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GOV. SEND TROOPS TO ROCKY MOUNT

Thirteen Policemen at Company Shops Husted Out of City by Strikers

Governor Morrison was requested last night by the mayor of Rocky Mount and the sheriffs of Edgecombe and Nash counties to send troops to guard the Rocky Mount shops of the Atlantic Coast Line. The Governor directed that the request be put in writing and forwarded to him. At the same time he ordered Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts, who is at Camp Glenn with the 10th Infantry, to proceed to Raleigh. General Metts left at once by automobile and he will confer with the Governor on the situation today.

The Governor indicated last night that he would take no action until after receipt of the written request and the conference with General Metts today.

ROCKY MOUNT, July 16.—Thirteen special company policemen, who have been guarding the Atlantic Coast Line shops at South Rocky Mount, were kidnapped and hustled out of the city in automobile early this morning by a band of alleged top strikers, estimated to number anywhere from 100 to 300. Later today railroad officials stated that 7 of the guards had reported from points around Elm City and Wilson, while the other six are still missing. Other developments today included the securing of an injunction against the striking workers by the Atlantic Coast Line railroad and the addressing of a mass meeting of the strikers and others by Mayor C. L. Gay, who urged the men to stay within the law and advised that outside force would be requested to cope with the situation unless the provisions of the law were obeyed.

Railway officials, who conversed with some of the deported men over long distance telephone, quote the men as saying that they were taken to points somewhere in the vicinity of Wilson and Elm City in machines by their kidnapers and then dumped out. The men were roughly treated, according to company officials, and two received injuries which were of sufficient seriousness to cause them to seek the attention of physicians. A complete investigation of the affair is understood to be under way while search is being made for the missing men.

The thirteen special policemen, who made up part of the night shift at the Emerson shops, were seized, local authorities say, while they were having lunch shortly after midnight in the restaurant at South Rocky Mount. The gang of alleged strikers, variously estimated to number anywhere between 100 and 300 persons, entered the restaurant and told the guards to give up their weapons. This request was complied with, it is stated, except in one or two instances where the weapons were secured without any great exertion on the part of the members of the mob. The men were then, according to the evidence gathered by city officials, hustled into cars and taken from the city.

Their whereabouts remained a mystery until well up in the day when railroad officials received long distance telephone calls, they state, advising that seven of the men had showed up at Wilson and Elm City, while three of the number were suffering from injuries received, the exact nature of which has not been determined, as the result of their night's experience. Officials here instructed railway physicians to give attention to the men at the point at which they reported. What happened to the other six men had not been learned up until a late hour this afternoon.—News and Observer, July 16th.

None That He Knew Of.

Tax Collector: "Is there any incumbrance on your property, uncle?"

Uncle Rastus, warily: "Nawsuh, not ez I knows of, but dey's a purty good mite ob watercress cesh down de ol' sprin'."

It is rumored that there was a fight between the two men.

ON TRIAL IN OWN COURTROOM

Former Judge Arraigned in Room Where He Once Presided.

JEWETT CITY, Conn., July 13.—In the very courthouse where for many years he has been a deputy judge, John Potter, one of the leading Democrats of this section, faces trial charged with having illegally possessed 129 barrels of hard cider, seized recently in a raid on the judge's big farmhouse.

"Politics," his friend say. "The Republicans were afraid he was going to stage a boom for something and thought this move would block it. But the action hasn't proved popular, and maybe it will be a boomerang."

FINDS HUMAN HAND IN CASKET

Auto Tourist Who Becomes Lost Makes Strange Discovery.

LIVINGSTON, Mont., July 13.—H. M. Workman, an automobile tourist who became lost in the wild country over the Wyoming border, has returned to Livingston with a peculiar relic. During the time he was lost Mr. Workman happened across an old, deserted cabin. He entered and found a silverplated jewel casket of rich pattern on a table. Inside the casket was the skeleton of a human hand.

The casket, local jewelers say, dates back to the days of George III, and was made by a London, England, firm of that period. On it the initials "J. B." are engraved.

Workman says the cabin in which he found the casket was in an old clearing which has long ago grown up to brush, in a section of country far off the beaten trail. He discovered the structure while trying to find his way thru the brush. Even when first erected the cabin was in a wilderness, with no other habitation near. No one with whom he talked after making his way back to the traveled roads, he says, knew of the existence of the cabin.

FARMERS' STATE CONVENTION RALEIGH, AUGUST 1, 2, AND 3RD

The Farmers' State Convention this year is one of the events that no farmer can afford to miss.

