

## PROSPECTS FOR EARLY END OF RAILROAD STRIKE SEEM BRIGHTER TODAY

### TAR HEEL EDITORS MEET AT CLEVELAND SPRINGS IN FIFTIETH SESSION

More Newspaper Men and Women Attending Annual Press Convention Than For Years Past.

Some 200 or more North Carolina editors are attending the Jubilee meeting of the N. C. Press Association in session this week at Cleveland Springs Park Hotel. The gathering is the largest that has been held in several years. From Morehead City to Waynesville the "newspaper men" came to attend the meeting. One of the most interesting attendees is W. O. Saunders, of Elizabeth City, editor of The Independent. It will be remembered that a late issue of the American Magazine carried as a feature article an interesting story of Mr. Saunders and his newspaper career in Elizabeth City and Norfolk. From Waynesville and other mountain towns and cities, the editors have come making this meeting the most representative gathering ever held.



JOSEPHUS DANIELS  
Anniversary orator, whose address featured Wednesday night's program of the N. C. Press Association in session at Cleveland Springs.

### WASHINGTON HOPEFUL OF EARLY SETTLEMENT

The White House, Washington, D. C., July 26, 1922.

Hon. John B. Sherrill, President North Carolina Press Association, Cleveland Springs Hotel, Shelby, N. C.

Please extend my best wishes to the members of the Association at their semi-centennial gathering and assure them that the fine support that press and public are giving to the Government in a trying time is proving both inspiring and helpful.

WARREN G. HARDING.

### WASHINGTON HOPEFUL OF EARLY SETTLEMENT

WASHINGTON, July 27.—Hopes for a move toward settlement of the railroad strike were revived today as leaders on both sides in the dispute gathered here for preliminary conferences on the situation with administration officials, although definite indication was lacking as to whether their presence here at the same time had the added significance of any pre-arrangement.

Arriving here early in the day after an unannounced departure from Chicago B. M. Jewell, head of the striking railway shopmen, and the six international presidents of the shop crafts organization, planned to go to the White house for a conference with President Harding. Although it was stated in official circles today that the union representatives had not been "invited" to the White house for a conference, they, of course, it was added, would be received should they call to discuss the strike situation and such a conference was fully expected in the course of the day.

### GOVERNMENT ASKS STATES' AID IN DISTRIBUTING COAL

Secretary Hoover, At President's Request, Calls On Governors To Set Up Necessary Organization To Insure Equitable Distribution Of Fuel.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—With the federal machinery for emergency control of coal distribution completed by President Harding's appointment of a central committee of departmental heads, the government today looked to the states for the necessary co-operation to put the scheme into effective operation.

Immediately after being named chairman of the governmental committee yesterday, Secretary Hoover at the request of the president, asked state governors to set up the necessary organization in each state for insuring equitable distribution and the maintenance of fair prices for coal under the administration's plan. This organization, he said, was to assume responsibility for all distribution within the boundary of

each state except to railways.

At the same time the co-operation of the several transportation regulatory bodies was requested by Interstate Commerce Commissioner Aichison, another member of the committee in facilitating operation of the priority orders for shipments of coal and necessities.

While the government thus prepared to distribute to the best advantage the coal supply which continues to fall under the combined effect of the coal and rail strikes, President Harding, in restating yesterday the government's policy toward the industrial return to work under conditions already proposed by him while the reasonableness of their demands was being threshed out by agencies set up for that purpose.



J. B. SHERRILL  
Of Concord, president of the N. C. Press Association, presiding at the sessions at Cleveland Springs this week.

### "See And Know North Carolina" Tour Planned For Editors Of The Leading Industrial Journals

North Carolina Commercial Secretaries Plan To Bring Agricultural, Financial and Industrial Editors To State To Show Them What North Carolina Has—Plan Outlined By Ritter, of Winston-Salem.

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH, July 27.—The editors of the country's leading agricultural, industrial, financial and tourist publications will be invited to make a tour of North Carolina this fall, if the co-operation of a sufficient number of cities is secured, according to a plan submitted at the afternoon session of the North Carolina Commercial Secretaries Association, which convened here this morning.

