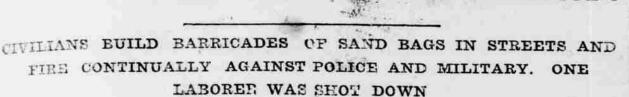
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STREET FIGHTING IN BELFAST

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(By Associated Press.) Bolfast, Ireland, August 30 .- Street fighting which has been in progress since yesterday, became violent after and o'clock today, the dinner hour a the factories. One laborer was shot down and several wounded. Civilians have placed sand bags in the middle of the streets and are firing continually against the police and military, who have been forced to abandon the streets. The patter of bullets is like hail in a storm.

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are reported dead; one a five year old girl: and forty eight wounded.

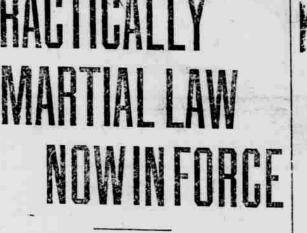
A Greedy Little Railroad

Washington, Aug. 27.__The Interstate Commerce Commission has issued an order permitting the Atlanta andSt. KAILKUAU BILL Andrews Bay Railroad Company to discontinue its service from Panama City, Florida, to St. Andrews, about · U. S. Press) two miles distant, for a period of Au, 30.-A minority three months. The Commission has, before it a petition of the railroad report on Fir railroad funding bill to permanently abandoned the branch signed by Senator LaFollette, line, but in making its order for a Wisconsin; Senator Stanley, of Kenthree months period, expresses the be- tucky and Senator Pittman, of Nevahef that "we are of the opinion that da, said? "This measure if enacted, the effect of the proposed abandon- will put the Government of the United ment can best be determined by dis-States in the business of dealing in continuance of operation for an exper- railroad securities. It will put the imental period." War Finance Corporation in control of an enormous mass of railroad se The railroad in question is owned curities, larger probably than the holdby a company operated by Minor C ings of any private interest. Far Keith, the "Banana King," and some from putting the Government out of of his associates. The evidence bebusiness, it will inevitably involve it fore the Commission showed that the in the most speculative business in the Keith real estate and lumbering interworld-the marketing of corporate seests are centered in Panama City and curities.



(By Associated Press.) Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 30 .- Alleg-Belfast, Aug. 30 .- Rioting has con- ling a fear of being kidnapped because tinued throughout the day. Two more of her willingness to testify against her father who iis charged with the

murder of Father Jas. E. Coyle, Mrs. Ruth Stephenson Gussman petitions the court for "relief" alleging that since her appearance against her father, Rev. Edwin R. Stephenson, threats have been made against her.



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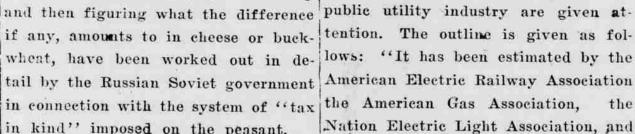
Berlin, Aug. 30 .- Germany is under resterictions closely approaching martial law as a result of President Ebert's decree banning demonstrations that the Klan was opposed to public of any kind as a consequence of the assassination of Erzberger.

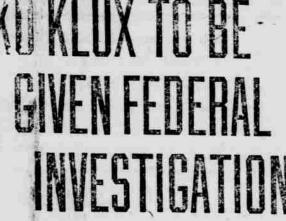
arrested suspected of complicity in the murder of Mathias Erzberger, former Vice-Chancellor.

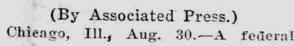
Taxes Paid In Produce

INSTALL SYSTEM OF "TAX IN KIND"

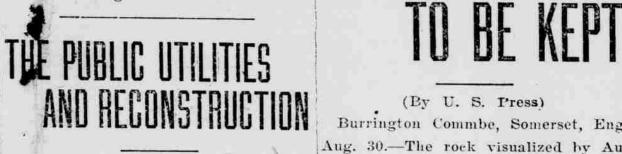
Riga, Latvia, Aug. 27 .- The problems of substituting pigs for sheep







investigation of the Ku Klux Klan has been started as a result of complaints policy, makes profit on regalia and on account of acts of lawlesness as Berlin, Aug. 30. Two men have been cribed to alleged members.



(By U. S. Press)

Washington, Aug. 30 .- In the recently published report of the Select Comlage and a great demonstration to permittee on Reconstruction and Production of the United States Senate, results of a searching inquiry into the various conditions bearing upon the

by th American Telephone and Tele-

graph Company, that it will require

approximately \$700,000,000 to provide

public utility service for an addition-

fige at the rock from a severe storm public utility industry are given attention. The outline is given as follows: "It has been estimated by the tail by the Russian Soviet government American Electric Railway Association in connection with the system of "tax the American Gas Association, the

al million habitations.

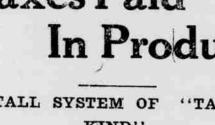


ALL MALES BETWEEN SIXTEEN

(By Associated Press) Charleston, W. Va., Aug. 30 .- Disjuieting reports continue to eminate from Mingo Coal Fields. Governor Morgan is said to have requested Federal troops again following alarming advices that all males between fourteen and sixty years were under arms ready for the clash, and that a magstrate and four other men were being held prisoners.