Mr. U. B. Blalock, the President, is going to Detroit to personally request Henry Ford to speak at the Convention.

The names of some of the prominent speakers follows:

From outside the state: Hon. A. F. Lever, Author Smith-Lever bill.

Hon. Henry C. Stuart, Ex-Governor of Virginia.

H. S. Moble, International Harvester Company.

Roland Turner, General Agriculture Agent, Southern Railway.

J. R. Howard, President Farm Bureau Federation.

Mrs. Chas. Schuttler, of Ohio.

Within the State: Hon. Robt. N. Page, Ex-Member Congress.

E. C. Branson, Professor Rural Social Science, University of N. C.

F. P. Latham, State Board of Agriculture.

G. A. Norwood, President Tobacco Growers' Association.

From Raleigh: Hon. Cameron Morrison, Governor.

Dr. Clarence Poe, Editor Progressive Farmer.

Dr. E. C. Brooks, State Supt. of Public Instruction.

Dr. B. W. Kilgore, Director of the Extension Service, and several very able speakers within the organization.

There will be demonstrations of: The Radio Cotton Dusting Etc. Reduced Railroad Fare Meals 50c. Lodging Free (take sheets, pillow slips and toilet articles.)

Martin Shepherd Improving.

Martin Shepherd, of Wilders township, who was shot on July 7, and was rushed to Rex hospital at Raleigh in a critical condition, is reported as improving. An operation was not found necessary, and he is now able to sit up. Unless complications set in, he is expected to be able to leave the hospital at an early date. Mr. Shepherd was alleged to have been shot by J. M. Oneal who was arrested and has given bond for his appearance at the August term of court. It is rumored that there was a fight between the two men.

JOHNSTON BOASTS BEST JERSEY COW

Mr. L. F. Uzzle at His Dairy At Wilson's Mills Has Best Jersey in State

Johnston county has the honor of having three of the best Jersey cows in the State. These cows, which have made the unusual records indicated in the letter which follows, belong to Mr. L. F. Uzzle, of Wilson's Mills, where Mr. Uzzle runs an up-to-date dairy. The county should feel justly proud of the records printed below:

State College Station, Raleigh, N. C., July 12th, 1922.

Mr. L. F. Uzzle, Wilson's Mills, N. C.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your records for the cows on test in your herd during the past year. I think you should feel real proud of the fact that you have three cows which beat the former Sr. 4-year-old state record.

Pogis completed her work in May exceeding the state record by about 150 pounds. Mona's Damsel completed her record in March exceeding the state record by about one pound, and Grace has finished with a record of nearly 180 pounds above the state record. I am glad to know that it is held by a cow of Eminent breeding.

This will probably prevent my cow from taking this record this year as I had hoped she would do. It looks now like she would finish around 600 pounds.

Eminent bred cows hold the Jr. 2-year-old, the Sr. 3-year-old, the Jr. and Sr. 4-year-old and the state record for all breeds and also the state record for milk production over all Jerseys. This makes a pretty creditable record for Eminent bred cattle. I am making a memorandum of this for the Extension folks to use in their monthly report.

Very truly yours,

STANLEY COMBS, Dairy Experimentalist.

This goal was not reached in one or two years, but is the result of fifteen years of persistent effort on the part of Mr. Uzzle to develop prize winners, by scientifically blending the best blood lines of the Jersey family, and he now has a herd of 50 cows all of which are of Eminent blood, and sixteen heifers that are descendants of Old Eminent and Carrs Rieter, the two greatest Jersey bulls the world has ever produced.

A Bad Auto Wreck.

Mrs. Mary Weathers was the victim of a bad accident which occurred between Selma and Pine Level last Tuesday afternoon. She was riding with Mr. D. P. Howell's family in their automobile, and as they were trying to pass another car on the road their car ran into a ditch and was wrecked. Mrs. Weathers' arm was broken near her wrist and the bone so badly crushed it was necessary to amputate her hand. She also sustained other painful bodily injuries. The other members of the party were more or less hurt, but none so badly as Mrs. Weathers.—The (Selma) Johnstonian.

Coffee-Percolating Machine for Continuous Service.

To meet the demands for continuous service of new-made coffee, as in restaurants and cafeterias, a percolator has been devised in which the supply of ingredients is automatically replenished, according to an illustrated article in the August Popular Mechanics Magazine. When the faucet lever is turned to draw a cup of coffee, it operates a valve in the top of the machine which deposits a small amount of ground coffee on the percolator screen.

Something All The Time

What do the ladies talk about? Is often asked in prose and rhyme; The answer always is the same— They talk about all of the time. — Cincinnati Enquirer.

Some singers are still reported as getting \$1000 a night. But we must remember that some of them run a big risk.—Reading News-Times.

TROY STARLING HURT IN FALL FROM TRUCK

Fractures Windpipe; Is In Serious Condition; Is In Hospital Here

Yesterday morning about 8 o'clock, Mr. Troy Starling, who lives on Pine Level, Route 2, happened to the misfortune to fall from a truck and fractured his windpipe rendering him in quite a serious condition. He was barning tobacco and was loading the truck when he fell and struck a stump. The fracture caused the air to force itself upward into his face causing a very swollen condition. He was brought to this city as soon as possible and carried to the office of Dr. A. H. Rose. Dr. Rose had him taken at once to the hospital here where the patient is resting, at this writing, as well as could be expected. The accident was unusual and is quite serious, but the physicians state that here is a chance for his recovery. He was accompanied here by his wife.

Mr. Starling is well known in his community and is a good man. His friends will hear of his accident with regret.

COTTON WAREHOUSE MEETING

Stockholders Will Elect Officers For Coming Year. 2300 Bales Now In Storage.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers Cotton warehouse will be held here at the Opera House Saturday, July 22, at 12 o'clock. One of the chief items of business will be the election of officers for the coming year. The present officers are: Mr. J. W. Stephenson, president; Mr. R. P. Holding, secretary and treasurer; directors: Messrs W. H. Austin, F. K. Broadhurst, J. D. Underwood, J. D. Parker, E. F. Boyett, J. Rufus Creech, R. A. Sanders, J. W. Jones and J. W. Stephenson.

Mr. E. F. Crump is the warehouse manager.

The warehouse has been in operation here just about a year and five months having begun business on February 15, 1921. Since that time 5100 bales of cotton have been handled by the warehouse, and there are now in storage 2300 bales.

Every stockholder is requested to be present at the meeting Saturday.

Billions in Diamonds.

There are three billion dollars worth of diamonds in the world. Of that amount the United States alone has about half. These figures show, but they are not necessary to show, that this is easily the best off country in the world. In addition to half the diamonds of the world we have more than the bulk of the world's gold. Yet there is a large element of the population that not only have no diamonds but have not even the comforts of life. We have the richest people in the world and also some of the poorest in the world, though the general level of comfort is higher than in any other country.

An exchange says that if the American people should ever start to sell their diamonds, it would mean that the existing order has dropped out. Not necessarily, unless we assume that men and women are always to set as great store by ornamentation as they do now. There is a growing sentiment that it is not extraordinarily good taste to wear a small fortune as a part of one's apparel.

The American people may give up their diamonds that the human effort expended in mining, cutting and marketing them may be applied in a way to afford greater benefit to the human race than gratification of the somewhat barbaric desire for ornamentation.—News and Observer.

Mr. Hogwood Improving.

The friends of Mr. Sam E. Hogwood will be glad to learn that he is improving after his accident which occurred last week at the Sanders Motor Co., garage. He is still in the Smithfield Memorial, but is getting along nicely.

UNCLE JOHN SHELL, 134, DEAD

Kentuckian Believed to Have Been Oldest Man in America.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., July 14.—"Uncle" John Shell, said to have been the oldest man in the United States, is dead at his home at Greasy Creek, Letcher County, Ky., according to reports reaching here.

He is said to have been 134 years old.

CAN CARRY THE MAILS WITH MOTOR VEHICLES

Postmaster General Tells President He Has Fleet of 50,000 Automobiles.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 13.—Postmaster General Work today prepared a letter to President Harding notifying the executive that survey prepared by all departments of the government showed that the thoroughly organized fleet of 50,000 motor vehicles could be mobilized within 24 hours should the railway shopmen's strike further interfere with the movement of United States mail.

The results of the survey were forwarded to the President as a matter of information but there was no official indication that use of motor trucks to carry mail was being seriously considered. The prevailing belief in Washington was that should the President's warning against interference with the mails be disregarded stronger measures were known.

Postoffice department controls about 10,000 motor trucks and Postmaster General Work was advised today that there were more than 40,000 motor vehicles owned and controlled by the various states, while thousands of others owned by the war department and used by the national guard in different states were available.

The postmaster general planned to notify the President that this vast fleet of motor trucks could be set at work transporting the mails at short notice, and that the governors of the different states would be asked to arrange matters so that every state-owned machine and government vehicle would be placed at the command of the postal authorities in the respective states.

