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## New Commodity Rates Have Become Effective

### ON FREIGHT TRAFFIC

**A Protest is Filed with the Southern Traffic League and Other Traffic Organizations But the Interstate Commerce Commission Made the New Freight Rates Effective on and After July 1st.**

Washington, July 2.—New commodity rates prepared by railroads to affect freight traffic to and from points in the southeast of the United States on and after July 1st have been allowed to become effective by the interstate commerce commission in consequence of which a protest had been filed with Southern Traffic League and other traffic organizations.

The protest asked the commission to prevent the rates from becoming effective until an investigation could be made and charged that the schedule would involve increases in freight generally but the commission denied this. The general commodity under orders of interstate commerce commission which allowed revision of a large number of existing rate conditions by which short haul traffic was charged amounts in excess of long haul traffic.

### NEW LAW FOR MOTOR VEHICLES

Raleigh, June 30.—North Carolina's new law requiring all motor vehicles to come to a full stop before crossing a railroad track in this state becomes effective tomorrow morning.

"It has been the experience of the railroad companies that in no instance has a crossing accident occurred where the simple precautions required by the 'stop statute' have been observed," according to Murray Allen, railroad attorney here, "and it is the opinion of experts in charge of the safety departments of the large railroads that the universal observance of this law will result in a gradual but entire elimination of crossing accidents."

"According to a report sent out by the bureau of safety of the Interstate Commerce Commission, railroad accidents involving automobiles and automobile trucks at highway crossings have increased nearly 50 per cent since 1917.

"From January to October, 1922, there were 2,221 such accidents in the United States, resulting in the death of 798 persons, and in the July of 1911. For the week ending June 2, 1923, there were 25 fatal accidents of this character, resulting in the death of 26 persons.

"In the last five years, as shown by statistics, 9,161 persons have been injured in accidents in the United States, killed and 24,298 injured in crossings in Virginia and other states in which the law requires drivers to come to a complete stop before crossing a railroad, there has been a 50 per cent reduction in crossing accidents in the past year."

### BIRTH

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edwin Brown late of Wilson, but now of Augusta, Ga., announce the birth of a daughter, Sarah Cornelia Brown, June 25th, 1923. Mrs. Brown is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Lamm of Lenoira, N. C.

## SAYS FORD WOULD HURT DEMOCRATS

**Mr. Mack of the National Democratic Committee Says Republicans and Democrats Will Choose from Own Ranks.**

New York, July 2.—Henry Ford heading an independent party would bring about a Republican victory in the next presidential campaign, Norman E. Mack of Buffalo, Democratic National Committeeman from New York, declared last night in discussing the reported candidacy of Henry Ford.

From indications he said both the Democrats and Republicans will choose their presidential candidates from their own ranks. "Mr. Ford is a wonderful man and has a tremendous following," Mr. Mack said, "and is more in line with Democrats than Republicans when it comes to the tariff. I look upon Mr. Ford as a very progressive man who stands for many of the things the Democratic party has favored for many years."

### WEATHER

For North Carolina, partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday, local showers, gentle easterly winds.

## RUHR VALLEY IS AGAIN THE SCENE OF DISTURBANCES

### SABOTAGE IS USED

**The Krupp Works at Essen Were Partially Occupied by the French Yesterday; Belgians are Preparing a Program That Will Impose Various Penalties.**

Berlin, July 2.—The Ruhr valley is again the forefront as the focal point of the reparations struggles between Germany and the allied while differences in policy toward Germany are being thrashed out diplomatically in London, Paris and Brussels.

Deadly sabotage by the Germans such as Saturday's bombing of a Belgian troop train have been followed by both French and Belgian reprisals. The Krupp works have been occupied whole or in part by the French. The Belgians are seizing hostages and are preparing a program that may impose penalties of different nature. Towns in the Ruhr are being occupied by the French while the boycott of Frankfurt in the south is reported entirely cut off.

In London the French reply to the British questionnaire on the Franco-British policy impatiently awaited by the British foreign office is expected today. Paris indicates the outrages in the Ruhr and Rhine-land have only strengthened French determination to hold firm until Germany yields.

The Krupp works at Essen were partially occupied by the French yesterday according to an Essen dispatch to the Mittag and work ceased in the departments affected so far as is known in German quarters the sections occupied comprise only the foundry, the boiler works, the electric plant and locomotive and car construction department.

It is not known whether the occupation is temporary for the purpose of making requisitions or if it is to be continued definitely.

Paris, July 2.—A solution of the reparations problem and the Ruhr occupation by pressure upon France to change her viewpoint is doomed to failure according to semi-official information obtained today. Strong feeling was evident today at the French foreign office against the British attitude and tone of the suggestions in recent letter of Poincaré which "are based upon French conceptions of a road of bringing Germany to realize the necessity of fulfilling her obligations," it was declared.

French governmental circles are also convinced that the efforts of the British to induce Germany by persuasion to change her attitude will prove fruitless.

## HARDING TRYING TO GET INTEREST OF PROGRESSIVES

### NOT SO CONSERVATIVE

**The President Realized That He Failed to Get the Farmers With His Kansas Speech and He is Now Trying to Tinge His Speeches to Appeal to Independent Voter.**

(By David Lawrence)  
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Helena, Montana, July 2.—President Harding is aspiring to the role of moral leadership which gave Woodrow Wilson and Theodore Roosevelt their hold on that great body of independent voters sometimes called "progressives" who swing the balance of power in the American electorate today.

Tinging his speeches in Idaho and Montana with a little of what might in other days have been called "radicalism" the President made these significant declarations.

First, recognizing that his Hutchinson, Kansas speech didn't go to the root of the farm problem, he came out four square for the principle of cooperative marketing by the producer with a hint of cooperative buying by the consumer if the middleman didn't take warning. Definite plans have not been worked out but will be submitted to Congress next fall.

Second, he struck boldly at those Republicans of the conservative variety who since the campaign of 1920 have sought to convey the impression that with Harding in the White House union labor would be fought with the influence of the federal administration and that the "open shop" would be made the rule rather than the exception.

Third, the President preached a sermon on the proper relation of woman to the home but pointed out that social justice demanded living wages for the fatherless mother, too, be compelled to work to support the family. Mr. Harding's statement in his speech here that the high scale of wages brought by the war had done a great deal to correct inequalities in America's economic system was coupled with remarks that he didn't sympathize with those who shout for "deflation of labor" or who advance the argument that "wages must come down and union labor crushed." This will have an important bearing on the next campaign.

Fourth, preaching the outlawry of war, the President took a leaf out of Senator Borah's book of ideals in the Senator's own state. Incidentally, the eagerness of Senator Borah to be seen with the President in Idaho and the interview given by him approving Mr. Harding's world court scheme as amended in the St. Louis speech means nothing more nor less than a recognition on the part of Mr. Borah that in the campaign of 1924 he must be regular Republican in Idaho if he wants to be reelected. Mr. Borah has slowly but surely been discarding connection with a third party movement for president, Idaho Republicans say Borah must come in line and be a regular if he wants to be re-nominated. They have successfully amended the primary law so that Mr. Borah must cater to regular organization in the state which is pro-Harding.

It will be noted, by the way, that (Continued on Page 6)

## TWO MILLION SPENT FOR AUTO LICENSES

Raleigh, July 2.—Two million dollars had been received up to July 1st for automobile licenses. Secretary of State W. N. Everett announced this morning. The fee added is nearly twice as much as was paid in last year. To date more than 112,000 licenses have been issued.

Mr. Everett stated at the time that the license office is heavily taxed by the great volume of business and the state inspectors have been called in and through the press of the state to assist in making an informal request of sheriffs and other peace officers that they not enforce the provision of the license law for the next 10 or 15 days in order that the department will have opportunity to issue license to all who have applied.

