

# GREATEST INDUSTRIAL STRIKE IN HISTORY IMMINENT IN ENGLAND—NO INDICATION OF SETTLEMENT

## CONFERENCE THIS MORNING FAILS TO CHANGE SITUATION

Lloyd George Confers With Representatives of Railwaymen and Transport Workers.

### OUTLOOK NOW IS GLOOMY

Government Not Inclined to Make Further Concessions Toward a Settlement.

LONDON, April 14.—(By the Associated Press)—A conference held this morning between Mr. Lloyd George, the prime minister, and a delegation of officials of the "triple alliance," which called a strike for Friday night in support of the striking coal miners, was concluded after two hours' time without any apparent progress toward adjustment.

It was reported from the conference that the prime minister made a long statement appealing strongly to the railway men and transport workers, who threaten to strike with the miners, asking them to exercise restraint and not precipitate a crisis.

This plea does not appear to have had any effect.

J. H. Thomas, general secretary of the national union of railway men, declared after the conference that he could see no prospect for the reopening of the question for an adjustment of the strike situation. On the government side it was said the laboring men were unable to present new arguments giving the government any different view of their case, while the government it was understood, did not indicate it was prepared to make further concessions.

The situation early this afternoon appeared unchanged and the outlook gloomy.

## KIWANIS TO HELP AMERICAN LEGION

The Five Hundred Clubs of the Nation to Assist in Relief for Ex Service Men

CLEVELAND, O., April 14.—Full weight of the influence of about 500 Kiwanis clubs in the country is to be given the American Legion's program for relief work among ex-soldiers.

This was announced at the international Kiwanis club convention headquarters in Cleveland, following a meeting of the executive committee of the organization at which letters from F. W. Galbraith, national commander of the legion, were read. It is likely the matter of soldier relief will be a subject of discussion at the international convention of Kiwanians to be held here June 21-25.

Dean Clark, assistant international secretary of the Kiwanis organization, who is in charge of the Cleveland convention headquarters, believes the organization will go on record as favoring the seven specific recommendations which have just been submitted to President Harding by his special commission investigating the care of veterans. Charles G. Dawes, of Chicago, was chairman of this special commission.

"The Kiwanis club executive committee has endorsed the American legion's program and is now recommending to the individual Kiwanis clubs that they take steps to assist the legion in carrying the program through," Assistant Secretary Clark said.

## Dr. A. B. Hawkins Dies At Raleigh

RALEIGH, April 14.—Dr. A. B. Hawkins, age 96, for years the oldest living alumnus of the University of North Carolina and probably the oldest active bank director in the United States died at his home here today following an illness of six weeks.

Dr. Hawkins graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1845. He had been a member of the board of directors of the Citizens National bank here for about thirty years and took an active interest in the direction of the policies of this institution until he was taken ill.

## Here's Chance for Humane Society

DULUTH, MINN., April 14.—Since its canine pal was killed recently by a street car, a Scotch Collie dog stands guard at a certain corner here each day, leaps high as cars speed by and often manages to grasp the trolley pole with its teeth, pulling the pole of the wire and stopping the car. The animal probably will be shot, it is said.

## CITIZENS PLAN TO ENTERTAIN GUESTS

Delegates to Good Roads Convention Will Visit High Point Thursday.

Preliminary plans for entertaining delegates to the Greensboro good roads convention when they visit High Point next Thursday afternoon were discussed at a meeting of committees from local organizations in the chamber of commerce building yesterday afternoon.

More than 2,500 good roads enthusiasts from all sections of the United States are to attend the convention in the Gate City and each delegate is expected to spend several hours in High Point Thursday afternoon. The program of entertainment for the visitors to the Furniture City had not been completed to day, but the committees were at work and expect to have all plans completed within the next few days.

O. E. Mendenhall, of High Point, is chairman of arrangements for the events and has associated with him committees, composed of progressive men and women.

If present discussed plans are perfected the delegates will arrive in High Point early Thursday afternoon. They will participate in a parade through the principal streets of the city and it is probable that they will be shown through the new exposition building.

High Point has been requested to furnish 50 automobiles to convey the delegates to the city. It is announced that 150 machines will be necessary, but the others are to be furnished by residents of Greensboro who are making elaborate preparations for entertainment of the visitors while they are in the Guilford county capital.

