

BIG NISSEN BUILDING IN WINSTON BLOWN UP

One of the Largest Buildings in Winston-Salem Is Totally Destroyed by an Explosion.

LOSS ESTIMATED TO BE \$500,000

William E. Chatman, 18-Year-Old Boy, Employed in a Harness Company Makes Confession.

(By the Associated Press.) Winston-Salem, Aug. 26.—The Nissen building occupied by the W. W. Smoak Harness Co., and the Crawford Mill Supply Company was totally destroyed, and the Liberty Cafe, the Nevada Shoe Store, the C. D. Kennedy Co., and the general store of Technam Bros., were badly damaged by fire early today. The loss is estimated at \$500,000.

The portion of the Nissen building occupied by the harness company was blown up by gasoline, it is alleged by Wm. E. Chatman, an 18-year-old boy, who was captured by officers as he was leaving the building a few seconds after the explosion which shook the entire downtown district of the city. While handcuffs were being placed on Chatman, the young man confessed, according to the arresting officers, that he had blown up the building. According to his statement, as given out by the officers, Chatman did it on account of a grievance which he claimed he had suffered at the hands of W. W. Smoak, owner of the harness business.

The boy explained, the officers said, that he saturated the entire upper part of the building with gasoline, and had intended to place a fuse in a 5-gallon can filled with gasoline, and make his escape before the explosion went off; that in lighting the fuse, however, the gasoline on the can became ignited and blew up the building before he could get away. In his confession the young man stated that he had no confederates.

FORD PLANTS TO CLOSE For Lack of Coal—Will Affect 50,000 Workers.

(By the Associated Press.) Detroit, Mich., Aug. 26.—The Ford Motor Company plants at Highland Park, Dearborn and River Rouge will close down on September 16 on account of lack of coal, it was announced by Henry Ford today. Suspension will affect upward of 50,000 workers in the three plants, and indirectly several hundred thousand others throughout the country.

INCREASE OF WAGES ASKED For 400,000 Maintenance of Way Employees From 23 Cents to 48 Cents Per Hour.

(By the Associated Press.) Chicago, Aug. 26.—An increase in the minimum wage for the 400,000 maintenance of way employees from the present rate of 23 cents an hour to 48 cents an hour will be asked Monday before the United States Railroad Labor Board, E. F. Grable, president of the organization, announced today. The scale of maintenance of way men ranges from 23 cents to 35 cents an hour.

WAGES TO BE INCREASED In Alabama Coal Fields Twenty Per Cent September First.

(By the Associated Press.) Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 26.—Wages of coal miners in the Alabama field will be increased 20 per cent. September 1st, according to announcement here today following a meeting at which practically every mine owner in the state was said to have been represented. Twenty-six thousand men will be affected, it was stated.

PRICE-KITAKER Editor of Rutherfordton Sun to Wed September Sixth.

The following attractive invitations have been issued: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Linard Whitaker request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Lillie Dell to

Mr. Roland Ernest Price on Wednesday, the 6th of September at half after eight o'clock in the morning. First Baptist Church Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Will be at home after the first of October, Rutherfordton, N. C.

Harris, Who Was Beaten Up By Strikers, Feels For Life.

(By the Associated Press.) Asheville, Aug. 25.—Stating that he believed his safety was in jeopardy, Sam Harris, youthful employee of the Southern shops in this city, who was beaten up by several men on August 5, as a result of which three striking employees of the road were given 30 day sentences in jail and from which they entered an appeal, today delivered himself into the custody of the sheriff of Buncombe county for protection. Sheriff Lively placed the young man in the custody of the jailer.

MRS. HOOD DEAN OF MONT AMOENA SEMINARY

Will Also Conduct Classes in History, English Literature, Rhetoric and French.