## BOARD MAKES FINAL DECISION AS TO COURT HOUSE

The County Commissioners in session today after discussing the new court house and jail and its location passed a resolution to build the new structure on its present site. They considered the petition from Cross Roads township, signed by a number of its citizens, and each member of the Board stated that after due consideration and earnest inquiry among the people of their several townships and the people of Wilson township had come to the conclusion that a very large majority of the people of Wilson county desire the new court house and jail be placed on its present site, since the present site is more convenient for all the people of the county, and they desire to meet the wishes of the majority of the people.

In accordance with this opinion the following resolution was unanimously passed.

"Resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Wilson County that a new court house and jail be erected on the site of the present court house and that bonds be issued for same. That the same committee be continued to secure competent architect to draw up plans and specifications and report to the board on the first meeting in August."

Virginia \$3,000 and condition 9 per cent of a normal; North Carolina 1,704,000; South Carolina 2,049,000.

The Mayflower was a vessel of 130 tons. Electric locomotives are more efficient in cold than in hot weather.

## COMMISSIONERS FIX TAX RATE FOR THIS COUNTY AT \$1.29

### DISCUSS MANY MATTERS

Talk of Roads, Court House, Schools, and the Tax Rate, and the Splendid School Plant That Wilson County Has, Convinced They Are Being Run at Lowest Cost.

The county commissioners, with all present, held one of their most interesting sessions this morning and discussed matters of special importance to the people of Wilson county. They fixed the rate on the county house and jail definitely on its present site being situated after examining the people in the various townships that wanted the courthouse to occupy its present site. A resolution by the county appears in another part of the paper.

The commissioners received communication from Governor McCreight regarding the abolition of whipping in the prisons of the state of the union and foreign countries had abolished whipping and that it existed more in the southern states than elsewhere. The commissioners will acknowledge the receipt of the letter and inform his excellency that Wilson county has always been humane in the treatment of its prisoners. They paid a high compliment to Captain Herndon and stated they had confidence in his ability and integrity in dealing with the prisoners under his charge.

The board also discussed at length the work on the Black Creek road, and the length of time that it has taken. Work was begun February, 1922. Mr. Tomlin on the member from Black Creek township stated that the failure to finish the road was putting the people of that section to a great deal of inconvenience, and that unless something is done he did not believe it would be finished by the time the tobacco market opens. He said that the road project had been finished all except about forty yards and that with the small force of hands working on it, that he had taken about two weeks to finish about 160 yards. He stated that a force of hands are now engaged in putting the top coat on, and are proceeding rapidly with the work. The bridge over the Atlantic Coast line railroad on the Black Creek road will be 26 feet above the level of the road, and considerable grading will have to be done on each side of the bridge for the approaches. It was decided to make arrangements to the Highway Commission regarding the road, and to agree to have the work put at a small, if possible, cost.

The county commissioners received the report of the fourth and fifth sessions of the board.

## FIFTEEN HURT AT AUTO RACE

Tours France, July 2.—Fifteen persons were injured when a car in the automobile grand prix failed to make the hair pin turn on the first round today. The car hooked its rear wheel on a post swung across the road and ran into a tree, sending time and sweeping the crowd. Three children had their skulls broken and a woman had both legs broken. The race was won by Senaer driving a Sunbeam car.

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## Norwood Definitely Resigns As Chairman

### FAVORS ADDITION TO NAT'L PARK

**President Said He Would Use His Influence to Have Congress Add Mountains to the Park.**

On Board President Harding's Special Train, July 2.—Two days spent by President Harding in Yellowstone National Park has had the effect of making him a strong advocate to add the mountain region to the park area.

The chief executive shortly before leaving the park late yesterday indicated that not only would he approve legislation to add the mountains to this park but he would use his influence to bring about such an act by Congress.

The President's party spent the greater part of the day traveling across Montana with Spokane as the next stop. There the President will make one of the principle speeches of his trip tonight.

