

No Peace Parleys Are Planned For Week End To Halt General Strike

So Far as Can Be Determined Conditions Today Are Same as They Were Friday.

BOTH SIDES ARE HOLDING FIRM

Some Families Are in Want in the Mining Districts.—No Serious Disorders Have Been Reported.

London, May 8.—(AP)—Intensive preparations by the government to deal with any untoward situation, and to keep the vital services running featured the fifth day of the general strike.

This being Saturday, a half holiday, there was a little attempt to conduct ordinary business. A government statement at 1 p. m. said the situation was the same as yesterday and satisfactory.

The labor headquarters did not issue its usual noon statement but conferences were going on continually among the leaders. Thus far, there are no signs of re-opening official peace negotiations, and the miners' leader, A. J. Cook, told the Associated Press there was nothing to indicate the possibility of any such parleys over the week-end.

In the Welsh mining district the strikers are beginning to feel the pinch of hunger, and hundreds of miners' families have appealed to the poor guardians for relief.

Police in congested regions of London, reinforced today as a precaution against possible looting of shops to-night when strikers receive strike pay instead of usual weekly wages.

Armored cars are being moved toward London from the Aldershot military camp, and a tank corps was embarked at Belfast this morning for an unknown destination. No disorders of consequence had been reported up to early afternoon, London time.

The trans-Atlantic liners continued to move passengers to and from ports by means of motor lorries. The strikers' pickets made no trouble at the docks, and most sailings are proceeding according to schedule.

Hunger Felt By Miners. Lanely, Carmarthenshire, Wales, May 8.—(AP)—Hunger is beginning to stalk through the strike-bound mining districts of Wales.

Hundreds of strikers and families already have applied to the poor guardians for relief, and the board of guardians here and in many other sections are facing a problem as their funds are already overdrawn. The relief officers here, however, have been instructed to give aid in destitute cases, despite the shortage of funds.

It is impossible to pay unemployment doles to the men on strike, as they are not classified as unemployed, and can be helped only through their union or the poor guardians.

STRIKE BREAKERS AND STRIKERS IN BATTLE

One Man Killed and Another Wounded in Battle of Bullets and Bricks. Chicago, May 8.—(AP)—A striking foundry worker was shot and killed and another man was wounded in a battle of bullets and bricks today between strikers and strike breakers in Cicero.

Thomas Hallwood, 39, a striking moulder, was slain. Charles Shimkus, also a striker, was shot in the leg.

Shimkus said he believed two other strikers were wounded. The affray occurred not far from the Greenlee foundry where Hallwood and Shimkus were employed before the strike.

Agree on Restoration of Old One-Cent Rate Charge For Post Cards. Washington, May 7.—An agreement was reached today by the Joint Congressional Postal Committee for a restoration of the one-cent rate on post cards.

A reduction of the rate on transient second class mail matter—individual mailing of newspapers—also was agreed upon, along with establishment of a c. o. d. postal card system and a reduction of the service charge on baby effects.

The committee will meet Monday to make a final survey of its report in consultation with Joseph Stewart, executive assistant to the Postmaster-General.

NORTH CAROLINA CROPS IN CRITICAL CONDITION

Brought About by the Unusually Cold Weather in April.

Raleigh, May 8.—That North Carolina is in a critical condition at the present time is evident from many of the reports received from all parts of the state by the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service in relation to the government crop report, released from the National Crop Reporting board this afternoon. This condition has been brought about by the unusually cold weather in April, combined with excessively dry conditions.

According to several hundred reports received from crop reporters familiar with the different agricultural sections of North Carolina, farm progress is being greatly hindered both as to planting and plant growth by the cool and dry weather. While the damage by frost on April 20th was heavy to truck and fruit, it was not as disastrous to other crops as was thought at the time, although in some localities it was very serious. Many orchards and fields were entirely killed. Investigation is now under way in the fruit and trucking regions. The latest information indicates that the Sand Hills peach crop will be some less than the 2,000 carloads made last year. The May crop will largely determine the results.