Washington, August 30.-Governor Morgan's second request for Federal troops to sup-the alleged lawlessthe fields is before Presness in ident it g and the War Secretary. A soon of business men are here Charleston to support the Govnor's troop request and have conferred with the President.

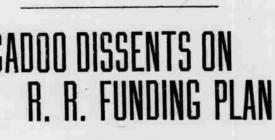
which was sweeping over the gorge on Washington, Aug. 30 .-- President the edge of which the rock stands Harding has declined to agree to the and, while waiting for it to pass over, request of John L. Lewis for a conhe was led to compose the hymn. ference of miners and operators to The great pilgrimage to thte rock thresh out their differences in West



Millville, and that the abandonment "Under the terms of this bill, the of train service to St. Andrews is for Government will almost certainly lose the purpose of squeezing that town out hundreds of millions of dollars in the of the running, in order to promote the property o fthe two former towns, proposed transactions."

The theory of the signers of the at the expense of the latter. Keith] runs his 82 mile railroad into the St. minority report is that the Government will lose because it will be re-Andrews Bay country from Dothan, quired to accept the railroad securities Alabama, and uses it principally for, on a six per cent basis "while the the lumbering interests that he scooped up during the war, when a German present market for the best secured owned concern was scuttled, and pick- railroad bonds is now upon a seven per cent basis, with inférior bonds yield ed up by him from the bargain counter. Like most "Spoilers" the Keith ing eight per cent or more."

concern is stripping the St. Andrews Bay country of its natural resources, and replacing these riches with nothing that is substantial. Their railroad is a relic fit for the museums, and its principal activity seems to be in showing accountants' statements of deficits that wring out Government aid. The



(By U. S. Press)

tragedy of the whole situation is that Washington, Aug. 30.-Senator Stanthe I. C. C. should permit itself to be dey presented in the Senate a letter used as the agency to carry out the written to him by William G. McAdoo, plans of the greedy little railroad in in which the former director general punishing a rival town. But if the of railroads expressed his disapproval commission will utilize this same three of the Administration railroad fundmonths in which there is to be a sus- ing bill and set forth his reasons. He pension service into St. Andrew in says President Harding is misinform-

n kind" imposed on the peasant. The tax collectors, instead of requiring pocket-books wherein to carry money, are to be equipped with scales, baskets, pig-pens, stock cars and other paraphernalia to weigh or transport

the tax payments.

Generally, the amount of grain tax adopted by street railway companies, that a memorial to Toplady should be is fixed for every separate farm and and electric light and power companies placed on the rock. area, was to have an extra capacity of at is computed according to the cutivated. The tax per acre is fixed least 25 per cent, so as to protect seraccording to the average crop yield vice from delays incident to temporary breakdowns, but upon the outbrak expected in that district. It has been attempted to arrange a of the war this rule had to be abanscheme that would permit the occu- doned. No additional facilites could pants of a farm to feed themselves be provided owng to will, a certain portion of the surplus against expenditures for construction

and owing to finance improvements. going to the government. The worst complications occur collecting live stock tax. Scarcely ever exists a Russian peasant who has

as to which one shall hand over a the fact that the business of public and control laws. whole animal to the government. utilities has outgrown the plants. When the other peasants butcher, they " "Prior to the war it is estimated

will pay back the peasant whose pig that the normal annual requirements the government took.

Lenine's substitute for seizure.

of electric railway, gas, and electric

If the pig turned over by this group light and power companies for extenof peasants should happen to weigh sions; betterments and improvments more or less than the extract weigh- was about \$500,000,000 proportioned ed less. The exact values of all manu- as follows: electric railways, \$250,factured articles, such as shoes, mat- 000,000; gas companies, \$125,000,000; ches, ploughs and axle grease, have electric light and power companies, been worked out in terms of pork, beef \$125,000,000.

oats, wheat, milk, eggs, etc., as no The committee has been informed money payment sof any kind are to that for four years not over 40 per cent be permitted in the collection of this of such betterments has been made, leaving an accumulation of about tax.

In previous years of the Bolshevik \$1,200,000,000. If to this sum is adregime, there was no tax in kind, the ded the \$700,000,000 required alone for government merely permitting the pea-iservice to the new residential buildings sant to keep a small share of his crop held in abeyance, a total of approxcalculated on the basis of the number imately \$2,000,000,000 seems necessary of mouths he had to feed and seizing for public utility program in the the rest. The natural tax scheme is immediate future.

"The question of placing these bus-Thousands of Communists have been iness on a sound financial basis in ormobilized to collect the tax, by which der that credit may flow to them is

was organized under the auspices of Virginia coal troubles. the church of England but a Salvation

Washington, Aug. 30 .- Troops may Army band also took part. The 10,-000 people present, som of whom were vet be dispatched to the Mingo Coal perched on jutting rocks on the side fields as a result of the conference of of the gorge, took part in the singing President Harding and the West Vir-"Prior to the war the general rule of the hymn. It was also decided giania delegation today.