Following are the committees named yesterday afternoon: Partial committee on reception and entertainment—G. W. Clark, chairman; F. N. Tate, Robert Sechrest, Bascom Hoskins, S. R. Bivens, Mrs. V. A. J. Idol, Mrs. J. D. Cox, Mrs. W. H. Plummer, Mrs. John Welborn, Mrs. O. E. Mendenhall, Mrs. J. Elwood Cox, Mrs. G. W. Clark, Mrs. E. M. Shipman and Mrs. W. G. Shipman, Mrs. J. J. Faris.

Committee on route for parade—Rodney Snow, chairman; F. J. Sizemore, Charles F. Long, Mrs. J. D. Cox, J. A. Clineard and T. J. Gold.

Committee on finance—A. E. Tate, chairman; David Harris, L. R. Terry, E. W. Freeze and E. C. Doub.

Committee to solicit automobiles—T. C. M. Hauser, chairman; Mrs. T. J. Gold, Mrs. Harry Raymond, Mrs. J. F. Hayden, R. B. Wishart, A. S. Caldwell, R. B. Terry, S. L. Davis, H. A. Mills and W. D. Brooks.

## FRANCE PLANS FOR OCCUPYING RHUR

Germany's Failure to Pay Demands of Allies Means Calling of Troops.

PARIS, April 14.—Germany's obligation to the allies was fixed at between 130,000,000,000 and 150,000,000,000 gold marks by the allied reparations commission, says the Echo de Paris. The newspaper adds the exact figures will depend upon the solution of certain questions to be considered.

In case Germany "resists settlement," the paper declares, it is accepted by the allies that France will call two classes of recruits to the colors and proceed to occupy the Ruhr basin. This district includes the most important coal mining and industrial region in Germany.

## STEAMER DISABLED; Tug to the Rescue

NEW YORK, April 14.—The British tank steamer Marquis, from New York, which sailed from New Orleans April 11 for Grangemouth, is disabled with engine trouble near Loggerhead Key, off the southern Florida coast, a wireless message here today said. The accident occurred soon after midnight last night and a tug from Key West was dispatched to her assistance.

## GERMAN BONDS WITH ALLIED SECURITY IN PAYMENT OF COTTON

Plan Is Proposed to President Harding As Means of Disposing of South's Crop

## PRESIDENT SHOWS INTEREST

Nominations of Harvey and Herrick Are Sent to the Senate Today.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—A plan to take advantage of the allied debt to the United States in providing means to dispose of the southern cotton crop was suggested to President Harding today by Governor-elect Hardwick of Georgia. He proposed that the United States ask the allied governments to underwrite German bonds which would be accepted in payment of cotton exports from this country and would be held as security against the war debt.

It was understood the president expressed deep interest in the plan but he withheld judgment upon it.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Demand for a thorough investigation to disclose interests trying to put through a sales tax was introduced in the house today by Representative Frear, republican, of Wisconsin, of the ways and means committee. He mentioned Jules Bach and Meyer Rothschild, of New York, as prime movers in the campaign and charged that a huge fund had been raised to "shove the big man's tax on the poor man."

WASHINGTON, April 14.—The nominations of Col. George Harvey, of New York, to be ambassador to France, were sent to the senate today by president Harding.

At the same time the president transmitted more than thirty names of men he had given temporary appointments while congress was in recess. The list included the name of John J. Esch, of Wisconsin, to be a member of the interstate commerce commission, whose confirmation was held up by the opposition of the last session.

## FARM MACHINERY PRICES TO LOWER

International Harvester Will Lower Costs But Not Until Next Year.

CHICAGO, April 14.—Basing its action on the recent reduction in steel prices announced by the United States Steel Corporation, the International Harvester company today announced a straight ten per cent reduction next year on products in which steel is the principal material.

"The reduction on steel came after our year's product had been provided for and will have no bearing on machines we sell this year. It does establish a lower replacement cost, however, to which prices our customers are entitled and which we are willing to accept," was the statement given out by the company.

The reduction applies chiefly to harvesting machinery.

The company announced a reduction of 10 to 15 per cent on machines made principally of iron and wood on March 7.

## Youths Held For Theft Stockings

Oscar Parmlee and Paul Pritchard white youths, were arrested in High Point yesterday by Officer Ed Mungo, of the local police department, on charges of the theft of hosiery valued at more than \$250. The stockings are alleged to have been stolen from the Elizabeth City-hosiery mills where the men were employed until recently.