The Irish potato crop has been reduced very little in acreage from the 25 per cent. increase over a year ago, due to the cold, but the stands and growth have been seriously handicapped. Of course the potatoes are sprouting out now and new plants growing rapidly, make the 2 crop late.

The apple crop in the mountainous section of the state seems to be in fairly good condition, as the freeze did very little damage in the commercial areas. The present outlook is for 70 per cent. of a full crop as compared with 70 per cent. last year. Potatoes show 73 per cent. condition as compared with 84 last year. Peaches are 67 per cent. as compared with 73 per cent. last year. Of course these conditions may be changed as a result of varying weather later, insects and other natural causes.

Cotton and tobacco show tendencies toward increased acreages, with plantings progressing rapidly. Of course, it is almost too dry for results to be anticipated as yet.

Farming activities have been as good as the dry condition of the soil would permit. The work was relatively late in being begun in the early spring. The plowing shows 83 per cent. completed on May 1st, as compared with 89 per cent. a year ago. The spring sowing and planting shows still later delays as only 62 per cent. of the seeding was completed by May 1st, as compared with 78 per cent. a year ago. The work seems to be from 10 to 12 days late and the farmers are rather gloomy as to the outlook.

Farm labor still continue to show considerable shortage as compared with the demand. Pastures, which offer a good index to weather conditions, show a condition 13 per cent. lower than a year ago. While the quality of hay on farms is about 13 per cent. of last year's crop, it is about the same as a year ago.

FAMOUS "MOSQUITO CASE" ON TRIAL IN MCDOWELL

Was Brought Against Power Companies as Result Malaria Epidemic Last Summer.

Marion, May 7.—Suit for damages, approximately a quarter million dollar, against the Western North Carolina and the Southern Power companies, in which some 30 complainants have merged their claims, was called before Judge McElroy in the McDowell county court here this week. The suit, known as the "mosquito case," was brought as the result of an alleged epidemic of malaria among the residents in the Lake James district last summer. The latter claim the disease was spread by mosquitos, spawned in the power companies' lake after the water became stagnated. In hearing testimony, Judge McElroy by agreement dismissed the jury and will decide the issue on its merits.

Further Decline in Mill Stock.

Gastonia, N. C., May 8.—A further decline of 42 cents per share in bid price was recorded during the week, according to the average of twenty-five active stocks as compiled weekly by R. S. Dickson & Co., the average now standing at \$115.50 against \$115.92 for the previous week. This average is \$2.22 per share above the low average of July 15, 1925.

Trading throughout the week was quiet, although indications at the close pointed towards more activity, and possibly firmer prices.

With Our Advertisers. If it is new you will find it at Robinson's millinery department. On Monday Elmer's will sell imported Spanish shawls of beautiful quality for only \$9.75. See ad.

J. W. Dorman, the Pineville, medicine man, is now in Concord and can be found at the home this side of the overhead bridge near the freight depot. See ad. in this paper.

HER DAY!



The day of days, when through the haze Of love a face appears. That, in effect, brings out respect, And has, down through the years.

The world will pause, and give applause, God grant it be that way. We know we should. There's naught too good For her—on Mothers' Day.

By Hal Cochran

MR. JOE H. SEPARKS TO GIVE PRIZE OF \$500

For General Excellence in Newspapers of North Carolina.

Gastonia, N. C., May 8.—Through the generosity of Mr. Joseph H. Separk, of Gastonia, one of the leading textile manufacturers of the South, a cash prize of \$500 for excellence in the editorial or reportorial departments, or both, of North Carolina newspapers, will be awarded next year, according to announcement made here today by Jas. W. Atkins, president of the North Carolina Press Association.

