

PLANS MADE FOR GOV. RELIEF WORK OF EX-SOLDIERS

SPECIAL COMMISSION BUSY

Among Recommendations is Creation of a Veterans Service Administration to Take Charge of Government Relief Work Among Ex-Soldiers, Also Medical Care.

Washington, April 8.—Several specific recommendations, chief among them the creation of the veterans service administration to take charge of government relief work among ex-soldiers and to be headed by a director general, responsible directly to the President, were contained in the report submitted to President Harding by his special commission investigating the case of veterans.

Charles G. Dawes, of Chicago, chairman of the commission, told the President as he handed him the report, that he believed the recommendations were sound and that they would prove a satisfactory solution of the troubles existing in the present administration of soldier relief work. Early action by President Harding on the report is expected.

Recommendation number one provides for the new agency, and gives it jurisdiction over the bureau of war risk insurance, the rehabilitation division of the federal board for vocational education and such part of the public health service as may be necessary to care properly for disabled soldiers. It also asks that a director general assume charge of the new agency with full authority to obtain necessary facilities when those already available prove inadequate. This provision would permit the lease or purchase of hospital buildings whenever the demand exceeded the supply.

Number three says that pending the enactment of new laws, Secretary Mellon, of the treasury, shall issue orders to the heads of the public health and war risk bureaus, authorizing the latter bureau to take charge of the public health activities and personnel engaged in providing medical care for the veterans. The effect would be to consolidate these bureaus under one head by executive order without waiting for Congress to act, to risk delay from that cause.

The next recommendation provides for an immediate extension and utilization of all government hospital facilities with such mobilization of civilian medical services as may prove practicable.

INCREASED COAL RATES REFUSED

Interstate Commerce Commission Refuses Increase on Rates to Carolinas.

Washington, April 8.—Proposed increases of 20 cents a ton on the joint rates from coal in mines on the Cumberland Railroad to connections in Tennessee, the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida, and Alabama were found by interstate commerce commission to be not justified.

The proposed schedules now under suspension were ordered cancelled.

HARRIS ALLEGED CONFESSION IS GIVEN SERIOUS ATTENTION

New York, April 8.—Impressed by detailed account of the Joseph L. Elwell murder given at Buffalo yesterday by Roy Harris former Governor Whitman who is in charge of the investigation of the murder said he was beginning to take more seriously Harris' alleged confession of complicity in the crime.

It was reported today that Mr. W. Harris was making an effort to bring Harris brought to New York.

GOVERNOR WOULD INCREASE HOSPITAL MEDICAL STAFFS

INSANE LACK ATTENTION

Interest Governor Has Shown in State's Unfortunates Commendable. Delegates to the Good Roads Association. Campaign to Reduce Typhoid in the State.

(By Max Abernethy) Raleigh, April 8.—Looking over the Morrison administration, from cellar to garret, Governor Morrison has concluded that one of the first things that should be remedied is the lack of medical attention at the hospitals for the insane at Morganton, Raleigh and Goldsboro.

The governor has given this phase of his administration enough thought and consideration to authorize the statement that he does not intend to go out of office without having done his best to double, triple or maybe quadruple the medical staff at the institutions for the unfortunate. It is possible that the directors may be convinced to go even further in this direction but the point Governor Morrison has in mind is to materially increase the nursing and medical staffs of the various State hospitals.

Although Governor Morrison had some difficulty, when he was racing for the governorship, to satisfy the voters he was only a politician seeking what office he might devour yet the hospital directors are convinced that there has never been an executive who sought the light harder than his present excellency. The interest the governor has shown in the welfare of the State's unfortunates, and his recommendations to provide better treatment for them, will be one of the high lights of the present administration.

There is no charge laid at any hospital door because of the prevailing conditions but Governor Morrison thinks that 1,200 patients, sick in mind or body or both, ought to be provided with more than three physicians. Such is the condition at the State Hospital for the Insane at the capital city. Under the best conditions twelve hundred mentally and physically sound persons, says the governor, require more attention than three physicians can give. His excellency will see that the situation is remedied.

Already he has impressed upon the hospital directors in language as strong as can be spoken. The governor has not forgotten that "the care of our unfortunates" was one of his inaugural planks and he does not intend to let his promise to the people pass out of his mind.

The hospital directors will not be allowed to forget either for the governor has served notice that there will be no let-up until there has been a radical change in the affairs of the institutions. While he was being criticized for asking for power to hire and fire his own subordinates Governor Morrison was only looking for a means to the end. If a hospital board sought to neglect a thousand patients there would be no earthly way of changing the system, and consequently the Morrison request can now be understood.

What the Morrison administration lacks in power to remove from office it is well fortified in power of persuasion, and it is through this method the governor will get action.

There is to be no let-up in the campaign launched against the sale of questionable stock by "wild-cat" salesmen declared Commissioner Stacy W. Wade of the State Department of Insurance today. The fact that the International Petroleum Company of Texas, through the use of the mails and the name of Roland F. Beasley, former State Commissioner of public welfare, is endeavoring to do business in North Carolina in open violation of the law only adds to the company's unsavory tactics. Commissioner Wade thinks.