## More Raw Cotton Used During March

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Cotton manufacturers utilized more raw cotton during March than in any month since last September, a total of 437,933 bales having been consumed during the month according to the census bureau's monthly report, issued today. There were fewer cotton spindles in operation during the month than in February, the largest having been shown in the mills of the cotton growing states. The month's total, 32,104,946, was 552 less than February, with the mills of the cotton growing states showing 317,794 of the reductions. Cotton consumed was 20,352 bales more than in February.

## Why Income Tax in China?

SHANGHAI, April 12.—Salvatore Romano, representing the internal revenue department of the United States government, left Shanghai for America in February after a tour of investigation in the far east devoted to income tax matter. He is the first agent of the department who has visited the far east officially.

## French Government Gives Assurance Of Desire to Find Some Satisfactory Solution on Yap Mandate Question

WASHINGTON, April 14.—France's reply to Secretary Hughes' note of April 4 regarding the Japanese mandate over the Pacific island of Yap is interpreted in official circles as tantamount to acceptance of the principle laid down by the American government that the United States has surrendered none of its rights in the former overseas possession.

The text of the French note, which is in the form of a preliminary reply, was made public today both in Washington and Paris. It is signed by Premier Briand, who gives assurance that a representative of the French government will place before the supreme council at its next meeting the question of Yap with the greatest desire to find a solution

## STAMEY CONTINUES HIS SPEECHES HERE

Mayorality Candidate Tells What He Will Do if He Is Elected.

W. L. Stamey, the first High Point to announce himself a candidate for mayor in the approaching municipal election, has been speaking to large and enthusiastic audiences in various sections of the city each night during the past two weeks.

In his speech last night Mr. Stamey reviewed in a general way his past two years' service to the city as a member of the council. He said he had worked for better living conditions in behalf of the masses through water and sewer "prevention of the abominable sanitary closets being placed over the city at a cost of thousands of dollars to the tax payers."

He mentioned the streets he had succeeded in getting paved, the maintenance of cemeteries and the beautifying of same. Free school books were also mentioned.

Mr. Stamey said he had no "pets" and that no promises had ever been made any one concerning offices and that he was "first, last and all the time for the best men available in all departments."

Pool rooms had been a fixture in High Point for many years, but said if elected he would not vote to support them, but has "something bigger and better in the way of an administrative building that can incorporate a Y. M. C. A., library and soldiers' quarters to take the place of the more objectionable kind of amusement."

Tuesday night Mr. Stamey spoke to a large audience of both ladies and gentlemen at J. W. Kennedy's store in the third ward, also the same night at Elm street grocery. Last night he entered the second ward and spoke at McLeod's and Willis store. Tonight at 7 o'clock he will address the voters at Skeen and Ring's store, corner Willowbrook and Ward streets.

Mr. Stamey will speak Friday night at 7:15 o'clock at Greer and Taylor's store on Mallory street in the fourth ward. At 8 o'clock tomorrow night he will go into the third ward and speak at Hauser's store on Tryon street.

## HEDRICK SPOKE TO LARGE AUDIENCES

He Was Heard in Two Stores Last Night—Statements Are Resented.

Continuing his speech making campaign, J. W. Hedrick delivered two addresses before large audiences last night in the interests of his candidacy for mayor of High Point.

Mr. Hedrick took occasion to resent the statement that "there was held a meeting to discuss ways and means to manipulate organized labor into endorsing John Hedrick for mayor." The speaker said he knew only one member of the committee and that he had never held any conversation with the others.

## Troop Withdrawal And Disarmament

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Immediate withdrawal of the United States troops now stationed on the Rhine is proposed in a resolution introduced by Representative Fish, republican, of New York, requesting the President to withdraw the troops forthwith.

The first move in the present Congress for disarmament came today with the introduction by Senator Borah, republican, of Idaho, of a resolution authorizing the President to open negotiations with Great Britain and Japan looking to reduction in future naval building.

## CONFERENCE NAMES MEBANE PLACE FOR MEETING NEXT YEAR

Three Days' Meeting of Mission Societies Closed Here This Afternoon.

## FOREIGN OFFICERS NAMED

Mrs. George R. Brown, of High Point, Chosen President of Foreign Societies.