Interested in the welfare and up-building of his native State in things civic, educational and cultural, as well as material, Mr. Separk believes that the newspapers have a wonderful opportunity, through their editorial and news pages, to aid very materially in bringing about a still better era in the Old North State. To stimulate the editors of the State in their efforts to bring about a more ideal commonwealth he offers this prize. Details as to the definite thing or things for which the award shall be made and the manner of its handling are left to the executive. These details will be worked out and definite information put before the association at its annual meeting in Hickory in July. It is the belief of the executive committee that through the liberality and interest of other North Carolinians, this prize may be established as an annual award. The North Carolina Press Association is the first State organization of newspapers in the South to offer an editorial prize of this size.

Mr. Separk is head of the Gray-Separk chain of textile mills in Gastonia county, is an alumnus of Duke University and a member of the board of trustees of that institution and a past president of the Gastonia Rotary Club. His private library is said to be one of the largest and finest in the entire State.

House Program Outlined.

Washington, May 8.—(AP)—The House program for the remainder of the session was outlined today by Representative Tilson, of Connecticut, the Republican leader, as including farm, rivers and harbors, coal, veterans, judiciary and civil service legislation.

THE COTTON MARKET

Renewed Realizing With Some Local and Southern Selling Developed at Opening.

New York, May 8.—(AP)—Renewed realizing with some local and southern selling developed at the opening of the cotton market today. First prices were one to four points lower and active months showed net losses of 2 to 8 points after the call, May selling off to 18.82 and October to 17.42.

This decline was checked by covering, which became more active on private reports of unsettled weather in the Southwest and early losses were recovered, May selling around 18.88 and October 17.49 at the end of the first hour. Later deliveries were relatively firm this morning, reflecting the influence of the unfavorable weather reports from the Southwest, and prospects for unsettled conditions in that section tomorrow.

The Liverpool market was closed today, but will reopen Monday. Cotton futures opened steady: May 18.92; July 18.43; October 17.45; December 17.30; January 17.40.

PRESIDENT UNDECIDED ABOUT HIS VACATION

Has Not Decided Where He Will Establish the White House for Summer Months.

Washington, May 8.—(AP)—President Coolidge is expected to be in a position by next week to decide on summer vacation plans with indications at present pointing to his going to the Lake Champlain region. Reports will be made to him by a few days on two or three estates by friends and advisers who have gone to make inspections at his request.

Although last minute reports may upset earlier views, the belief most generally held here is that the President will be found this summer either in the Adirondacks, less than 100 miles from Burlington, Vt., or close to Lake Champlain on the Vermont side.

Mrs. C. B. Wagoner and S. Kay Patterson leave Sunday for Rocky Mount, to visit their sister, Mrs. Geo. R. Edwards. On May 11th Mrs. Wagoner and Mr. Patterson give a reception for the Art Club of Rocky Mount.

AMERICAN MARINES IN NICARAGUA NOW

Landed at Bluefields to Protect Americans and Their Property Following Civil Warfare.

Managua, Nicaragua, May 8.—(AP)—U. S. marines have been landed at Bluefields to protect American lives and property as a result of the capture of the town and El Bluff by liberal revolutionists.

The Nicaraguan government is watching all ports to guard against the importation of arms from Mexico to assist the revolutionists. A large force of government troops is approaching the east coast of Nicaragua.

On account of the exorbitant prices charged for foodstuffs the government is imposing fines from \$20 to \$100 on vendors who sell necessities at 25 per cent. above normal prices. On a second offense the establishment of the vendor is to be closed.

Revolutionists Routed.

Managua, Nicaragua, May 8.—(AP)—Government cavalry is reported to have routed the revolutionists in Agua Agria. The first federal army is approaching Rama (inland from Bluefields) and a battle is in prospect for tomorrow or Monday.

HERDICK IS SENTENCED TO STATE PENITENTIARY

Must Serve From 25 to 30 Years For Slaying of John Kindley, of Thomasville.

Lexington, May 8.—(AP)—Larthy Herdick, of Thomasville, was sentenced today to serve from 25 to 30 years in state's prison for the murder of John Kindley at Thomasville last March.

Judge T. B. Findley pronounced sentence after the jury had returned a verdict of second degree murder. The case went to the jury at 3 p. m. yesterday.

Herdick, who served in the army during the war, is about 39 years of age. Kindley was 56.

The encounter in which the slaying occurred was said to have resulted from a quarrel between Kindley's son and Herdick.

Widow of Horace Dodge Marries. Detroit, May 8.—(AP)—Mrs. Horace E. Dodge, Sr., widow of one of the founders of Dodge Bros. Inc., and one of the world's wealthiest women, was married today to Hugh Dillman, executor, realtor and art director.

Dillman, whose father, James McGaughey, was a Columbus, Ohio, tailor, is the divorced husband of Marjory Rameau, actress.

The Rev. Samuel Forrer, of Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, officiated.

Napoleon's Tooth Sold. London, May 8.—Some relics of the great Napoleon, including a tooth, a lock of hair, and the insignia of the Legion of Honor worn by Napoleon at Waterloo, have been sold at public auction in London for less than eighty dollars.

MISSIONARY BISHOP MAY BE CREATED AT METHODIST MEETING

It Is Known That Many Delegates to the General Conference Want Such an Office Created.

MEMORIALS FOR BISHOPS HELD

Honor Paid to Memory of Bishops Waterhouse Atkins, Kilgo and Murrah During the Morning.

Memphis, Tenn., May 8.—(AP)—Bishop John M. Monroe, of Dallas, Texas, called the 20th general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to order this morning for the fourth day of its three weeks' session.

After two hours devoted to general business, the conference went into solemn memorial service for the late Bishops Waterhouse, Atkins, Kilgo and Murrah.

Among the important moves formulated among delegates for presentation to the conference is a strong sentiment for election of a missionary bishop who has lived in the foreign field. The General Conference is preparing to take up the matter on the floor in the near future.

This afternoon Rev. J. S. Peters, of the Virginia conference; Rev. R. E. Stackhouse, South Carolina conference; and Rev. S. A. Jones, Memphis conference, will bring to the Church relations committee nominations for a committee of nine to handle all unification matters.

The teaching of religion is the duty of the Church, Dr. John W. Shackford, general secretary of the Board of Education, said in his quadrennial report presented yesterday.

Pray for Peace in England.

Memphis, May 8.—(AP)—The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in session here today paused amid a mass of business to pray that "peace and brotherhood be restored in England." Bishop W. N. Ainsworth led in the prayer.

The action came after a resolution was introduced asking that the conference take notice of "strife in England which may result in a civil war."

Fundamentalism and Modernism.

Memphis, May 8.—(AP)—The twentieth general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in session here today found itself plunged into the question of fundamentalism and modernism amid an uproar never before experienced in a session of the body.

Rev. Bascomb Anthony, of the South Georgia conference, gaining the consent of the conference to read a resolution, opened with the statement "Our creed declares there is one empty grave in all the earth."

The statement was greeted with vocal approval from a large portion of the delegates, and from that time until he finished reading, the conference was in an uproar, many delegates shouting "amen" and others voicing disapproval.

UNIFICATION TO BE FOUGHT OUT IN CONFERENCE

Methodists in General Conference Divided on Question.

Memphis, Tenn., May 7.—The general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, will fight out the question of unification on the floor of the conference, despite efforts to bring about peace by the appointment of many committees to consider the matter.

This is the opinion of practically every delegate at the conference. The church relations committee, which has before it all the memorials concerning the question of union with the northern branch of Methodism, has instructed its chairman to appoint a committee of three which in turn will nominate a committee of nine to weed out non-essential memorials and bring in reports on the remainder.

Under the law of the church the favorable or unfavorable report on all memorials submitted to it. The committee has a small majority of unificationists and is expected to recommend concurrence in memorials asking that the unification commission be continued.

A collection of six thousand skulls, some dating from the year 9 B. C., is possessed by the Royal College of Surgeons of Great Britain.

FOREST FIRES NOW BEING CHECKED IN WESTERN COUNTIES

District Foresters Send Reports to Raleigh That Conditions Are Improving at This Time.

