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HIGHWAY FILLING STATION WILL OPEN TOMORROW

Highway Filling station on the corner of 12th and 13th streets will open for business tomorrow. This is quite an addition to the conveniences offered the traveling and motor owning public. This station will carry a full line of accessories, such as tires, tubes, greases and oils, and will furnish complete service, such as washing, oiling, greasing and cleaning cars. The building was constructed by the Shields Estate and will be under the management of Mr. C. E. Sears, though Mr. C. J. Shields will have general supervision. The station is located at the intersection of two highways: the one leading from Halifax to the Edgemont County courthouse, and the other one from Scotland Neck to Rich Square.

The Coal Strike A Little Nearer Settlement

(By Associated Press)
Chicago, Ill., July 28.—The coal operators continued today to deny any knowledge of any scheduled peace meeting such as mentioned by John L. Lewis, the Miners' President, and the strike seems little nearer settlement. Meanwhile Secretary Hoover received assurances from the government that the Federal Government would receive every aid in pressing profiteering in coal during the strike emergency.

WEATHER REPORT

For North Carolina: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday. Moderate west and north west winds.

GERMAN CITIZENS COMPENSATED FOR THE WAR LOSSES

(By Associated Press)
Tegucigalpa, Honduras, July 28.—The government of Honduras has allotted to certain German merchants resident in the republic the sum of \$120,000 to indemnify them for "losses suffered as a result of the 'black lists' and other measures taken during the war," in which Honduras sided with the Allies. The comment of some portions of the local press is ironical. "Why," it is asked, "should the Allies compensate German citizens for losses as a result of the war, Honduras has many urgent local needs for all the money it can spare."

FRANCE FRESHENS UP NAPOLEON'S LAST HOME

(By Associated Press)
Paris, July 28.—The French government having been persuaded to offer \$125,000 for the purpose, Napoleon's last home, on the Island of St. Helena, is to have a new coat of paint. It stands for the last coat was spread on eight years ago. The old house, at Longwood, is under the care of the French Minister of Domain. He it was who induced the government to make the financial allotment. The new coloring will be exactly as in Napoleon's time, light grey for the house itself, with the gutters, cornices and doors in olive green and dark brown.

Tentative Proposals Are Drawn Up For Settlement Of The Railroad Strike

RAIL EXECUTIVES WILL MEET AGAIN NEXT TUESDAY IN NEW YORK

(By Associated Press)
Washington, July 28.—With the tentative proposals for settlement of the shopmen's strike drawn up after conferences between the President and the labor leaders, the situation today is expected to remain more or less status quo pending the meeting of the railroad executives in New York next Tuesday. Union officials declined to comment, but there are indications of hopeful progress seen.

Pres. Accepts Use of Summer Home From Wealthy Friend

By WALLACE BASSFORD (Special News Correspondent)
Washington, D. C., July 28.—The President seems to have a most unfortunate manner of expressing himself, both in his words and his acts. It is given out that "Ned" McLean, whose father tied up his estate in a spendthrift trust so that "Ned" would not be able to burn it up too rapidly, has tendered to the President the free use of "Friendship," the McLean estate in the suburbs of Washington, as a summer White House, and that the President has accepted. He will dwell in the home of the rich Ned McLean, renegade Democrat and owner of large amounts of railroad bonds and stocks, will play oodles of golf on the private golf course and absorb from this favorable atmosphere great quantities of sympathy for the section men who are told by the Labor Board that one hundred thousand of them must toil eight hours per day without losing an hour in order to draw \$563.04 per year for the support of themselves, their wives and children and other possible dependents. The atmosphere in which the President finds himself fairly reeks with moral aid and sympathy for the plain workers of the land, while the wine vaults burst with the spirit of liberty.

Just what the President meant when he said the railroads would be run even if he had to "draft the men to run them" is not exactly clear. The White House, after attention was called to the statement, denied that it meant what it said. Most men seem to be optimistic enough to think that this is still a land of freedom, though a bit hazy as to just where the freedom comes in, and still wonder if it is possible, under that ancient document known as the Constitution, to compel men to labor against their will, except in penal servitude.

When storms have buffeted the mariner about at sea until he is bearded as to the position of his ship, he stops and takes a reckoning to determine just where he is. It might be well just at this time to pause and try to determine the location of the President on the great labor question. A little over a year ago, May 24, 1921, speaking in New York, the President said: "In our effort at establishing industrial justice we must see that the wage earner is placed in an economically sound position. His lowest wage must be enough for comfort, enough to make his house a home, enough to insure that the struggle for existence shall not crowd out the things truly worth living for. There must be provision for education, for recreation, and a margin for savings. There must be such freedom of action as will insure full play to the individual's abilities." After those beautiful words we find the President supporting the Labor Board in its position that one hundred thousand of the section workers on the rail-

roads shall labor an entire year in order to obtain \$563.04, for that is what the schedule for section men in the southern and western parts of the country figures out. The statisticians of the Department of Labor print their figures on the cost of living in the newspapers and show that it takes about one dollar and seventy cents to purchase the commodities which could be bought for a dollar in 1914. Under such a scale of living costs, can a man support his family in such comfort as the President describes, "with provision for education, recreation and a margin for savings?" The section man with a family might work every day in the year and find that he could not even save the price of a post card.

The Labor Board was created by the Transportation Act, of which Senator Cummins was the principal author. The Senator, in a statement before the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce, said: "I suppose those who framed the Transportation Act never dreamed that when the Government undertook to fix the wages of any man who was required to work the pay would be less than would be necessary to support him and his family in reasonable comfort." Those who have been about the halls of Congress for many years could tell many tales of the insidious influence of the big corporations and their interlocking interests. It was presumed that this Labor Board was constituted in the interests of the workers, but when it gets to functioning it functions for the corporations! Of course the President makes up its membership, and there lies the crux of the whole thing. This calls to mind the fact that a robber schedule of rates on cotton goods was presented in the Senate the other day by the Republican Chairman of the Committee in charge of the tariff bill. Senator Pat Harrison jumped to his feet and forced from Senator Smoot the admission that the head of one of the largest cotton mills in the country had actually dictated the rates, letter for letter. Thus the interests of the millions of users of cotton cloths, gingham, prints, etc., are not considered at all, but the manufacturer is permitted to frame a schedule of tariff rates on the imported goods that gives him an entire monopoly of the American market, thus permitting him to charge as much as the traffic will bear. Senator Harrison cited to many instances of dividends having been declared by cotton mills of from fifty to one hundred per cent in a single year, and yet there is a big textile strike going on in New England because the mill owners will not consent to pay the operatives a living wage. But it was for such that the big moneyed interests dug up their millions to finance the campaign of falsehood that drove the Democrats from power and put Harding in the White House.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK FELT AT SEVERAL POINTS

(By Associated Press)
Guatemala City, July 28.—An earth shock of considerable intensity was felt here last night, but no damage was reported. Madrid, Spain, July 28.—A brief earth shock was felt last night at Grenada, causing a considerable alarm, but no damage.

ARMY DIRIGIBLE C-2 COMPLETES RECORD TRIP

(By Associated Press)
Washington, July 28.—The Army Dirigible C-2 arrived at Aboldeen Maryland Proving Ground at six o'clock this morning concluding a return trip of a non-stop flight to New York on which the dirigible left Bolling Field here at five o'clock yesterday afternoon.

SAILOR'S STRANGE WILL ADMITTED TO PROBATE

(By Associated Press)
London, July 27.—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.

FRENCH STATE GERMANS ARE PLOTTING AGAINST THE LIFE OF POINCARE

(By Associated Press)
Paris, July 28.—The French government made it known today that it has received what is considered absolutely trustworthy information that an attempt against the life of Premier Poincare is being plotted in Germany monarchist circles.

COTTON MARKET

TODAY'S MARKET

October	21.47
December	21.41
January	21.28
March	21.27
May	21.10

YESTERDAY'S MARKET

October	21.26
December	21.22
January	21.08
March	21.06
May	20.85

Annual Meeting of The Stockholders of The Scotland Neck Bank

SO. R. R. CALLS SHOPMEN FOR A CONFERENCE

(By Associated Press)
Salisbury, N. C., July 28.—J. M. Ellis, one of the six shopcraft chairmen of the Southern Railroad today received a telegram from Henry Miller, General Manager of the Southern calling him to Washington for a conference. He said that a similar message was sent to the other five general chairmen on the road.