"We do not want the people of (Continued on page 8)

ENGLAND FACING THE MOST SERIOUS LABOR CONDITIONS

A TRIPLE ALLIANCE

Transport Workers and Railroad Men Are Planning a Sympathetic Strike to be Called to Aid Cause of the Striking Miners. George Failed to Placate Matters.

London, April 8.—The railway men and transport workers this evening decided to strike in sympathy with the miners Tuesday morning negotiations between miners and owners failing.

London, April 8.—All efforts of Mr. Lloyd George, the Prime Minister, to bring the miners and mine owners together to discuss the differences which led to strike in the coal fields having failed the miners executives went into conference with their partners in the triple alliance—railway employes and transport workers—to decide when members of the allied organizations would be called out in a sympathetic strike.

Last night's decision by the Prime Minister at the suggestion of the more moderate labor interests to invite the mine owners and workers to a conference this morning at which the first subject would be a resumption of pumping to clear the mines of water led the general public to the belief that a settlement was in sight and the impending strike promising to be the greatest in the history of the country would be averted.

The miners were adamant in their stand insisting there should be no restriction regarding the questions to be discussed by conferees and an exchange of letters failed to change their minds.

PROPOSE REDUCE RAILWAY RATES

A General and Exhaustive Investigation of Railway Conditions Probable.

Wash. Apr. 8.—Chairman Cummings of the Senate interstate Commission drafted his resolution for introduction next week authorizing a general and exhaustive investigation of railroad affairs. It is planned to open the inquiry about April 15 and the Senate expects to see President Harding in regard to the matter.

One phase of the inquiry will have to do with the best means of bringing about a reduction in railway rates. The resolution also authorizes the committee to inquire into the efficiency or inefficiency of railway operation since the return of the railroads to private ownership. Other subjects include a reduction in freight rates.

SHIP EMPLOYEES REFUSE TO ACCEPT WAGE CUT

Philadelphia, April 8.—Thirty five representatives of the 10,000 ship employees of the Reading system today refused to accept an 18 per cent reduction in wages proposed by F. M. Falck, general manager of the system.

UNSETTLED WEATHER.



For North Carolina: Unsettled weather tonight and Saturday probably showers and not much change in temperature with moderate to fresh southeast and south winds.

GREEK FORCES HAVE MET WITH SEVERE REVERSES

ALL FORCE ENDANGERED

Nationalists Have Resumed Advance in the Brusa Sector and Entire Greek Army in Asia Minor is Threatened. Six Thousand Greeks Are in Hospitals.

Paris, April 8.—Turkish Nationalists have resumed their advance in the Brusa sector of Asia Minor according to dispatches received at the French foreign office.

Fears are entertained here for the safety of the entire Greek Expeditionary force. The magnitude of the reverses suffered by the Greeks appears to be greater than at first supposed.

6,000 wounded Greeks are said to be in hospitals in Brusa.

BRICKS ARE CHEAPER.

Chicago, April 8.—A 25 per cent reduction in the price of bricks was announced by a local brick factory. Bricks formerly costing \$16 a thousand will be reduced to \$12 a thousand effective Monday.

VISITING IN CHARLESTON

The following item from the Charleston (S. C.) News and Courier is of interest here:

"Mrs. C. H. Pierce of Wilson, N. C., is expected to arrive today when she will be the guest of Mrs. Watson Finger. Mrs. Pierce was formerly Miss Nina DeVeaux of Charleston and has many warm friends here to welcome her. A number of entertainments are planned in her honor."

CANADA HAS RIGHT SECURE BERGDOLL

Draft Evader Admits That He Traveled From Canada Irregularly.

London, April 8.—Canada can extradite Grover Bergdoll, but Great Britain cannot, in the opinion of legal experts of the government who have been working on the request of the United States that England get the slacker from Germany and turn him over to the American authorities. The offense with which he is charged in Canada is extraditable, but his infraction of British law while in London is not extraditable in the pre-war treaty between England and Germany. This decision will be forwarded to the Ottawa government with a suggestion from the colonial office here that Canada carefully prepare its evidence preliminary to laying the matter before the German government through the colonial office.

But if extradition proceedings are successful it does not follow that the United States will get Bergdoll soon. As pointed out in these dispatches recently, England and the dominions are jealous of the rights a British passport carries and doubtless the Ottawa government will prosecute the case to the limit if Bergdoll is turned over to it. When the Canadian law has been satisfied then it would be up to the United States and Canada to decide whether he should return to a United States prison.

Bergdoll has admitted that he traveled from Canada on a passport obtained irregularly.

PRICE OF FLOUR DROPS.

Minneapolis, April 8.—Flour prices in Minneapolis have dropped 50 cents a barrel the last week bringing the price of standard patents at mills down to \$8.15 to \$8.40 a barrel.

GERMANY PROBABLY WILL ADVANCE NEW PLAN OF REPARATION

NOTHING SAID OFFICIALLY

Germany May Try to Interest United States in Fresh Proposition on Reparation. Suggested Allies and Germans May be Asked to Hold Conference in Washington.