TROOPS SOUGHT FOR THE STATE

Governor Has Asked Federal Government to Send Troops to Aid in Fighting the Blazes.

Raleigh, May 8.—(AP)—The forest fires in western North Carolina are now under control generally speaking, according to telegrams received here today from District Foresters Sebring and Wheaton. The telegrams were sent to Assistant State Forester W. C. McCormick. They add that weather conditions are still such that the situation continues dangerous.

A telegram from Mr. Sebring, a night letter dispatched last night, reports that the fire near Grandfather Mountain on the Boone Division of Pisgah national forest "is about out. Six thousand acres were burned. One hundred and fifty fighters at work on the fire. Our conditions otherwise better. No large fires. It was still dry and windy, the telegram said.

District Forester Wreaton wired, "weather conditions still favorable for fires. Showers predicted tomorrow (Saturday). One small fire reported in Buncombe."

Had Asked for Troops.

Washington, May 8.—(AP)—The war department has under consideration a request from Governor McLean, of North Carolina, that federal troops be furnished to aid in fighting forest fires in that state.

Before taking any action Forestry Service officials will be consulted, and if it is decided that troops shall be used, the corps commander of the area in which North Carolina is located will do what is necessary.

Troops Fight Fire in Virginia.

Blackburg, Va., May 8.—(AP)—With fresh breezes spreading the forest fire near here, Battery G, of the 246th Coast Artillery received word at 10 o'clock this morning to rush men back to the area. The troops came here for a few hours' rest at 5 o'clock after fighting the fire all night.

Several saw mills and residences are reported in danger, as the flames spread along Craig Creek about six miles from Blackburg. At present the fire is confined to Brush and Gap Mountains over a ten mile front.

Capt. James O. Hodge, commanding the coast artillery battery, said today that while the calm might make the fire easy to handle, the breeze today served to spread the fire area.

SERVICE CHARGES FOR UNPROFITABLE ACCOUNTS

Service Charge is Expected to Be Approved by Clearing House Associations and Individual Banks.

Durham, May 7.—Service by banks on unprofitable accounts discussed at length at the session of the North Carolina Bankers' association here this morning following the report of investigations of the clearing committee, made by Alan T. Bowler, Greensboro, chairman, received favorable consideration, with only one dissenting note.

Growing out of the discussion was a decision of the bankers, on motion of W. E. Stroud, Goldsboro, to have a series of educational advertisements prepared and furnished to all member banks, leading toward but not necessarily to service charges, which the bankers may use as they see fit. This was as far as the consideration reached today. It is believed that during the next year or two clearing house associations and individual banks will adopt the plan, the educational series being a start in that direction.

MacLennan, Wife and Son Dead.

Oskaloosa, Iowa, May 8.—(AP)—James W. MacLennan, 38, president of Oskaloosa College, arrested Thursday by federal officers as the center of an "alleged diploma mill," was found dead in a gas filled basement hallway of his home today. Beside him were the lifeless bodies of his wife, Eva, and his six-year-old son, Jack.

COMMENCEMENT AT MOUNT PLEASANT MAY 23RD TO 26TH

Literary Address at Collegiate Institute to Be Delivered This Year by Charles J. Smith.

ELEVEN IN THE GRADUATING CLASS

Baccalaureate Sermon to Be Preached Sunday, May 23rd, by Prof. C. K. Bell, D. D.

The commencement exercises of the Mount Pleasant Collegiate Institute this year will embrace from May 23 to 26th.

The program will be as follows: Sunday, May 23, 11 a. m.—Baccalaureate Sermon by Rev. Prof. C. K. Bell, D. D.

Sunday, May 23, 8 p. m.—Address before Y. M. C. A. by The Rev. O. F. Blackwelder.

Monday, May 24, 10:30 a. m.—Declaratory Contest—E. B. Bolick, W. F. Hendrix, A. H. Johnston, P. H. Lipe, H. C. McAllister, H. H. Shoop.