There are eight co-ordinators identified with the bureau of the budget in different parts of the country and these federal officials may be asked to co-operate with the postal authorities. So completely have arrangements been perfected that postoffice department officials feel, they said, that the strike no longer can cause annoyance so far as mail movements are concerned.—Associated Press.

A Suggestion From the Uplift.

The Uplift proposes that 5 leading morning newspapers of the state collaborate and on a certain day of each week publish in one column the deaths occurring during the week prior to accidents by automobiles, "either through carelessness, foolishness, or intoxicants." This would "render the state some startling information"; and if that "column or columns, as the case might require, were decorated with some outstanding mark, such as the skull and bones, it would have a tendency to influence a number of the daring to make reasonable efforts to avoid such a publicity."

Such intelligence would indeed be more impressive if assembled. Any list of automobile fatalities ought to include those that result from grade crossings. Grade crossings plus human foolishness cause the most death and injury to people riding in cars and while no cure for human foolishness has yet been put into general application, the grade crossing is a factor that can be removed from the horrible equation.—Greensboro Daily News.

CANNIBALS ARRESTED AT FEAST

NAIROBI, British East Africa, July 13.—The British police arrested a dozen African natives caught red handed in the act of preparing a cannibal feast. The victim was already cut up, and the natives were placing an arm and a leg over a spit to cook them while others stood around awaiting dinner.

IMPROVEMENT IN COUNTRY GOES ON

Despite Labor Disputes Business Is Good; The Crop Prospects Bright

NEW YORK, July 16.—With the country's two minor labor disputes still contributing their elements of uncertainty, business and financial news during the last week suggest that the trend toward improvement is uninterrupted. Railroad car loadings for the last week in June were slightly smaller than in the one previous, which set a new high record for the year. The loss is accounted for by smaller coal shipments, the movement of merchandise showing a further gain.

Indication that a better demand for steel products is being maintained were confirmed by the June 30 total of unfilled orders of the United States Steel corporation. As of the first of the current month the corporation's books show 5,635,000 tons of unfinished business, this figure being 381,000 tons larger than on May 30 and 1,494,000 tons above that on February 28, when the low point of the recent depression was made.

It is estimated, furthermore, that the June figure means that new business during June amounted to more than 1,400,000 tons which is a volume exceeding the corporations monthly production capacity. At present steel output is experiencing a mild check on account of the railroad strike the steel corporation's rate of operations having been reduced from 77 per cent to 75 per cent. Meanwhile the trade has developed a certain amount of anxiety over a possible car shortage this fall, pointing that the increase in new business which would accompany any termination of the strike would coincide with the active period of crop movement.

Coal production for the week ending July 8, shows a marked decrease. The falling off hardly reflects the general trend of things, however, as aside from the coal strike, the output was affected by the July 4 holiday. The loss of approximately 1,500,000 tons from the low production of recent weeks, nevertheless served to intensify the drain on existing stocks. Quick settlement of the strike still seems unlikely, both operators and miners showing little disposition to agree to a temporary resumption of mining at the old wage scale.

Crop prospects are practically unchanged. The department of agriculture's grain estimate as of July 1, indicates a fair yield. The winter wheat crop is placed at 569,000,000 bushels, or 18,000,000 bushels below last year's crop but the spring wheat outlook is enough better to bring the total of both the crops up to 817,000,000 bushels. This total is 21,000,000 bushels more than last year's; it is smaller than in four of the last eight years and larger than in the other four. A fair crop of corn is also in prospect. With prices little changed, the present grain crop promises to be sufficiently good to insure the continuation of a revival in general business.

The week's developments in the money market were quite consistent with the expectation. Following the holidays there was a shrinkage in the volume of federal reserve note currency, which, along with a gain in reserve, brought a recovery in the reserve ratio of the combined Federal Reserve system. At the same time the rate on call money on the New York stock exchange relaxed further and in touching 23-4 percent reached the previous low record for the year. Rates for the various forms of money, are, accordingly, at the low levels of the present cycle and the question remains as to whether or not the money market has quite touched the bottom.—Associated Press.

Jernigan Reunion.

The Jernigan reunion will be held at Stony Run Church, Sampson county, three miles east of Dunn, Saturday, July 29th, 1922. All the Jernigans and relatives, and their friends are invited to come and bring baskets. Rev. Frank P. Jernigan of West Virginia will be there and deliver the annual address.

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