COMMUNITY CLUB MEETING AT THE ROSENEATH SCHOOL HOUSE

A very enthusiastic and profitable meeting was held in the auditorium of the Roseneath School by the Roseneath Community Club yesterday afternoon. The main subject brought up before the club was the community fair for Roseneath Township, and the initial organization work was accomplished. The following officers and committees were elected: President, Mrs. A. F. Leighton. Sec. and Treas., Mrs. J. S. Lewis. Committee on Forage and Field Crops: G. W. Phillips, A. J. Whitehead, Jr., T. R. Whitehead, S. O. Purvis, Joe Hackney, A. V. Price, Paul Cherry, F. C. Womack. Committee on Livestock: Rufus Cherry, J. O. Whitehead, H. C. Bass, Noah Whitehead, John Hardy, W. P. Braswell, R. L. Bradley, N. B. Whitehead. The following committees will be announced at the next bi-monthly meeting of the club: committees on canning, pantry supplies, and needle work. The meeting was attended by a large number of interested men and women from the township. The Home Demonstration Agent, Miss Bernice Allen; the agricultural agent, Mr. C. E. Littlejohn; and Mr. Norfleet S. Smith, secretary of the Scotland Neck Chamber of Commerce were in attendance also and offered their assistance in making this fair an unqualified success. The initiative that the citizens of Roseneath Township have shown in this matter is indeed commendable. They have taken the lead in this matter and asked for the cooperation and assistance of the Home and agricultural agent whereas in the other communities there has been very little local work done. Watch the Roseneath Fair be a banner Fair.

Souvenir Hunters Upset Village Finances

(By Associated Press)
Hanover, Germany, July 26.—Tourists have so greedily collected specimens of German provincial and municipal paper money that embarrassment has thereby resulted for certain communal authorities. The little village of Tostedt, being short of funds, issued 10,000 pieces of paper money ranging from 50-pfenning notes upward. Recently, when an effort was made to call in the notes, only one was presented for redemption. Moreover, the 15 members of the village council were haled into court for having violated the banking laws. In that the notes were regarded as shares but paid no interest and, besides, the issue had not been officially authorized. The councillors were released upon pleading ignorance of the requirements.

Coal Carrying Roads Declare An Embargo

(By Associated Press)
Washington, July 28.—Three coal carrying railroads, the Norfolk and Western, Chesapeake and Nashville, have declared an embargo over their lines against accepting any freight except food stuff, live stock and fuel.

THE USUAL 10% DIVIDEND WAS DECLARED, WHILE SHOWING AN EARNING OF 20%.

At the meeting of the officers and stockholders of the Scotland Neck Bank yesterday afternoon the usual 10% dividend was declared. The Cashier's report for the year, as of the close of business June 1st, 1922, was as follows:

1922	
Deposits	\$306,528.00
Quick Assets	68,513.42
Bills Rec. and Stocks	
and Bonds	424,132.00
Bills Pay	145,000.00
Net Earnings	5,117.17

While conditions have been very trying for the past twelve months, as you all know, yet your bank has been able to show an earning of a little over 20%. This, we feel, speaks well for your institution and shows that the public has confidence in the manner in which it is being conducted.

It is the pleasure of your officers to advise that the financial requirements of the community have been met with ease, although we have been passing through a most trying period. Your officers do not know of a single instance where legitimate credit has been refused any person in this community, and we feel that your bank has been the means of preserving the credit of Scotland Neck and vicinity to a very large extent. We mention this that you may appreciate the policies of the institution for the past several years. In the period of inflation those in authority was not used for the promotion of doubtful projects and time has shown that this policy was fully justified.

We feel that conditions are steadily improving, but your community has, within the next 18 months, a new enemy to meet and overcome. That enemy is the boll weevil. To do this will take every ounce of brains and ingenuity at our command, but it is possible and we must see that it is done. Plans have been made to this end and it behooves us to see that they are carried out in detail. Should this community allow conditions to exist when the boll weevil arrives in force, that exists in some parts of the South today, we would not be worthy of the position that we occupy. This is brought to your attention that you may redouble your efforts to meet the situation, even before it comes. Your Officers and Executive Committee wish to express to those of you who so loyally support this institution, their appreciation of your effort in its behalf. No corporation can reach the height of its usefulness without the active support of its stockholders.