The plan, in brief, is to conduct a "See and Know North Carolina Tour" for the benefit of the country's leading editors of these special publications, that they may have first-hand information as to the state's wonderful possibilities and those factors that have contributed to its advancement along agricultural and industrial lines. They will be the guests of the Chamber of Commerce that participate. There will be no obligation on the part of the editors to give the State publicity as a result of the tour, and this fact will be stressed in the invitation that will be sent to them.

### SAILOR'S STRANGE WILL ADMITTED TO PROBATE.

LONDON, July 10.—Strange as the story of any document told in fiction is that of a will which has just been admitted to probate and is now filed in Somerset House.

It is the "last will and testament" of a sailor, William Skinner, who lost his life when his ship, the *Indefatigable*, was sunk in the battle of Jutland. It is in the form of the ordinary identification disc. On one side, in the usual deeply-punched letters, appears the name, number, rating and religion of the man to whom it had been issued.

On the other side the disc appears at first sight to be just a circular piece of smooth, polished brass. But when viewed at a certain angle, there can be seen about 75 minutely engraved words. With a microscope they can be plainly read. They constitute Skinner's will by which he bequeaths everything to his wife.

The disc had been recovered from the sea with Skinner's body and on being cleaned revealed its secret.

### Deranged Man Killed One Man and Injured Four More.

HINTON, W. Va., July 27.—John Fredking, the insane man who barricaded himself in his house and for thirteen days resisted the efforts of deputy sheriffs and state police to arrest him after he had killed one man and wounded four others, this morning appeared at the front door, threw up his hands and asked for a drink of water.

Two troopers, who with other officers have resorted to every known means short of firing the house to dislodge Fredking, stepped up to the door, got him the water he craved, and then led him to the county jail. He refused to answer their questions and appeared to be dazed. Physicians were summoned from the Hinton hospital where they had been treating the men wounded in the firing of the past days, and dresser a bullet wound in Fredking's right arm and another injury to his right shoulder.

### IMMENSE CROWD ATTENDED FUNERAL

Church Was Able To Hold Only Small Number Of Those Who Came To Pay Their Tribute To Memory Of Rev. George A. Sparrow.

One of the largest crowds that ever attended a funeral in Gaston county assembled at Union church, seven miles south of Gaston, Thursday morning for the funeral of Rev. George A. Sparrow, who died suddenly Tuesday while on a visit to Montreal. Only a small part of the immense throng was able to get in the church. From all over Gaston county, and parts of York and Mecklenburg, people came to pay their last respects to this man who had preached in this county for nearly 29 years. It is a safe prediction that not a home in all that section was unrepresented at the funeral. There were many from Gastonia, Lowell and Belmont.

### WARDAMAN RESENTS WILSON'S OPPOSITION

Former Mississippi Senator, Again a Candidate, Replies To Letter Of Former President.

(By The Associated Press.)

JACKSON, Miss., July 27.—Stung by the opposition to his candidacy for the United States Senate as contained in a letter of former President Woodrow Wilson to Dr. McCarley of Carle, Miss., made public Tuesday night, former Senator James K. Wardaman issued a statement yesterday in which he said he did not believe Mississippians need to be told by Mr. Wilson for whom they shall vote.

### GASTON MEN HEAD NEW COTTON MILL IN IREDELL

Messrs. J. B. and W. T. Hall, of Belmont, and Kale, of Lincolnton and Mt. Holly, Principal Stockholders.

STATESVILLE, July 26.—Application has been made for a charter for the Hall-Kale Manufacturing Company, to manufacture fine combed yarns. The plant will be located just south of Troutman, in Irედell county, and work will commence on the building at once.

Authorized stock will be \$500,000, the company to begin business with \$100,000 common stock and \$75,000 preferred stock. The plant will have 6,000 spindles and will be modernly equipped in every respect.

The stockholders are: J. B. Hall, Statesville; J. E. Kale, Lincolnton; R. H. Kale, Mount Holly; Franklin D'Olier, Philadelphia, Pa.; and W. T. Hall, Belmont.

J. B. Hall is responsible for bringing this valuable enterprise to this county.

### COTTON MARKET

#### CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET

NEW YORK, July 27.—Cotton futures closed barely steady; spots quiet, 15 points up.

October 21.26; December 21.20; January 21.07; March 21.05; May 20.85; Spots 21.55.