(By U. S. Press)

gustus Toplady when he was inspired

Ages," stands just outside this vil

Toplady is said to have taken ref-

petuate his memory was held there

the August bank holiday.

to compose the hymn, "Rock

Burrington Commbe, Somerset, Eng.



Petroleum Production

(By U. S. Press)

Washington, Aug. 30 .- The increase

(By U. S. Press)

Soft Coal

Production

in production of petroleum since Jan-Washington, Aug. 30 .- Investigain The plants were taxed to their capa- tion of the "political activities" of uary, in spite of falling prices, which city to provide wartime facilities. the motion picture industry is proposwas checked in June, gave way during July to a reduction of almost 50 "The public utilities emerged from ed in a resolution introduced in the so many cattle or sheep or pigs that the war with practically no reserve Senate by Senator Myers (Democrat, thousand barrels a day, according to the United States Geological Survey, would be required to turn over a capacity, with revenue limited in Montana, who charges that that induswhole animal to the government. A amount, and the purchasing power of try has begun a political campaign the daily average production for the plan has been devised permitting the the dollar decreased. The resulting in- to defeat all candidates not pledged month being 1,297,677 barresl. Impeasants to agree among themselves ferior service is directly traceable to to repeal motion, picture censorship ports of 'Mexican petroleum during

July, amounting to 8,046,861 barrels, decreased more than 2 million barrels. Consumption of dome lie and imported crude oil, amounted to a daily average of 1,340,968 barrels, continuing the downward course which with minor checks it has followed since November. Stocks, therefore, show a net increase of more than 6 million

(By U. S. Press) Washington, Aug. 30 .- For the first barrels during the month and at the time in two months the production of end of July pipe-line and tank-farm soft coal has turned definitely upward. stocks plus stocks of Mexican petro-The output during the second week of leum held in the United States by August is estimated at 7,726,000 net importers attained the new high retons, according to a report from the cord of more than 167 million barrels, Geological Survey. Not only was this a quantify sufficient to meet consumpan increase of 551,000 tons over the tion at the current rate for 124,7 days. output of the week preceding, but the largest attained since June 11.



(By U. S. Press) Washington, Aug. 30 .- Secretary of

The German

Treaty



(By U. S. Press) the govrnment hopes to secure enough the same question which confronts State Hughes was in session with the making a thorough investigation of ed regarding the measure. He writes: Washington, Aug. 30 .- The Geologifull membership of the Foreign Relafoodstuffs to feed the workmen in the steam railroads and housing, but in the railroad's claims for money-and "Stripped of confusing non-essentials, cal Survey reports that the production of Portland Cement for the first seven tions Committee of the Senate on the cities, soldiers and government em the case of public utilities the situamore money, for its deficits there is what is now proposed is that the Govmonths of 1921 is more than 97 per day Congress declared its recess, and ployes. It is not to be collected in tion is more difficult because there little question but that the Commission ernment shall wait ten years for \$763,cent of the quantity manufactured in the explained the terms of the treaty will be able to accomplish a fine piece 000,000 the railroads owe it for betis no central body as now provided the famine districts. of peace with Germany. Satisfaction Lenine recently made a number of in the case of the steam railroads which the corresponding months of 1920 and of work for the Florida people who are terments and improvements and pay with its terms of the treaty of peace trips to explain the natural tax to the might adjust rates in proper relation being held under the heel of a ruth- immediately \$500,000,000 to the railmore than 52 per cent of the total with Germany. Satisfaction with its farmers. On his return to Moscow to operating costs and capital investless oppressor. The Florida Railroad roads on account of claims for allegproduction in 1920; the shipments are terms was expressed by several Demohe wrote in the Izvestia that the shrewd ment. The utilities likewise suffer in more than 96 per cent of those for the Commission says there should be no ed under-maintenance, etc." corresponding period of 1920 and more cratic members and no concerted oppeasant nearly always got the better their effort to secure new capital for suspension of service to St. Andrews; of any city workmen coming to trade necessary extensions of service by the than 52 per cent of those for the whole position was manifested, although it is and it is to be hoped that the Federal COTTON MARKET believed Senators oBrah and Johnson, with him manufactured goods for food. almost insurmountable difficalty of Commission will give as careful attenyear 1920. October _____ 16.61 Republicans, are not in harmony with having to compete for such capital with ____ tion to making an investigation as December _____ 16.87 municipal, State and similar tax-ex- faulty service and for the failure to the policy of the Administration. WEATHER REPORT the Florida authorities. If this is done January _____ 16.92 For North Carolina: Generally fair empt securities. Until these problems provide the additional facilities urgent- President Harding has discussed the the interests of St. Andrews may be

March _____ 17.00 saved, and the greedy little railroad 17.18 May get part of "what's coming to it."

tonight and Wednesday. Little change are solved, the public should recognize ly demanded to meet community treaty with leading Republican Senain temperature. Moderate west winds. this underlying reason for much of the needs." tors.