Mrs. Lorette Hood, of Charlotte, will leave her home September 4th to take charge of the Mt. Amoena Female Seminary, at Mt. Pleasant, having been elected by the board of directors as dean of that college. Mrs. Hood will also conduct the classes in history, English literature, rhetoric and French. Mrs. Hood has been engaged in teaching and other educational work the greater part of her life. She is a daughter of the late Rev. G. D. Bernheim, of this city, one of the founders of St. Mark's Lutheran Church here. Mrs. Hood was connected with The Mill News, serving as active editor for some time. She has also written a number of short stories and articles for magazines. Her father was one of the founders of the Mt. Amoena school.

ACTION ON THE COAL PROFITING BILL

Blocked in Senate Interstate Commerce Committee Today, and Goes Over Until Monday.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 26.—Action on the administration bill designed to prevent profiteering in coal through the extension of the powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission and the creation of a Federal fuel distributing agency was blocked today in the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee, and the subject went over until next Monday.

Chairman Cummins, of the committee, who had produced the measure, declined to discuss the situation in the committee, but Senator Pomerene, democrat, of Ohio, declared that several members were insistent on having hearings, and that he was confident that both the mine owners and the workers would be given an opportunity to express their views on the proposal before there was final action.

ARGUMENTS BEGUN IN MURDER TRIAL

Seventeen Year Old Youth Charged With Killing Albert Beshara.

(By the Associated Press.) Goldsboro, Aug. 26.—Arguments in the trial of Howard Brown, 17-year-old youth, charged with the murder of Albert Beshara last April, were completed this morning and Judge Oliver H. Allen, presiding, delivered his charge and gave the case to the jury at 1 p. m. The jurors were taken out for dinner, and will begin deliberation at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The killing of Beshara occurred when the thrown youth, it was brought out on the trial, found the man in his mother's house and chased him a block before firing the shot. The court room has been crowded to capacity since the trial began the first of this week.

PAPER HANGER KILLS HIMSELF

By Laying Down on Railroad and Having His Head Severed From His Body.

(By the Associated Press.) Savannah, Ga., Aug. 26.—George L. Jesse, a paper hanger, committed suicide today in a most unusual manner. A switch engine of the Central of Georgia Railroad stopped at a water tank in the Savannah yards to take water. Shortly after the engine stopped, Jesse, according to a story of the engine crew, lay down and placing his head on the track between the wheels of the engine tender, permitted the tender to run over him, cutting off his head.

MINE EXPLODES UNDER MOTOR LORRY

Loaded With Irish National Troops, and One Is Killed.

(By the Associated Press.) London, Aug. 26.—A mine was exploded under a motor lorry loaded with Irish National troops at Bushfield, hurling them considerable distance, according to a dispatch received today from an Exchange Telegraph correspondent. Irregulars then opened fire, and one national was killed. National reinforcements were rushed to the scene.

1,628,970 Pounds of Tobacco at Wilson Sold For \$413,631.28.

(By the Associated Press.) Wilson, Aug. 25.—The official tobacco sales on this market up to date, furnished by H. B. Johnson, supervisor of sales, show for the first week 1,628,970 pounds, which sold for \$219,621.03, an average of \$22.85 per hundred pounds. For the second week, up to the closing of sales on Thursday, 1,628,970 pounds, sold for \$413,631.28, an average of \$24.57 per hundred, an increase of \$1.72 per hundred pounds. Total sales to date 2,641,274 pounds, which brought \$632,652.37.

Former Emperor William to Marry a Woman of Royal Rank.

(By the Associated Press.) London, Aug. 25.—Former Emperor William is betrothed to the widow of a German aristocrat, according to a report received by the Times. The woman is said to be almost of royal rank and the mother of three children. She and the children recently visited the former emperor at Doorn, Holland. It is said the marriage will take place during the coming winter. The report adds that this is not the woman to whom the one-time emperor was reported some time ago to be betrothed.

To the majority of people the statement that their shoulders are not of the same height will come as a surprise, but tallers know that almost invariably the left shoulder is higher than the right.

The heaviest man of whom there is any authentic record was Daniel Lambert, who died in London in the early part of the last century. Lambert is said to have tipped the beam at 739 pounds.

TO END RAILROAD AND COAL STRIKE

Government Will Take Over the Railroads and the Coal Mines in the Event It Becomes Necessary.

AWAIT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS

Another Meeting Between Both Parties to the Dispute Will Likely Be Held During Next Week.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Aug. 26.—The Federal administration was preparing to bring the anthracite coal and railroad strike situations to an early culmination today, with Federal operation of the anthracite mines and some of the railroads under consideration should that become necessary to protect the public welfare. Another White House conference to consider this course was in prospect today.

Further developments in both the coal and rail situations were awaited by the administration before proceeding further in its policy of Federal operation, as discussed at a conference last night between President Harding, Chairman Cummins, of the Interstate Commerce Committee, and Attorney General Daugherty.

Administration overtures in the anthracite situation were believed today to have assumed another meeting between the two parties to the dispute next week, and hopes that a final adjustment would be reached then were based on a certain proposal it was believed would be presented to the conference. The question of bituminous production, now gradually getting back to normal, entered into the conference discussion only from the standpoint of transportation, and it was the view of officials that the ability of the roads to move coal may prove the determining factor as to the necessity for Federal operation of the carriers.

It was obvious from the statements of members that the measure will not have an easy course through the committee, several senators suggesting that any alterations of the Interstate Commerce Act, was of such importance that a hasty action should be avoided. It was said that at the committee meeting advocates of the measure denied that it could be considered as price-fixing legislation, while others declared the delegation of such broad powers was filled with the danger of developing real price fixing.

FRENCH BOAT CAPSIZES

And Fifteen Members of Crew Are Missing.

(By the Associated Press.) Brest, France, Aug. 26 (By the Associated Press).—The French dreadnought France has capsized and is sinking in ten fathoms of water in Quiberon Bay, after striking a rock. The number of casualties is unknown. Paris, Aug. 26 (By the Associated Press).—Fifteen members of the crew of the dreadnought France are missing, and it is feared the vessel will be a total loss as a result of striking a rock and capsizing today.

Meetings of Cotton Growers.

Following is the schedule of mass meetings of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association to be held in Cabarrus county: Township No. 4—Bethpage schoolhouse, August 26, 8 p. m. Township No. 10—Howell's school, August 30, 8 p. m. Township No. 5—Shinn schoolhouse, August 31 8 p. m. Township No. 9—Georgewille schoolhouse, September 1 8 p. m. Township No. 6—Rimer schoolhouse, September 2 10 a. m.

Good speakers will be present at these various places on the above dates to discuss co-operative marketing. The present members of the Association in each township will please take note of this and advertise it in your locality. See that every cotton grower in your township is present when the occasion arrives. Boost your Association and help us sign up your community one hundred per cent. THOMAS L. WARREN, Field Service Department, N. C. Cotton Growers Co-operative Association.

Modern Girl, the Flapper, Denounced by Bishop Denny.

North Wilkesboro, Aug. 25.—Using as a text, "Whereupon, Oh, King Agrippa, I Have Not Been Disobedient Unto the Heavenly Vision," words spoken by Paul, Bishop Collins Denny, of Richmond, Va., delivered a masterful sermon last night from the pulpit of the Wilkesboro Methodist Church, and this brought to a close his itineracy of the North Wilkesboro district. Bishop Denny was heard by a congregation which filled the large church to capacity. He spoke for more than an hour, and counseled his hearers to have high ideals, for the individual is governed by the ideal and by the vision he entertains. The noted churchman condemned the modern girl, or the "flapper," for wearing clothes which show too well the personal charms. Accompanying Bishop Denny here was Rev. J. W. Williams, presiding elder of the district, who has been with the bishop on his itinerary.

Mr. John Benfield has under construction a five room house on Academy street, which he will occupy in about three weeks.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP BRIDGE FAILS

Charge of Dynamite Found on Bridge of Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Last Night Near Jacksonville.

SOUTH OF THE CITY LIMITS

Windows in Houses Were Shattered by the Concussion But the Bridge Was Not Damaged.

(By the Associated Press.)

