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## LITTLE HOPE SEEN FOR A WAGE AGREEMENT WITH MINERS

(By Associated Press)  
Chicago, Ill., Aug. 4.—A canvass of the coal operators in the Central competitive fields, according to announcement of representatives of the only districts of account, comprising about five per cent of the tonnage of the entire field, will be present at the wage conference called for next Monday in Cleveland by John L. Lewis, International President. Local circles see little hope of a wage agreement.

### WEATHER REPORT

For North Carolina: Fair tonight and Saturday. Gentle to moderate westerly winds.

## GERMANS TO BUILD BALLOON FOR AMERICA

Berlin, Aug. 3.—Facing the fact that memories of the R-38 and Roma disasters still are freshly in mind throughout the world, Germany's builders of the new Zeppelin intended for commercial use in the United States are prepared to exhaust every resource at their command in producing the "last word" in aircraft. The Zeppelin company stand ready to "stake its reputation" on the project, according to an American official who has figured prominently in the negotiations for the contract recently signed here.

This official pointed out, however, that the undertaking strikes no awe in the hearts of the constructors since they already have built larger ships than that now under contract. In fact, he said, they are equipped to produce a Zeppelin of 100,000 or even 120,000 cubic meters, as compared with the ship of 70,000 which they have agreed to build for America.

Yet the builders recognize the possibility of elements hitherto uncontrollable entering into construction of this nature, it is said, and will endeavor to profit by careful study of the fate which befell the two giant airships produced for the United States the past two years in England and Italy. Particular attention will be devoted to the question of the manifold stresses to which an airship is subject. This problem involves multitudinous technicalities as to design and the extreme testing of material. In these departments, it is felt in American circles here, the Germans have reached an outstanding stage of advance.

Reception of the ship having been delegated to the naval department of the United States, its design will be submitted to that division of the government for approval. In addition, an officer of the department will be present at Friedrichshafen as an inspector throughout the Zeppelin's construction. This duty has been assigned to First Lieutenant Garland Fulton, U. S. N., who is here in connection with the contract. First Lieutenant R. G. Penoyer, U. S. N., also has been in Berlin during the negotiations, both of these officers having been on duty in connection with the R-38.

It is estimated that 15 months will be required for construction of the ship. No specific time of delivery has been fixed, this being dependent upon a number of contingencies, not the least of which are the weather conditions. The Zeppelin probably will be completed by next fall, making it likely that delivery will follow during the ensuing summer. Lakehurst, N. J., has been selected as the place of delivery. The contract provides that the

## The Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce Moves Its Headquarters To Goldsboro, N. C.

MEETING OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS HELD AT WILSON YESTERDAY.

The first membership meeting of Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce was held at Wilson yesterday with representatives and delegates from Pitt, Halifax, Wayne, Duplin, Sampson and Johnson counties. Meeting was held at Hotel Cherry where luncheon was served to all delegates.

Vice-President-Manager, N. G. Bartlett, made an interesting report of the activities of the organization since its inception early in the spring to the present time and made many valuable suggestions for future development.

One of the principle objects of this meeting was the selection of permanent headquarters and election of permanent officers. After spirited balloting Goldsboro was selected as headquarters, and the following officers elected by the directors: Dr. C. J. Ellen, of Greenville, President; W. A. McGirt, of Wilmington, 1st vice president; J. H. Alexander, Jr., of Scotland Neck, 2nd vice president and H. McKinnon, of Clinton, 3rd vice president; executive committee: Geo. C. Royall, Goldsboro, W. H. Austin, of Smithfield, H. H. Taylor, of Kinston, J. H. Alexander, Jr., of Scotland Neck and Dr. C. J. Ellen, of Greenville.

The prime object of this organization is the development of the natural resources of Eastern North Carolina through propaganda and educational methods, and the advertising of the section which this organization covers, which originally included the thirty nine eastern counties of the State, but at this meeting it was decided to ask the following counties to become included in the proposed development: Scotland, Warren, Vance, Greenville, Franklin, Wake and Hoke.

The manager and other officers and directors of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce urge liberal and enthusiastic support of this movement through which it is hoped that that part of North Carolina will not suffer the ravages of the boll weevil as other sections of the South have through a well planned system of preparation which is being undertaken by that organization.

The following delegates from Halifax County attended: Messrs. N. L. Stedman, of Halifax, L. G. Shell, Jenkins, J. T. Stainback and Shell, of Roanoke Rapids, J. H. Alexander, Jr., and Norfleet S. Smith, of Scotland Neck.

ship will fly to the United States entirely under German responsibility and manned by a German crew. It has not yet been decided, at this early stage of the project, whether any American personnel will accompany the Germans on their trans-Atlantic flight.

The new Zeppelin will require a crew of about the same number as that which manned the R-38. In this connection it is pointed out here that a large part of the United States naval department's air personnel was lost in the accident to the R-38 while the Roma disaster proved a similar loss to the army's air forces. Thus American manning of the new ship will entail training of an almost entirely new crew.

No provision has been made in the contract for the United States to share in the monetary loss, should an accident occur to the ship before delivery. Since the Zeppelin takes the place of costs due the United States in consequence of aerial losses in the war, it is noted, the fixed amount remains due until such time as the ship is actually turned over to the American government.

## BOTH SIDES TO ST. CAR STRIKE

(By Associated Press)  
Chicago, Ill., Aug. 4.—The fourth day of Chicago's street car strike saw both sides in an apparent deadlock over the terms of settlement. Meanwhile Mayor Thompson and the city council are considering plans for the operation of the city owned motor buses.

## FRANCE TODAY COUNTS 20,000 GIRL ATHLETES

(By Associated Press)  
Paris, Aug. 4.—France, where before the war feminine athletics were virtually unknown, now the 20,000 enrolled girls and women competing in track and field events, and from this new army a team will be selected to represent the nation in the international games in Pershing Stadium beginning August 20.

The international games may result in amalgamation of the two national feminine athletic organizations whose rivalry nearly disrupted plans for the meet, one with 327 local societies and the other with 120. The Ministry of War is projecting plans for the combination.

Until May 1915 French women had never organized for athletics with the exception of horseback riding, tennis, hunting and swimming. French women do not excel as sprinters but they are confident of their prowess in the middle-distance runs, and they have an exceptional performer in Madame Gourand-Morris in the weights.

## LONDON NOT YET READY FOR U. S. SKY-SCRAPERS

(By Associated Press)  
London, Aug. 1.—Twenty-two of the worst slum areas in London are to be wiped out by the London County Council. The work is to be spread over the next ten or 12 years and the government will assist in it.

"When the scheme, which involves nothing less than the clearance of all the slum areas in London, is completed," says Colonel Levita, chairman of the Housing Committee, "it will have entailed the displacement of some 45,000 people, and an expenditure of many millions of pounds. The main idea is to make London a slumless city."

"Such work cannot, of course, be done on a strictly economic basis but London will benefit greatly by the intensive campaign it is intended to pursue, for better housing all round will mean better health and therefore a happier people."

## DENMARK STUDIES THE EFFECTS OF PROHIBITION

(By Associated Press)  
Copenhagen, Aug. 2.—A Danish delegation which has been studying the effects of prohibition in Finland doubts whether it will be possible ever to carry through effective prohibition in Denmark.

The delegates consider that the best solution of the question, as far as Denmark is concerned, is the free sale of intoxicants very heavily taxed.

## STRIKERS OF SO. RAILWAY TO MEET THE ROAD HEAD

(By Associated Press)  
Washington, Aug. 4.—Representatives of the six striking shopcrafts' unions of the Southern Railway meet in Washington tomorrow with D. W. Miller, Vice-President in charge of operations of the system to consider proposals for settlement of the strike on the basis suggested by President Harding to the executives of all roads.

The Southern is acting separately from the other large lines and has made no attempt to break the strike, nor has it refused any strikers seniority privileges.

## AMERICAN GOODS FLOOD "THIEVES MARKETS" OF EUROPE

Riga, Aug. 2.—The so-called "thieves markets" of Europe are today crowded with the product of American factories. When the American army went home, enormous stocks of equipment of various kinds were disposed of in France and Germany, by sale and otherwise, and much of this surplus has found its way to the many open air gatherings of the continent where men and women bargain for a miscellaneous mass of articles under the tacit understanding that one must not inquire whence the things come.

In the market of Riga, covering an area of two blocks, there are offered for sale daily large quantities of United States army paraphernalia, particularly clothing, and sanitary articles bearing the names of different American relief organizations. American phonographs give daily concerts of American airs, which invariably attract the crowds from the music of competitors with their German machines playing Russian tunes. American sewing machines, too, are on sale in some stalls, and in others there are American made knives and forks viewing with German, Polish and Russian manufactured goods of the same kind. Also there are thousands of old and worn collars, still carrying the mark which gives their birthplace as Troy, New York.

The purchaser takes his pick at his own price, provided he can reach an understanding with the polyglot storekeeper, who will bargain with him in any one of the four or five languages now current in the streets of Riga.

## CABINET MEETING TODAY TO DISCUSS STRIKE SITUATION

Washington, Aug. 4.—The members of the Cabinet looked today's meeting for reports on the coal and rail strike situation as gathered by their respective departments. It is indicated that the session would be given over entirely to a discussion of the situation in the two industries.

### COTTON MARKET

TODAY'S MARKET	
October	21.10
December	21.23
January	21.12
March	21.10
May	21.00

### YESTERDAY'S MARKET

October	21.45
December	21.50
January	21.41
March	21.35
May	21.20

## Greeks Have Decided to Occupy Constantinople

## STILL HOPES TO DEFEAT REED

(By Associated Press)  
St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 4.—With Senator Reed leading by sixty-eight hundred and eighty seven votes, Breckenridge Long based his hopes on an official count being made today to over come the Senator's plurality.

## A Series Of Agricultural Meetings Next Week

The local agricultural agent of the Scotland Neck Chamber of Commerce has sent out the following notices:

Agricultural meetings for the discussion of hogs, pastures and wool weevils will be held in this section next week. These meetings are very important and any one will derive much benefit by attending. The dates are as follows:

Hobgood, Wednesday, August 9th, 10:00 A. M.  
Rosenath, Wednesday, August 9th, 4:00 P. M.  
Crowell's and Tillery, at Tillery, Thursday, August 10th, at 10:00 A. M.  
Dawson's, Friday, August 11th, 10:00 A. M.

Special authorities on the various subjects scheduled for discussion will be on hand in company with Local Agricultural Agent C. E. Littlejohn and the meetings should be interesting as well as profitable.

## GERMANS MAKE LARGE DEPOSITS IN HOLLAND IN SWITZERLAND

(By Associated Press)  
Paris, Aug. 4.—A German bank, within the last forty-eight hours, has transferred to Holland and Switzerland between sixty and seventy millions of French francs, which have been on deposit in America. Other foreign banks have been informed, the Associated Press heard this afternoon.

## MODERN PLAYS TO BE STAGED IN ANCIENT ROMAN RUIN

(By Associated Press)  
Florence, Italy, Aug. 4.—The old Roman theater at Fiesole will this autumn, if present plans are carried out, be used again for the purpose it was originally so well constructed many centuries ago. It will witness the production of a series of plays, but this time its stone seats will be filled, it is hoped, by latter day tourists who will find interest in the novel idea. Gabriele d'Annunzio is giving his support to the project, and it is probable that one of his tragedies will be in the repertory.

This ruin of the days of Rome is beautifully located in the ancient Etruscan town that stands upon the olive-covered hills above Florence. It has admirable acoustic properties. Nineteen tiers of stone seats still remain in a semi-circle 37 yards in diameter, while just below these are three more rows of special seats used

## DECISIVE MILITARY ACTION TO BE TAKEN AGAINST TURKISH CAPITAL

(By Associated Press)  
Athens, Greece, Aug. 4.—Responding to the allied powers' note of July 31st the Greek government says that it has decided to occupy Constantinople in order to bring peace by means of decisive military action against the Turkish capital.

Their reply reiterates that the continued delay in the conclusion of peace brings fresh calamities to Christians in Asia-Minor.

## DRUG STANDARDIZATION SOUGHT BY PHILA. SCIENTISTS

(By Associated Press)  
Philadelphia, Aug. 1.—The creation of a national institute of experimental therapy, to have relatively the same scope as the Rockefeller Institute in pathology or the Mayo clinics in surgery, is the plan of Rear Admiral William C. Braisted, retired, for the expansion of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science of which he is president.

The college soon is to leave its present site in North Tenth street for newer and more commodious quarters in West Philadelphia. A plot has been acquired in this section of the city and work on the new college edifice will begin within the year.

According to Admiral Braisted's plan, therapeutics would be placed on the same basis of systematic research and coordination as those of the two other branches of medical science.

While the institute would be meant primarily for students of pharmacy, it would be composed of many buildings, among them, perhaps a large hospital, and laboratories for a host of demonstrators—physicians, chemists, pharmacologists, bacteriologists, serologists, and other scientists.

At present, it was explained, the bulk of pharmaceutical research in this country is made in the laboratories of large drug and chemical companies. While some valuable contributions to medical science have been made by these laboratories, the research work necessarily has been done largely on a commercial basis, and many experiments are said to have been abandoned when their commercial value became doubtful. Also the inevitable competitive spirit makes for a needless multiplication of formulae, thereby making more difficult the problem of drug standardization.

The institute proposed by Admiral Braisted would, to a great extent, remedy this condition.

## WHY SHOULD A SAILOR-MAN FEAR A TORPEDO

(By Associated Press)  
Constantinople, Aug. 4.—A French torpedo-boat recently tested a torpedo during practice, and the mechanism sped straight for the bathing beach of the island of Khalki, in the sea of Marmora. The people saw it coming and rushed to the hills for safety.

All but a Russian sailor. He saw it was losing speed, and swam out to it with a length of rope. Just as it was about to hit the local dock he lassoed it, and a couple of bold boatmen came out and towed it away.

in olden times by persons of rank. It is proposed, beginning next September, to give performances every spring and autumn when the weather in Italy is particularly agreeable. In addition to the d'Annunzio play, the first series of productions will include a Greek classic tragedy, a melodrama, probably Orpheus by Monteverde, and a drama from the pen of a modern Italian writer.