Receipts ..... 3 Bales  
Price ..... 22 1/2 Cents

### THE WEATHER

Partly cloudy tonight and Friday.

## JEWELL, HEAD OF STRIKING SHOPMEN, GOES SECRETLY TO CONFER WITH PRESIDENT

Left Chicago Yesterday Morning Accompanied By His Executive Council—To Confer With Mr. Harding Today—Number Of Railroad Heads Also At Washington—Seniority Rule Now Bone Of Contention—Strike News In Brief.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—(By The Associated Press.)—The White house again today became the center of development in railstrike and the focus of efforts toward peace, President Harding meeting in conference first with T. DeWitt Cuyler, chairman of the association of railway executives, and then with the strike leaders headed by B. M. Jewell, who reached Washington early in the day from Chicago.

### MANIAC KEPT OFFICERS AT BAY THIRTEEN DAYS; IS FINALLY CONQUERED

HE RESISTED EVEN BOMBS Wounded, He Gave Up and Asked Officers For a Drink.

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### Restoration of Seniority Rights to Men on Strike Remained the Chief Obstacle to Peace.

The stand of the railway heads on this question was stated by H. E. Byrum, president of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, as being that the railroads were not seeking to destroy seniority rights of men on strike, but to make their seniority subordinate to that of the men now at work.

Government and local officials in various cities were preparing today to mobilize resources at their command in response to the interstate commission's orders concerning transportation of fuel and foodstuffs.

Minor developments included disorders at widely scattered points, a walkout of 300 shopmen on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, not hitherto affected by the strike, several arrests on varying charges, issuance of an injunction or

### Investigation of Tuesday Night's Attack on a Train at San Bernardino, Calif., Revealed That the Block Signal System on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Had Been Tampered With, Said the Report of a Deputy United States Marshall.

Five officials of the Chicago and North western railway were attacked by five men said to be strikers at Milwaukee. A car inspector for the Mobile and Ohio at Meridian, Miss., was kidnapped and beaten by unidentified men.

At Texarkana, Tex., two strikers were arrested on charges of violating an injunction against interference with railroad operations.

A railway guard at Creston, Ia., under arrest for the shooting of two striking shopmen, was removed to the county jail at Red Oaks, Ia., for safe-keeping. Fifteen deputy federal marshals were being sent to Creston to maintain order.

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### EXTRACTS FROM PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO STRIKERS

"Since you speak as chairman of the railway employees publicity association, and since it is exceedingly important that the American people know precisely the questions at issue in the present railway and coal strike, I am more than glad to answer your telegram, though I can only treat your politically partisan references with that contempt which is felt by every good American citizen in the hour of deep public concern.

"Happily for the American public everything done and everything said by government authority relating to the two strikes is a matter of record, and cannot in any way be distorted.

"There is no dispute about the loyal American citizenship of the men on strike, nor will anyone question that many of them gave everything that men can give for the service of his country in the world war. Nor is it disputed that the men on strike are exercising their constitutional and lawful rights, under existing statutes, in declining to work under the terms decided by the railroad labor board or tendered to the workmen by the mine operators of the country. No one has attempted or proposed to draft free men into either the railway or mining service, or suggested coercion under military force.

"The military forces of free America are never used for such a purpose. Their service is only that of preventing lawlessness and violence. That same unchallenged freedom which permits you and your associates to decline to work is no less the heritage of the free American who chooses to accept employment under the terms proposed. The difference between the two positions is that the striking railroad workers exercise their rights of freedom in seeking to hinder the necessary transportation of the country, notwithstanding the provision made by the law for the consideration of any just grievance; and the striking miners seek to prevent the production of coal necessary to common welfare, notwithstanding the offer of an agency to make impartial settlement; while the men who choose to work in response to the call of the country are exercising their like rights, and

### THE COAL SITUATION.

Frank Farrington, Illinois miners president rescinded call for state convention at Peoria next week to consider a separate agreement. Illinois sub-president loyal to John L. Lewis predicted Lewis would oust Farrington if plan was carried out.

Federal authorities expect state governors to set up machinery to cooperate in priority plan and maintain equitably distributions and fair prices.

British miners consider attitude toward shipments to America.

New York longshoremen may refuse to handle imported coal.

Indiana governor working on plans to take over mines.