Selecting Mebane as the place for the meeting next year, the annual conference of the North Carolina Women's Home and Foreign Missionary societies closed a three-day session in the First Methodist Protestant church this afternoon at 2:15 o'clock and the delegates were leaving late today for their homes in all parts of the state.

The exercises for the closing day of the meeting were opened at 9:30 o'clock with Mrs. George R. Brown, of High Point, presiding. The scripture reading was given by Dr. Harris Glascock, of Greensboro, and Thomsaville. Splendid reports were received from the officers of the organization.

Officers for the foreign societies were elected as follows: President Emeritus, Mrs. J. F. McCulloch, Greensboro; president, Mrs. George R. Brown, of High Point; first vice-president, Mrs. Harris Glascock, Greensboro; second vice-president, Mrs. W. C. Hammer, Asheville; recording secretary, Mrs. J. M. Millikin, Greensboro; corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. F. Finch, Thomsaville; treasurer, Mrs. Velma McCulloch, Greensboro; auditor, Mrs. W. P. Pickett, High Point; secretary young people's work, Mrs. J. W. Boyles, Thomsaville; secretary of literature, Mrs. J. E. Pritchard, Henderson; agent for "Woman's Missionary Record," Mrs. J. M. Stone, Greensboro; secretary life and memorial members, Mrs. S. R. Harris, Henderson; secretary Bible women and scholarships, Mrs. C. M. Bates, Henderson.

Reports of officers showed that the mission work had progressed satisfactorily during the year. Seventeen new auxiliaries were reported during the year. The budget to be raised was placed at \$3,500, but the goal was over-reached and the sum of \$3,900 was donated for foreign missions.

The local auxiliary, with Mrs. George R. Brown president, Mrs. P. Reitzel, secretary, and Mrs. W. P. Pickett president, made a good report, with 56 members and has donated \$406 to the cause.

Intermission was held at the noon hour, and a delicious lunch was served by the visiting delegates by the ladies of the local church. Rev. H. F. Fogleman was introduced and made a splendid talk.

The workers' conference yesterday afternoon was divided into three parts. First, the secretaries and treasurers; second, the presidents, and third, the record agents. After the conference reports were made concerning the best ways to keep citizens interested and to make them inform themselves on missions. Ways of making money for the organization was discussed. The resolution committee gave a report expressing thanks to the High Point church and others who have assisted in making the meeting a success.

Rev. J. D. Williams, of Mebane, preached a great missionary sermon last night. His subject was "God Looking for a Man." The minister spoke of the qualifications of the man God needed, saying it was not the fine physique, not fine oratory, not great education, but the right spirit, willingness to be used, a clean heart and a great vision.

## ROYAL IS HEARD BY LARGE CROWD

He Spoke Last Night at Townsend's and Kennedy's Stores. To Speak Again Tonight.

Walter Royal, candidate for mayor of the city, made two splendid addresses before large audiences at Townsend's and Kennedy's stores last night.

Mr. Royal made it plain that this is no one-man government, but that the municipal affairs should be directed by all the people. He said if elected he wanted the support of all High Pointers in "cleaning-up the city." The candidate declared that without the co-operation of the entire citizenship nothing could be accomplished.

At 7:30 o'clock Mr. Royal will speak at Shelton and Martin's store on Green street and at 8 o'clock he will fill an appointment at the store of the Capital Grocery company, corner South Main and Vail streets.

Mr. Royal has already spoken in several sections of the city and it is his intention to deliver addresses in the various wards during the pre-election campaign.

## Market Steady Weaker Cables

NEW YORK, April 14.—The cotton market here made a comparatively steady showing during today's early trading. The unfavorable British labor situation was reflected in weaker Liverpool cables, but the local market opened at a decline of only one to 8 points under southern selling and liquidation. The latter was promoted by weakness in the stock market and there was some Wall street selling after the call, with May ending off at 11.92 and July 12.47, or about 16 points net lower.

Cotton futures opened steady; May, 11.99; July, 12.54; October, 13.13; December, 13.51; January, 13.68.

## Chinese Strikers Win

SHANGHAI, April 12.—Following a strike that began in January of 300 female workers of the Yuen Fong Silk Filature, an increase in wages for a 12-hour day of from 20 cents to 30 cents was granted by the management and the strike ended. Wage payments in Chinese plants in Shanghai are based on the Mexican dollar valuation.

## Former Warden Dead

GOLDSBORO, April 14.—John H. Smith, 84 years of age, who was superintendent of the state prison under the administration of Governor Russell, died here last night.

## Slashing Property Valuations Appears Good on Books, But People Must Pay.

## RULING ON TUDOR CASE

Judge Finley Is Reversed in a Decision by Chief Justice Clark in the Supreme Court.

RALEIGH, April 14.—Commissioners in more than a score of counties who "unjoined" revaluation last week by reducing property values will be called upon to tell where revenue sufficient for running their government is to come from at the close of the present fiscal year.

It is altogether possible that some of these commissioners will not be able to answer this question, so tax students hereabouts aver. The fact that property valuations in some counties have been reduced horizontally from 20 to 60 per cent means that the county budgets will not be met with taxes collected on the revised basis. And this situation will have to be met by one of two ways:

First, there will be a special tax levied or a bond issue, or Second, the rate of taxation must be increased.

This is the opinion of Commissioner Allen J. Maxwell of the stationer commission who has given the question considerable study since "the counties began slashing revaluation under an act of the 1921 general assembly."

Reductions in property values appear mighty good, Commissioner Maxwell admits, but he warns that when taxpaying time comes around the folks are going to discover that somebody has handed them a gold brick. Whether the assessment is high and the rate of tax low, or the assessment low and the rate high, the final result remains unchanged. The commissioner is certain the taxpayers will understand that this is and must of necessity be true.

The counties must raise a certain amount of money by levying taxes to finance the county government. If, under revaluation, the rate was lowered and the valuations raised so as to provide the needs of the counties and no more then it is easily seen what is going to happen with the values reduced and the rate unchanged. "It is useless to argue that the county commissioners are not going to have the time of their lives making buckle and tongue meet."

Chief Justice Walter Clark writing an opinion in the Tyree vs. George C. Tudor case of Forsyth county reverses Judge Finley and holds that the defendant, the father, is liable for the actions of his minor son, Bynum Tudor. This was the only case of importance handed down by the supreme court this week.

The case in which L. P. Tyree, administrator, is seeking damages from George C. Tudor for the death of Ruth Tyree who was killed in June, 1918, when an automobile in which she was riding with the younger Tudor on the Country club road near Winston-Salem overturned. The case was re-argued by Judge Finley in superior court and it came to the high court on appeal of the plaintiff. Chief Justice Clark holds that the case should have been tried before the jury.

Since Bynum Tudor was a minor, the chief justice holds, it was the father's duty "not to entrust the safety of the young lady to his son unless he knew he was careful and prudent in the operation of the machine. To hold otherwise would be dangerous to the safety of his father and for negligence injuries inflicted by him his father was responsible," the opinion reads.

Evidence before the court here is that young Tudor with a brother and Miss Tyree had attended a dance at the Country club near Winston-Salem and with Bynum at the wheel the car was traveling at around 50 miles an hour when it sideswiped a car driven by Martin Goodman. The Tudor car somersaulted, the young lady's body being frightfully mangled. The young men were not seriously injured.

James R. Collie, superintendent of the state prison during the Bickett administration, will be Col. A. D. Watts' chief deputy tax collector, it is learned from a reliable source. Mr. Collie is the first appointment that has been made by the new commissioner of revenue and taxation and is understood to have the hearty endorsement of Governor Morrison who previously announced that he intended to offer the retiring prison head a position with the state. Mr. Collie will assume his duties on May 1 along with Colonel Watts.

With the argument on the petition of the Southern Power company for an increase in its hydro-electric power rates completed, members of the state corporation commission are expected to hand down a decision soon in the telephone and gas companies cases.

## White Farm Hand Is Held Prisoner

ROCKY MOUNT, April 14.—Because of high feeling and fear mob violence, Jesse Nitous, a white farm hand about 35 years old, was rushed from Spring Hope to the county jail at Nashville last night and later moved to some unknown destination for safe keeping, according to officers who late yesterday arrested Nitous near Webb's Mill in Nash county, upon a charge of assaulting a five-year-old boy named William (plaintiff) James.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., April 14.—President Alderman, of the University of Virginia, announced today that two founders day gifts totaling \$75,000 had been received for the institution's centennial endowment fund. One was a \$50,000 gift from Thomas P. Ryan, of New York, and the other a \$25,000 donation from Mrs. Charles H. Smith, also of New York.