Jacksonville, Fla., Aug. 26.—Investigation of the explosion of a charge of dynamite on the bridge of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway over a creek just south of the city limits last night a few minutes before the Palmer-Limited from New York to Tampa crossed, it developed today that although the windows in houses over a large area were shattered by the concussion, the bridge was not damaged.

The dynamites apparently were amateurs, according to the authorities, for the explosive was placed on a piling cap and when it exploded it only splintered the piling.

MR. JIMISON UNABLE TO ADDRESS STRIKERS

He Tells Rocky Mount Shopmen He Must Remain Home and Hold Funeral of Mr. Burton.

Rocky Mount, Aug. 25.—Rev. Tom P. Jimison, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Spencer, and acknowledged moral leader of the striking shopmen at that point, will not be able to address a mass meeting of the local shopmen Sunday afternoon as scheduled, according to a telegram received this afternoon by local union officials from the Spencer minister, who stated that he had found it necessary to remain at home to conduct the funeral of W. H. Burton, prominent Spencer citizen, who died suddenly yesterday.

Following the receipt of the message, union chiefs announced that the mass meeting would be held at Braswell park Sunday afternoon as scheduled, and that other speakers will be provided. An effort will be made to bring Rev. Mr. Jimison here to address a mass meeting one night early next week.

Sale Held at Linwood, N. C., August 17, 1922.

Report of sale held under auspices of North Carolina Guernsey Association, Linwood, N. C., August 17, 1922: Cabarrus heifer, owned by R. D. Goodman, sold for \$205.00. Four bulls sold for \$302.50, an average of \$75.62. Thirteen females sold for \$2,622.50, an average of \$201.73. Fourteen grades sold for \$1,415.00, an average of \$101.07. Total amount received for purebreds \$2,225.00. Total amount received for grades \$1,415.00. Grand total \$4,340.00. Following expenses were incidental to the sale: Advertising \$86.00. Printing and Catalog \$118.00. Stenographic work \$10.00. Auctioneer \$60.00. Banners \$4.00. Stamps \$9.00. Telephone messages and telegrams \$12.40. Expenses of F. H. and J. L. Beall, \$25.50. Sales Manager's commission (5 per cent.) \$217.00. Total expenditures \$542.50. This figures 12 1/2 per cent. of the total amount received for cattle. Yours truly, T. D. BROWN, Secretary and Sales Manager.

Sweden to Vote on Liquor.

Stockholm, Aug. 26.—The liveliest interest is being displayed throughout Sweden in the special election to be held tomorrow to decide the question of the prohibition of intoxicating liquor. Both the "wets" and the "drys" have waged an active campaign that has been carried to every nook and corner of the Kingdom. For weeks the newspapers have been devoting columns of space to a discussion of the problem, with the result that public interest in the election has been raised to a high pitch. The movement to reinitiating the liquor traffic in Sweden has been gaining momentum rapidly in recent years, with the consumption being steadily increased through a campaign of education on the effects of alcohol. Action of the United States in outlawing liquor was a great boon to the prohibition movement in Sweden.

Miss Mary Landon Baker Has Decided to Wed Mr. McCormack.

London, Aug. 25.—Miss Mary Landon Baker has again decided to marry Alister McCormack. The wedding is expected to take place in London within the next few days. Miss Baker is staying with friends near Gallashiels, Scotland, from where in a telephone message today she stated that she finally had decided to marry Mr. McCormack but declined to give information as to the ceremony or exact date.

Mr. W. C. Lisk, who will take charge of the business of the Gulf Refining Company here, will move his family into the house recently vacated by Mr. Lloyd Potts on Academy street.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY GETTING INFORMATION

In Spencer for the Purpose of Tabulating Every Act of Violence and Make Report to Attorney General.

THOSE GUILTY WILL BE PROSECUTED

Everything Quiet in Spencer, Due to Presence of Troops.—Comments Gov. Morrison for Sending Troops.

(By the Associated Press.)