Paris, April 8.—It was stated semi-officially here today that a fresh proposition on reparations was expected from Germany. Unconfirmed reports are to the effect that Germany is making another effort to interest the United States by negotiation between Carl Bergman German under secretary of treasury and Roland W. Boyden formerly American unofficial representative with the allied reparation commission.

Mr. Boyden however is in Vienna on his way to Constantinople.

Nothing is known in official circles of the reported invitation of the allies and Germans to meet in Washington to discuss reparations and it was declared here that there is little likelihood that such a meeting would take place. It is expected that the Allies will issue an ultimatum to Germany on the expiration of the time limit on May 20 for the payment of ten billion gold marks.

MARKETS

COTTON

New York, April 8.—Liverpool advices made an unfavorable impression on steinment in the cotton market here today. The opening is unchanged to 6 points lower and prices between 11.70 and 11.78 for May and 12.25 and 12.23 for July after the call.

New York, April 8.—Cotton futures opened steady. May 11.70, July 12.25, Oct. 12.90, Dec. 13.19, Jan. 13.32.

The market at noon was as follows: Jan 13.27, May 11.72, July 12.27, Oct. 12.87, Dec. 13.18.

The market closed at 3 p. m. as follows: Jan. 13.12, Mar. 13.34, May 11.62, July 12.15, Oct. 12.72, Dec. 13.02.

Spots Wilson market 10 cents.

New York, April 8.—Recent reactionary tendencies in the stock market were again observed at the hesitant opening of today's session. The sudden uprush of money rates in yesterday's final dealing and overnight advices regarding British labor conditions prompted further caution. Redding and Royal dutch were strong gaining 1 and 1-2.

Story Telling Class Met.

The Story Telling Class met this afternoon at 4:30 in the Sunday School rooms of the Methodist church. Some special work will be studied and discussed with Mrs. E. H. Hanley leading.

WRIGHT CORPORATION MAY LIQUIDATE

New York, April 8.—The Wright Aeronautical corporation, capitalized at \$6,000,000 would be compelled to liquidate if the government carried out its rumored plans of opening aircraft factories, George H. Houston, the president, said at a meeting of the stockholders. If the government continued to place its aircraft orders with private concerns he was confident of sufficient business to enable the corporation to operate until the demand for commercial airplanes grew, he said.

In presenting his annual report Mr. Houston said the situation applied not only to the Wright company but to the aeronautical industry as a whole. The report showed that during the last year the Wright company produced and shipped nearly \$1,500,000 worth of aeronautical motors and parts. The bulk of this business was obtained from the government. The report showed net profits from operations of \$190,173.57.

WILLIAMS CASE GOES TO THE JURY PROBABLY TODAY

MAKING THE FINAL PLEAS

Barring Mistrial There Are 3 Possible Verdicts, Acquittal or Conviction of Murder With Chance of Recommendation for Mercy Which Means Life Imprisonment.

Covington, Ga., April 8.—The case of John S. Williams Jasper County farmer on trial for the murder of one of 11 negroes alleged to have been killed on his plantation was expected to go to the jury today. With the presentation of evidence concluded and arguments begun yesterday it was believed final pleas would be completed this afternoon.

Closing arguments for the prosecution will be made today by W. M. Howard, former Congressman from Georgia, while Green F. Johnson of Monticello, Ga., chief counsel for the defense will make the final plea for acquittal. The privilege for making the initial and final arguments was given the defense by reason of having introduced Williams as the sole witness for the defense.

Barring a mistrial there are three possible verdicts, acquittal or conviction of murder with the chance of the latter being accompanied by a recommendation for mercy which would automatically change the sentence to life imprisonment.

Should Williams be acquitted of the present charge he would not be freed as he would be held for trial on two other murder indictments returned against him in this county in connection with the death of three negroes.

TO THE VOTERS OF THE 5TH. WARD.

I wish to thank each and every one for your liberal support in the recent primary, and assure you that I shall endeavor to render such service as I deem to be for the best interest of my town.

Respectfully yours, R. H. Boswell.

MUNICIPAL DEMONSTRATION OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Greenville, S. C., April 8.—One thousand persons will participate in the municipal demonstration of physical education to be held here Saturday April 9 and 16. This is the second time a demonstration of this kind has ever been staged in the South.

CONSPIRACY CASE GOES TO THE JURY

Forty-five Men Charged With Robbery From Express Co. Will Hear Verdict.

Macon, Ga., April 8.—Forty five men on trial here in Federal Court charged with conspiracy to rob the American express company may know their fate tonight.

Federal Judge Evans was scheduled to start reading his charge to the jury this afternoon. It is not expected it will consume more than two hours.

BREAD PRICES REDUCED.

Chicago, April 8.—The price of pound loaves of bread was reduced today from 10 to 9 cents by a concern operating a chain of stores

JUNIOR DAUGHTERS TO MEET

The Junior Daughters of Confederacy will meet with Miss Rosalind Bryan Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock.