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CLERKS' STRIKE TO BE SETTLED BY PRESIDENT WILSON.

Conferences Between Committee Representing the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks and Officials of the Atlantic Coast Line End in a Deadlock, and Agreement Entered Into That President Wilson Decide Questions at Issue and Settle the Strike.

Representatives of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks and officials of the Atlantic Coast Line met with representatives of the Department of Labor on Thursday morning in an effort to settle the strike which has been on for more than a month on that system, but after conferring at intervals until Friday afternoon without any result it was agreed by both parties that the matter be referred to President Wilson for settlement.

In the first conference there was a deadlock, as the officials of the A. C. L. refused to accept the terms of settlement presented by the Clerks' Committee, so the conference adjourned until the afternoon, when the Atlantic Coast Line officials made a counter proposition, which was rejected by the clerks and it stood deadlocked.

At a meeting held at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon it was agreed by both the clerks and the railroad officials that the settlement of the strike would be referred to President Wilson, both parties agreeing to abide by his decision.

Grand President Jas. Forrester, of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks; Gen. R. M. McWade, and Mr. William Brown Hale, representatives of the Department of Labor, and officials of the Atlantic Coast Line, left for Washington Friday evening at 8:45, and a decision which will settle the strike is expected at an early date.

President J. Selms, of the local branch of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, called to a representative of The Record Friday night that the members of the Clerks' Union considered it the grandest privilege of their life to have the settlement of the strike referred to President Wilson; for there has been so much said by those antagonistic to the union about the action of the clerks in striking at this time, being unpatriotic that the clerks are glad to have the President settle the strike as they are sure his decision will justify them in their position and show to the American people who had acted the unpatriotic part.

President Selms also stated that the clerks now consider the strike virtually settled, as they have the utmost confidence that the President will give them justice—and that is all they ask.

So all of those who have been wont to criticize the Railway Clerks for their stand for their American rights will please back up and shut up.

Movable Grocery Stores.

ELIZABETH N. J., Nov. 21.—Grocery stores that come to the customer is the purpose of a corporation that has filed papers with the county clerk. These traveling stores will be operated by motor. There will be compartments for everything the ordinary grocery store handles. While the movable grocery is primarily intended for rural and suburban districts it can be used in more thickly settled sections. In these it will save grocers' delivery charges.

Street Car Men Raise Wages.

FORT SMITH, Ark., Nov. 21.—The Street Car Men's Union has compromised its wage demand with the local traction company. Wages are increased 4 cents an hour for eighteen months. The union refused to accept a longer contract.

UNION BRIEFS.

Let us have the news from your local each week.

Won't every Union man in Wilmington and every member of the Railway Clerks' Union secure for us at least one new outside subscriber? This will help the cause.

Wilmington has a Union tailor in the person of Mr. G. F. Seljter. He is one of the strongest unionists in the city. We should remember this when having our suits made.

Mr. B. R. Ozment, foreman of The Star composing room, the veteran quail hunter, has returned from a most profitable hunting trip in the neighborhood of "Megow" Farm, near Currie. Bax says he made a "clean-up."

Let every union man in Wilmington refrain from visiting the non-union shows in this city for 30 days, and we will have 100 per cent. union conditions thereafter. Try it out, brothers—it will win!

And, Brother Carpenter, you owe a bit of attention to the Stage Workers' trouble with the moving picture houses in this city. Stay away from these non-union "dumps" and do your duty by your brother unionist of the Stage Workers' Union. Remember your obligation.

Say, you, Brother Railway Clerk, don't fail to do your bit for the Stage Workers' Union by refraining from visiting the non-union moving picture shows. The Stage Workers are your brothers and an injury to one is the concern of all, so act wisely and help them win their rights just as you have in the past few weeks.

Wilmington Trades Council held its regular meeting on Monday night, and delegates were received from the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks. Many matters of interest were handled, among the most important being the appointment of a Labor Food Committee to operate in this city and vicinity in an effort to control retail prices of food and keep them at a proportionate standard with the rates set by the National Food Commission for the wholesale distributors.

A. F. of L. Condemns Postmaster Burleson.

The American Federation of Labor on Wednesday adopted a resolution condemning Postmaster-General Burleson for his "autocratic policy toward postal employees," and instructed the executive council of the federation to obtain an audience with President Wilson and place before him facts "concerning the oppressive, labor policy of the postmaster-general."

Two other resolutions aimed at the postmaster-general for suppression of pre-German newspapers were side-tracked.

The resolution condemning the postmaster-general was introduced by representatives of the National Federation of Postal Employees and the National Association of Letter Carriers.

The states that a quarter of a million postal employees are forced to accept "unsatisfactory working conditions imposed by an autocrat" without protest, and that the unions should begin now to democratize government service.

Mr. K. W. Jewell, Sr., left last night for Petersburg, Va., where he will visit his son, Herndon Jewell.

Mr. Leon Jewell will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Jewell, on Thanksgiving day.

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Read the attractive ad. of C. D. Gilbert on the fifth page, and order one of those nice, fat turkeys for your Thanksgiving dinner.

An order of those delicious Norfolk oysters, as served at the Coast Line Cafe, will please the most exacting. They are fried in Norfolk style and are fit for a king—the finest to be had.

Good things to eat are ever on the bill of fare at the New York Cafe. See ad. on the 8th page.