### AMERICAN TENNIS PLAYER IN SEMI-FINALS

Wimbledon, July 2.—Wm. M. Johnston No. 2 in the American lawn tennis ranking today won his way into the semi-finals for the world's single championship by defeating Cecil Campbell of Ireland 6-1, 6-7, 6-2, 6-2.

The last of the American women players were eliminated today for the winning for the world's single title. Mrs. Molla B. Mallory, American champion, was put out by Mrs. Goddard of Great Britain, after a two-hour battle which went three sets, and Mrs. Eleanor Case was beaten by Mrs. Kathleen McCain the English champion.

ROCKWELL BANK WILL REOPEN Tomorrow, July 2.—The bank of Rockwell, one of four in Rowan county that were closed recently, has made all plans for reopening some day this week it was learned today. The banks were closed after the reorganization of the Mecklenburg mills was announced.

## RELIGION IN RUSSIA IS NOT DEAD

Stockholm, July 1.—Religion in Russia is not dead. War on religion, as reported in the recent execution of Archbishop Zephal and the trials of priests and bishops, has this unexpected sequel: One hundred Russian Baptists, ministers and lay delegates, are on their way—with the permission of the Soviet government—to Stockholm to attend the world Baptist congress just now.

This convention, the first international session of the Baptists in 12 years, opens on July 23 and will last for a week. Of the 2,000 delegates, about 1,000 are expected from America.

Since the Rev. R. S. MacArthur of New York, who was president of the Baptist World Alliance, died last February, and Dr. John Clifford of London, deputy president, will probably not be able to attend an account of his advanced age, the Rev. J. H. Shakespeare, European secretary of the movement, has taken charge of the arrangements.

"America is the dominant Baptist country in the world," he says, "and Russia, surprisingly, is second." In the days of the czar we had only 150,000 members there. Today Soviet government does not interfere with our religious services.

"In their ability to open to any creed they choose, thousands of Russians are joining the church. If the czar keeps on harassing Russia may displace the United States as the Baptist Baptist nation."

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## SAYS TABERT WAS NOT HURT MUCH

Lake City, Fla., July 2.—Declaring that Martin Tabert whipped better the day after he was whipped for two weeks before M. H. LaGrogne former foreman of the Putnam Lumber Company testified today for the defense in the trial of Thos. W. Higginbotham, former convict whipping boss, charged with the death of Tabert.

The witness said Tabert used a shovel as a member of his section gang and also used a heavy pole by raising the railway track in order to allow others to fill in washouts underneath. He worked up until three o'clock Saturday said he had a chill. He knocked off from work and a fire was built to warm him up. The chill occurred Saturday after Tabert had been whipped the Friday night before.

"How long did the chill last?" Attorney Chapman for the defense asked.

"About thirty minutes," LaGrogne said.

### PUBLISHES STATEMENT

**Mr. Norwood Says That His Time Must Be Devoted to Other Affairs Since the Failure of the Mecklenburg Mills and He Must Insist That His Resignation Be Accepted; Committee Will Probably be Called to Meet Next Wednesday.**

Salisbury, July 2.—J. D. Norwood will resign as chairman of the State Democratic committee according to an interview today from him published in the Salisbury Evening Post.

Mr. Norwood was said to be preparing to call a meeting of the state executive committee probably Wednesday for the purpose of submitting his resignation.

Demands of his private business upon his time after the Mecklenburg mills company was thrown into receivership was said to have caused Mr. Norwood to make this decision.

"I have neither the time or money to act as chairman and will have to insist on my resignation," said Mr. Norwood.

License has been issued for the marriage of Temple Cook of Norfolk Va., and Rita Cook of Tidwell township, A. T. Perry of Wilson and Minnie Bryant of Holcomb.

Nearly \$3,000,000 worth of agriculture implements are expected from the United States each month.

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AGAIN AFTER ANDERSON

New York, July 2.—District Attorney Blanton, whose office recently dropped an investigation on charges against Wm. H. Anderson state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, announced that on the basis of newly obtained evidence he would ask the grand jury to indict Anderson for grand larceny, extortion and forgery.

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