Monday, May 24, 3:30 p. m.—Address Before the Alumni—C. O. P. Trexler, A. M., Class '15.

Monday, May 24, 8:30 P. M.—Annual Drama, "Sherwood".

Tuesday, May 25, 10:30 a. m.—Literary Address—President Chas. J. Smith.

Tuesday, May 25, 3:30 P. M.—Contest in Debate. Query: Resolved: Present-day Emphasis on Athletics is Detrimental to Education. Affirmative: L. B. Hahn, F. A. Moser, J. H. Taylor; negative: Jesse Finna, S. A. Grovenstein, W. J. Preve.

Wednesday, May 25 10 a. m.—Orator's Contest by Representatives of the Graduating Class, L. B. Allen, W. L. Ezzell, P. G. Stoner, R. H. Taylor, W. N. Yount.

Graduating Exercises, awarding of diplomas, presentation of medals, and announcements.

Marshals are as follows: Gerhardt Society—P. G. Stogner, W. N. Yount, chief, A. Y. Davis, J. Finna, W. F. Hendrix, C. A. Honeycutt, C. R. Little, H. A. McCullough, Jr.

Preparatory Division One—J. H. Bennett, J. G. Bollock, K. F. Conrad, R. W. Hottinger, W. H. Klutz, G. B. Lawrence.

Ludwig Society—B. L. Allen, W. L. Ezzell, L. B. Hahn, W. H. Hiller, R. H. Taylor, C. E. York.

Preparatory Division Two—Nelson, Garren, B. K. Hiller, C. R. Huffman, A. H. Johnston, E. C. Miller, W. A. Moore.

Music by Clay Dean's Carolinas. The following are the class officers and class roll:

Motto: Labor omnia vincit. P. C. Stoner, President. B. L. Allen, Vice President. R. H. Taylor, Secretary.

Class Roll—Bransford Lake Allen, Marshall Wesley Copeland, Wendell Linn Ezzell, Donald Javan Little, Robert Brown McAlisters, Paul Glenn Stoner, Ralph Henderson Taylor, Ralph Henderson Taylor, Ralph Walter Taylor, Claude Fisher Thomason, Claude Elwood York, Walter Nicholas Yount.

Seven Per Cent. Preferred Stock of Southern Gas and Power.

On Monday, May 10th, the Southern Gas and Power Corporation, operating the Concord and Kannapolis Gas Co., will offer to its customers in Concord, Kannapolis and vicinity an allotment of 200 shares of 7 per cent. cumulative preferred stock of that corporation.

Subscriptions will be received at the office of the Concord and Kannapolis Gas Company, 99 South Union Street, or by any employee.

The Southern Gas and Power Corporation, through its wholly owned subsidiary, established prosperous companies, supplies gas or water to more than 448,000 people in sixty-five cities and towns, including Concord and Kannapolis.

Asheville Musical Prodigy.

Asheville, N. C., May 8.—(AP)—This city has a 17-year old musical prodigy, declare local critics, which North Carolina may expect to see win laurels.

Helen Pugh is the promised star. She has already given her local concert, which won her praise here.

Now the announcement comes from those close to her that she has been trained for a brilliant musical career since she was five years old; that she will study her until she is 19 and then go abroad, to return to make her professional debut.

At any rate, Miss Pugh has become more or less fixed in the mind of Asheville already as one who is to be watched for musical success.

YOUR PLANS

Whatever your plans for the future may be, this Association will help you carry them out.

If you want to save money, or if you want to buy or build a home, you will find no better way than to carry stock in this great home building savings institution.

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CONCORD, N. C.

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HOLIDAY NOTICE

Monday, May 10th, 1926

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY

Being a Legal Holiday in the State of North Carolina, the Banks of Concord will not be open for business.

CONCORD NATIONAL BANK

CABARRUS SAVINGS BANK

CITIZENS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY



SATS BEAR SATS!

Partly cloudy Sunday fair. Moderate west winds.