowan County Superior Court this morning, Judge J. B. Ray suspended sentence upon payment of costs of Conductor R. E. Crawford, who submitted to a charge of manslaughter in connection with killing of engineer Sam Hinton. Crawford had been at liberty on \$7,500 bail since the trial. Just after the trial a petition for a pardon was signed by the judges in the case.

MISS COLTRANE NATIONAL OFFICER D. A. R. DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

Charlotte Observer.

A prominent and charming visitor is Miss Jenn Coltrane, of Concord, who came over yesterday to be with her father, Mr. D. B. Coltrane, who is at the Charlotte sanatorium. Mr. Coltrane has been quite sick for some weeks. His condition last night was considered better. Miss Coltrane is at the Selwyn hotel.

Historian General of the National Society D. A. R., and in Washington and many states which she has visited, north and west, as well as south, is held in highest honor by the D. A. R., being esteemed for her ability, and admired for her charm of mind and heart. In Washington she is sought by the highest officials of the D. A. R., and few are extended such charming courtesies in the capital, and admiration as she.

Miss Coltrane has strong friends and admiring friends in Charlotte and the state.

A cordial invitation has been extended here by Mrs. Jeremiah Goff, regent of Mecklenburg chapter, to be a guest of honor at the Washington birthday party this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Withers if her father is better she will be present.

ROWAN MEN SENT UP FOR ROBBERY STORE

Salisbury, Feb. 22.—Judge Ray, in Superior Court, has pronounced sentence on several defendants that were convicted during the trial of criminal cases last week.

Paul Pickler—Red Rollins and Will Hackett, white men, charged with store robbery at Spencer, were sent to the State's Prison for terms of five years each. H. A. Heedinger, in the same case, charged with receiving stolen goods, paid \$500 and costs, and John Cross who turned State's evidence, was permitted to pay costs.

The only other man going to Raleigh is Tom Johnson, negro, who goes up for life for second degree burglary. Several drew road sentences.

Captain R. E. Crawford, for manslaughter in the slaying of Engineer Hinton, has not yet been sentenced.

WITH OUR ADVERTISERS.

Care and full attention to every detail are given to prescriptions at the Cline Pharmacy, says the company in a new ad. today.

Baseball time is almost here and The Musette is able to care for your every want about baseball lines. New gloves, mitts, balls, etc.

Clothes! Spring suits, guaranteed, at the Brown-Cannon Co. for \$30. material and workmanship all that could be desired. Call to see the suits.

Called to Rockwell.

Salisbury, Feb. 22.—Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser, of Winston-Salem, has been called to the pastorate of Rockwell church of the Reformed church in Rowan county and it is understood that he will accept. This charge includes Rockwell, Crescent and St. Luke's churches. Mr. Holshouser is a former Rowan county man, having been reared in the Rockwell neighborhood.

The K. O. H. Club will meet tonight at 7:30 with Miss Long Harris at her home on South Union street.

HARVEY H. ADAMS LEFT CONCORD THIS MORNING

Was Able to Prove His Identity and Left Concord After Being Voluntarily Detained 36 Hours.

Harvey H. Adams, detained here voluntarily for 36 hours as a suspect in the William Desmond Taylor murder mystery, left Concord this morning after local police officers were assured early this morning by a conductor on the Southern Railway that the man held here was really Adams, of Richmond, Va., and not Edwards F. Sands, former butler-secretary to Taylor.

No reply has yet been received by Chief of Police Talbirt to the message sent to District Attorney Woolwine in Los Angeles, and this fact, coupled with the information given by Capt. Alexander Wright, of the Richmond detective bureau, and the Southern conductor, convinced local officers that the man held here was not Sands, and he was allowed to leave Concord at his own pleasure this morning.

Capt. Tucker was the Southern conductor who talked with Chief Talbirt this morning, and he assured the officer, the Chief stated, that he had known Adams well, knows his family well, and that the man is really who he represented himself to be.

Adams came to Concord Tuesday night and soon after his arrival here was questioned by local police officers, who had been informed that he looked very much like pictures of Sands. He stated to the police then that he was not Sands, that he was H. H. Adams and that he came to Concord on his way to the construction camp at Mt. Holly. From meager descriptions Chief Talbirt had of Sands it was first apparent that Adams' body was marked with scars very similar to those described on Sands' body.

Physicians later declared that the marks on the shoulder of Adams were caused by excessive flesh and not by wounds, and after Capt. Wright and Capt. Tucker assured Chief Talbirt that they had known a Harvey H. Adams in Richmond, the man was released.

Of the eight injured in the accident all were said to be making good progress toward recovery today with the exception of Chas. Devorack, superintendent of construction at McCook Field, Dayton, O., who was still reported to be in a critical condition at the Public Health Hospital. The condition of five of the injured had permitted them to be removed from the hospital to Langley Field.

RECEPTION POSTPONED

Washington, Feb. 23.—Due to the Roma disaster and the mourning occasioned by the loss of lives of the army personnel, President and Mrs. Harding today announced the postponement until April 19 of the army and navy reception, one of the state affairs of the official social season, which was to have been held tonight at the white house.

Postponement of the reception, to which 4,000 invitations had been issued to officers of the army and navy, followed a conference between President Harding and Secretary Weeks.

Secretary Weeks before going to the White house received an informal report from Maj. Gen. Patrick, chief of the air service, who returned early today from Langley Field where he made a preliminary investigation of the disaster. The War Secretary is understood to have laid General Patrick's report before the President.

Believes Smythe Was Misquoted.

Newport News, Va., Feb. 23.—"Knowing Lieut. Clifford E. Smythe as I did I cannot believe that he has been correctly quoted in Chicago relative to his letter to his father in which he is said to have declared the Roma unsafe."

This statement was officially made this morning by Lieut. Col. A. S. Fisher, chief of lighter than air service at Langley Field.

"Relative to the Washington trip of the Roma I desire to say she behaved very nicely under most trying weather conditions. There was nothing wrong except our speed, which was a little slow at times on account of the Italian engines not working well in this climate. These motors had been replaced, and there was nothing wrong with the craft when she left here Tuesday on what proved to be her last flight.

"Lieut. Smythe returned from Washington by steamer after making the flight from Langley Field to the capital on the Roma because he had been ordered to do so. Several higher officers wanted to make the return flight for experimental purposes, and Lieut. Smythe and others were sent back by steamer to make room for them.

"There must have been some mistake somewhere, for I don't believe there was criminal negligence anywhere, and I don't believe Lieut. Smythe would have made such a statement to his father."

WILL TAKE ZEPPELIN WITHOUT COST.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The Navy Department, it was learned from officials today, has notified the State Department that it does not want the German Zeppelin now being constructed for the United States by Germany under the reparations clause of the Versailles treaty unless it comes to America without cost.

The question has arisen, it was said, as to whether the amount of money allotted to this purpose by the allies to complete the Zeppelin and there was a possibility that the United States may be required to make up the difference if she cares to have the ship. This, Secretary Denby, it was said, is not willing to do.

At the army air service it was said that if the navy refused to take the Zeppelin under additional cost, that would not preclude the army from taking it. It was said it was possible or even probable that the army would want the Zeppelin.

AT THE THEATRES.

William Russell is the star today at the Piedmont in the big western drama, "Desert Blossoms." This is a Fox feature.

"God's Country and the Woman," a feature taken from the book by Cawood, featuring William Dunson, is being shown at the Pastime today.

The Star today is offering popular Constantine Falconis in the unusual feature, "Good Night Paul."