Salisbury, Aug. 26.—Declaring that he was in this city to tabulate every act of violence committed in connection with the railroad strike and report his findings to Attorney General Daugherty at Washington, Frank A. Linney, U. S. District Attorney, with headquarters in Charlotte, spent the day in the city making a personal investigation of local conditions.

"Those guilty of violating the Federal law will be prosecuted," Mr. Linney stated. Mr. Linney said he found everything perfectly quiet at Salisbury and Spencer, due to the presence of troops. He commended the action of Governor Morrison in sending troops to Salisbury and Spencer. Mr. Linney after visiting the shops at Spencer, said that some of the highest officials of the Southern System from Washington, had dined overnight and were working night and day to keep the trains moving.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Saturday, August 26, 1922.

Centenary of the birth of James W. King, the U. S. naval engineer who invented the condenser for distilling sea-water for drinking purposes. The most Rev. James J. Kenne, head of the Roman Catholic archdiocese of Durham, celebrates his sixty-fifth birthday anniversary today. Today has been fixed as the date for the reconvening of the Dail Eilreann, or Irish Parliament. The annual Candania National Exhibition will be formally opened at Toronto today with ceremonies in which many dignitaries will take part. World War veterans who fought with the Thirty-Second (Red Arrow) Division will assemble at Madison, Wis., today for their third annual reunion.

The biennial session of the Friends' general conference, the Hicksite branch of the denomination, will be opened today at Richmond, Ind. Oklahoma's State hospital for tubercular former service men, at Sulphur, will be formally opened today with addresses by Governor Robertson and others.

Whether Earle B. Mayfield of James E. Ferguson is to be the next governor of Texas will be determined in the runoff primary to be held in the Lone Star State today. The anniversary of the Lincoln-Douglas debate at Freeport, Ill., is to be celebrated in that city today with a meeting to be addressed by Senator Harrison, of Mississippi, and former Senator Beveridge, of Indiana.

Attention, Boy-Leaguers!

The Boys' League of Forest Hill Church meets tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in the church. Every League member is urged to be present. The following is the program: Parks Winfield, leader. Song: "Will There Be Any Stars?" Prayer. Song: "I Must Tell Jesus." Psalm 23 read responsively. Topic to be studied: "David." "The Anointment of David"—Noah Griffin. "David and Goliath"—Harvey Childers. "Jonathan and David"—Joe Widenhouse. Recitation: "Psalm 24"—Clyde Shont. Song: "Rescue the Perishing." Benediction.

Annual Camp Meeting Latter Part of August.

Newton, Aug. 25.—The annual camp meeting at St. Matthews will begin on Monday, August 28, and continue over the first Sunday in September. There will be services each afternoon and night. Rev. W. C. Elyer, of Concord, will do the preaching, while the music will be under the direction of Rev. J. D. Swartz, of Newton.

Doughton's Campaign Will Open Labor Day.

Washington, Aug. 25.—Representative Doughton will open his campaign for re-election at Boone, September 4, Labor Day. He will compare the constructive administration of the Democrats with the aimless, pottering Harding regime.

Rev. M. A. Gibson and Mr. John Benfield returned today about noon from Tusculoo, Ala., where they had gone after the car of Mr. Gibson, who had left his car there about a month ago, being the victim of an accident which necessitated his returning home on the train.

Salisbury Post: Mr. W. C. Lisk is this week moving his family from Morgan township to Concord. He has accepted the agency in Cabarrus and Rowan counties for the Gulf Refining Company here, and will take up his work September 1, and will make Concord his headquarters.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opening Fairly Steady at Advance of Two Points on May.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Aug. 26.—The action of the cotton market during today's early trading was again regarded as reflecting the effects of opposing influences. The opening was fairly steady at an advance of two points on May, but generally 12 to 25 points lower under renewed liquidation and Southern selling, promoted by unfavorable view of the German outlook and the continued uncertainties of labor conditions on the railroads and in the hard coal mines. The market ran into a good demand around 21.80 for December, however, and soon rallied to 22.00 on reports of an increasing business in the cotton goods and bullish crop advices. This advance met renewed realizing and was not fully maintained, the early market being nervous and irregular. Cotton futures opened fairly steady: October 21.70; December 21.80; January 21.85; March 21.90; May 21.90. Closed Steady. Cotton closed steady: October 21.93, December 22.04, January 21.90, March 21.90, May 21.91.

LUTHERAN WOMEN WILL HOLD MEETING AUGUST 29

Missionary Society of Western Conference to Convene at Hickory. Newton, Aug. 25.—The first conference of the Women's Missionary Society in the western conference of the United Evangelical Lutheran synod of North Carolina, will be held in Holy Trinity Church, Hickory, August 29 to 30 a. m. Rev. C. R. W. Kegley is pastor of Holy Trinity Church. It is to be an informal "getting together" of all the missionary workers in the western conference.

This conference will be held annually, within one month after each annual synodical convention and will be of an inspirational and educational nature. Each women's missionary society within the bounds of the western conference is expected to send three delegates to represent the local society—the delegate to Lincoln convention, the light brigade superintendent and one other elected by the society. A missionary program, constitution to be adopted and officers elected will be the order of the day. Among those who will take part in the program are Mrs. G. W. McClannahan, president of synodical; Mrs. John M. Cook, synodical secretary; Mrs. Julia Hall, synodical light brigade superintendent; Mrs. G. H. C. Park, mission study secretary; Miss Bertha Cline, Miss Hattie Miller and others. A picnic dinner will be served.

Charlotte Thinks It Has a Chance to Get Big Hospital.

Charlotte, Aug. 24.—In the tendering of an option on the Presbyterian hospital for establishing the proposed hospital of the University of North Carolina here, Charlotte feels that it has a fine chance of securing the hospital.

The option was given by the committee having charge of investigating the matter. The proposition was taken up with the various Presbyterian churches of the city and county in conformity with the desire of the hospital trustees that this be done before an option on the property be given. A majority of them, it is said, were favorable. The Presbyterian hospital plant is valued at more than \$500,000. The committee will have to assume a note of \$125,000 laid against the property was given by her brother, the late George Watts, of Durham. The plan is to have a committee from Charlotte go before the legislature at its next session. The Presbyterian hospital site is the most beautiful in the state for hospital purposes, it occupying a whole square with one of the beautiful groves to be found in the south.

Visitors Honored.

Honoring her charming guest, Miss Mildred Stein, of Greensboro, and Misses Valeira Gregory and Mabel Whitesell, guests of Miss Elizabeth Hahn, Miss Ruth Terry delightfully entertained at a card party Friday evening at her home on North Church street. The home of Miss Terry was tastefully decorated with cut flowers and potted plants, the dining room being especially attractive with its color scheme of yellow and white. The high score prize went to Mr. Mike Lee, of Mt. Pleasant. After cards Miss Terry served an ice course.

Those present were: Misses Sude Moore, Elizabeth Hahn, Maud Smith, Gladys Brown, Ruth Terry and Messrs. Frank Troutman, James Wilkinson, Edward Dellinger, Clifford Klutz, Sam Perkins, H. L. Sederberry, Roy Sapp, and Brown Morgan. Out-of-town guests were Misses Mildred Stein, of Greensboro, Mabel Whitesell, of Gibsonville, Maud Nusmann, of Mt. Pleasant, Valeira Gregory, of Jefferson, S. C., and Messrs. H. A. Rawls, J. M. Creech, Durham, Hoy Moore, Gilbert Heilig, Mike Lee, Ben and George McAllister, Mt. Pleasant.

At the Theatres.

The Pastime Theatre is again today showing "Barb Wire" with Jack Hoxie in the leading role. "The Avill Chorus" are on the program today at the Piedmont Theatre. The Star Theatre today is showing "Ambushed," with Leo Maloney in the leading role, and Shorty Hamilton in "Grit." A Swedish mother lays her child's head on a book, in order that it may be quick to learn, and puts coins into its first bath in the belief that her action will ensure the infant's future prosperity. Among the Eskimos whale hunting is much in the nature of a regatta, honors going to the boat which kills the first whale of the season.

PEACE EFFORTS ARE DEFINITELY STOPPED

Railroad Executives and the Shop Craft Leaders Today Aligned Their Forces for Fight to Finish.

BOTH SIDES ARE PREDICTING VICTORY

"We Are Going Home to Start Real Fight, if It Lasts Indefinitely," Declared Mr. W. F. Ryan.

(By the Associated Press.)

Winston-Salem, Aug. 26.—With the peace efforts launched by the big five brotherhoods definitely abandoned, railroad executives and shop craft leaders today aligned their forces for a finish fight in which both sides predicted an early victory. "We are going home to start the real fight, whether it lasts three weeks or three months," declared W. F. Ryan, president of the car men's national brotherhood, as he prepared to leave for Kansas City to direct the activities of his branch of the shop crafts. "Our organizations have plenty of funds to conduct a long fight. And our men are willing to make the sacrifices needed for a decisive victory," he concluded.

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS ARE BLOWN SKY HIGH

Rail Strikers Maintain That They Never Authorized Big Five to Suggest Individual Settlement of Strike. New York, Aug. 25.—The rail strike today developed into a fight to the finish when peace negotiations were blown sky-high.

Heads of the Big Five railroad brotherhoods, acting as mediators between executives and striking shopmen in the final effort to effect separate settlement with the individual roads after the Association of Railway Executives as a whole had rejected the running trades' first peace overtures, reported to the representatives of 77 railroads at the Yale Club this morning that the shop crafts had turned down a proposition made to them yesterday by the carriers. Negotiations then were sharply broken off, executives, striking leaders and brotherhood chiefs packed up their bags and began leaving town to prepare for a test of endurance.

Before he departed for his headquarters in Chicago, Bert M. Jewell, official spokesman for the strikers, asserted he believed the executives who had lingered for the parley on individual settlements soon would be enabled to "bring home to their hard-shelled colleagues the railroad situation in its grim reality." "We shall be content to let the condition of equipment prove that the railroads cannot operate with unskilled strikebreakers," declared Mr. Jewell, adding later that "we can and will fight for our terms and for a nationwide settlement."

Labor leaders then dispatched telegrams to all parts of the country, calling upon strikers to renew the struggle with redoubled vigor.

The latest peace proposal, centering as was the case with all the others on the question of seniority, briefly was that roads, interested in individual settlements would pledge themselves to find employment for all strikers not convicted of acts of violence; would not curtail pension rights "or other privileges"; and would agree to submit to a commission of 10 brotherhood leaders and executives all disputes which could not be settled by direct conference. The strikers, who have maintained that they had not authorized the Big Five to suggest individual settlements, rejected this proposal with the explanation that it did not guarantee seniority to the men who might return on one-third of the country's roads, and at the same time would destroy the effectiveness of the strike being carried on on the other two-thirds.

Then, from the mediating brotherhoods came the statement that they reluctantly notified all concerned that they considered further peace efforts futile and had nothing more to suggest.

School for Women Magistrates.

London, Aug. 26.—A summer school for women magistrates, believed to be the first of its kind ever held, will be opened today at St. Hilda's College, Oxford, and continued through the coming week. Every subject with which a woman magistrate may be expected to have to deal will be discussed. The school will be under the direction of Miss Mandam, a former director of the school of social studies at Liverpool University, but the magistrates' section will be under the special direction of Miss Margery Fry, one of the first women to be appointed a justice of the peace. A feature of the program in which much interest is manifested will be a session devoted to "Recent Developments in America," which will be opened by Thomas Mott Osborne, the noted American penologist. Other subjects which will receive attention will include "Licensing Reform," "Juvenile Delinquency," "Women's Policy," and "The Institutional Treatment of Criminals." Escaping from Russia recently cost a refugee the sum of 900,000,000,000 rubles. Before the war this would have represented billions of American dollars, but the ruble has now practically no value at all.