See attractive ad. of the Wilmington Optical Co. on the 8th page, and take your eye troubles to Dr. Miles W. Maloney. He can handle your troubles.

G. Dannenbaum, 20 Market street, specializes in ladies' coat suits and dresses, at reduced prices, for Thanksgiving. See ad. on 8th page.

Overlann—Model 90-Four. \$795.00— for full details of this marvelous offer, read the attractive ad. of the Cannon Auto Co., on the fourth page.

The popular Fuchs Cash Department Store makes a pre-Christmas salutation in their ad. on the 8th page today, in which they advise their patrons to buy early and get the best. See ad. and heed their warning.

Send your clothes to Wilmington Laundry for Thanksgiving—they wash everything but the baby and return everything promptly but the dirt. Phone 29.

Royal Bakery wishes to announce to their patrons and the public that their specialty for Thanksgiving will be Sally White and Fruit Cake. Phone your orders early. See ad. on 8th page.

Read the attractive ad. of "Bon Marche" on the 8th page. Most inviting bargains are offered in Coat Suits. Their Christmas novelties are now on display. Be sure and visit this beautiful store while making your Christmas purchases.

"Help Your Country Progress," says J. H. Rehder & Co., in their attractive ad. on the 8th page. This enterprising and progressive firm carries one of the largest lines of dry goods, shoes, and gent's furnishings in Eastern North Carolina, among which are many union made products. Call for the label goods and Rehder can serve you. Try a pair of the famous Crawford shoes, which bears the union label, sold by this firm.



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SEAMEN ARE NOT LABORERS, SAYS COURT

Makes Distinction Between "Seamen" and "Laborers" in Refusing Plea of Steamship Co.

The United States Supreme Court has ruled that seamen are not "laborers" within the meaning of the United States contract labor law, which makes it illegal to import contract laborers into this country.

Paul Scharrenberg, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, and member of the Seamen's Union, sued the Dollar Steamship Company for penalties for violation of the law on the ground that 19 Chinese had been brought from China to this country on a British ship for service on American ships. In refusing this plea, the court made a distinction between "seamen" and "laborers," and ruled that the seamen were not brought "into this country."

The same legalistic reasoning is shown in denying the claim that a ship of American registry engaged in foreign commerce is a part of the territory of the United States in the sense that men employed on it can be said to be laboring "in the United States" or "performing labor in this country."

"It is, of course, true," said the court, "that for the purpose of jurisdiction a ship, even on the high seas, is often said to be a part of the territory of the nation whose flag it flies. But in the physical sense this expression is obviously figurative and to expand the doctrine to the extent of treating seamen employed on such a ship as working in the country of its registry would be grotesque."

Will Urge Actors to Join White Rats Union.

The troubles that have beset actors in trying to unionize their ranks claimed the attention of the American Federation of Labor Thursday afternoon. A move by the committee on adjustment to compose the situation by a complete organization was voted down by the convention after the delegates had listened to pleas against such a course by representatives of the White Rats actors union.

The officers of the White Rats made the fight against its adoption. James W. Fitzpatrick offered as a substitute to the report of the adjustment committee a motion providing that the executive council of the federation "urge all actors to join the White Rats actors union and that all organizers of the American Federation of Labor be instructed to offer the White Rats every possible assistance."

The substitute was adopted with only a few dissenting votes. A subscription of \$10,000 to the Canadian victory bond issue was announced by President Gompers and the fraternal delegates from Canada and Great Britain were presented gold watches and rings as mementoes of their visit.

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A Lady's Red Flannel Coat, in front of The Record office. Owner can secure same at 509 S. 4th St. by paying 25c for this ad.

Atlanta Union Workers Are Locked Out.

Machinists, Pipemen and Blacksmiths Working For the Southern Iron and Equipment Co. Locked Out on Account of Failure of Company to Keep Promises.

(Special to The Record.)

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 22.—The machinist employees at the Southern Iron and Equipment Company, on August 28th presented a request for an eight-hour work day and fifty-five cents per hour minimum rate of pay, and after said request was presented the company locked the men out, making the statement that they did not want a single union man in the employ of the company, and further, that the request must be immediately withdrawn by others.

Several conferences were held with the firm after the men were locked out which resulted in an understanding being reached that the men were to receive the eight-hour day and the fifty-five cent minimum rate of pay, the hours to become effective on October 15th.

A notice was therefore placed on the bulletin board of the company to that effect, and a few days after the men returned to work the company took down the notice and stated that the present nine-hour work day would prevail until further notice.

The men have patiently waited since the 15th of October, and have made every effort to have the company make good their promises, but without any encouragement, and when the men made it plain to the company that they expected them to put the eight-hour day in effect immediately as agreed to, they were locked out on November 15.

There is possibly no reason or argument for the position assumed by this company in the present controversy.

The conduct of the company toward the men, treatment accorded them is not in line with business ethics. The promise was made by the company that the requests would be granted and their failure to meet this obligation shows an utter lack of fairness on the part of the managers.

If that be the case the company would do well to take one more think, and in the thinking they must needs conclude that the Southern Iron and Equipment Company will be an organized shop and further, such a condition would not only be of the advantage to the men but of decided advantage to the company.

Record Crops.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—American farmers will have a total corn crop of 3,191,043,060 bushels, or 66,000,000 more than ever grown before in the United States, according to the Department of Agriculture's estimate. The potato crop, with 439,639,000 bushels, will also break all records.

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