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HOPE OF SETTLEMEN **IS IN LABOR BOARD**

Seniority is Thought Still to Be the Big Trouble In Agreement

CHICAGO, July 23 .- Hope of a settlement of the railroad strike centered tonight in the railroad labor Ben Hooper, its chairman, from a conference with President Harding.

B. M. Jewell and other strike leaders were in conference with James Moosehart, Ills.

At the end of the meeting and be- some words passed between some of Daiys epyressed the belief that the lence resulted. strike could be settled at once if the roads would restore the seniority rights of the strikers, and the labor board would take up the questions in dispute.

In discussing the hopes of a settlement, members of the labor board reviewed the progress of the 7, by Mr. Jewell, which said: "The present strike centers around these issues:

Jewell's First Issues.

"1. Establishment of unjust wages by decisions of the United States labor board.

operation.

to evade the application of the law ideal location of Lakewood. Our as provided by the transportation townsman, Dr. L. D. Wharton, and

CONSTRUCTION MEN AT Walk Out When Pay Is Slashed Dollar a Day; College Men Included.

CHAPEL HILL, July 20 .- Nearly forty employees of the T. C. Atwood Company, laboring men working on the Class buildings now in construction on the University campus, walked out today when announcement was made that wages were cut from 30 board again, following the return of to 20 cents per hour. The wage decrease amounts to a dollar a day for ate with the government and the the Atwood laborers, and when the railroads in a plan to insure the dis-While Mr. Hooper was meeting the wage cut was made known only a government officials in Washington, small number remained on the job. A large number of the laborers were college men, including many J. Davis, secretary of labor, at University students. After the men drew their pay envelopes there were

fore departing for Washington, M1. them and the employers, but no vio-

WHARTON FAMILY REUNION AND PICNIC JULY 18TH

There was a reunion of the Wharton family at Lakewood, the country place of Rev. S. M. Rankin, nine miles east of Greensboro, Tuesstrike since its inception July 1. day, July 18th. All the descendants which precipitated the country-wide and their families were especially its authority under the law regulatwalk-out, was taken on three ques- invited to attend and bring well filltion. These grievances were given ed baskets for a big picnic dinner. in a strike bulletin issued on July W. Gilmer Wharton, Walter L. Wharton and C. R. Wharton composed a committee arranging for the meeting.

Eighty-three Wharton descendants were present at this reunion and a permanent organization was formed with E. P. Wharton, of Greensboro, as its first president. Among the "2. Establishment of unjust work- r ny telegrams and messages reing conditions which curtailed over- ceived was one from far off Butte time pay allowed under government City, Montana. It is planned to continue these meetings making them "3. Contracting out of shop work an annual affair to be held at the

CHAPEL HILL STRIKE HOOVER PLANNING **TO RATION COAL**

SMITHFIELD, N. C., TUESDAY, JULY 25, 1922

Efforts Will be Made Keep New High School Building Prices Down; Emergency Organization

WASHINGTON, July 23 .- Operators from the coal producing districts of six states will be asked tomorrow by Secretary Hoover to co-opertribution of fuel to the carriers and ing is nearing completion and will troops, is awaiting with keen interpublic utilities and to prevent profi- be ready for the opening in Septem- est the outcome of the present week teering during the strike emergency. All angles of Mr. Hoover's scheme, which contemplates the formation of a central committee to operate through local commissions in the producing districts of Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and Alabama, were threshed out today at a series of conferences of the Federal agencies involved. Before the opening of the meeting tomorrow morning Mr. Hoover will have from Attorney General Daugherty a report on the powers accruing to the government in the emergency through the co-operation of the They pointed out that the strike vote of the original Watson Wharton Interstate Commerce Commission and Hickory; Clota Edwards, Mars Hill: stressed law and order and absolute

> ing interstate commerce. In general, Mr. Hoover's program Mocksville; Eulah Parrish, City . was understood to contemplate the creation of an emergency machine Dover; Miss Mae Pinson, Honea Path, while optimism and cheer fairly exwith the committee composed of a N. C. representative from the departments of Commerce, Justice, Interior and Monroe; Miss Louise Foy, Mt. Airy. the Interstate Commerce Commission, with the commerce secretary as ard, Catawba. chairmar, operating through the local committees established in the pro- principal English and typewriting; was moving in tip top shape and that ducing districts at the time of the Miss Jessie Penny, Cary, History and operations at the shops were being voluntary agreements fixing maxi- Civics; Miss Evelyn Wilson, Dover, gradually resumed with satisfactory mum fair prices.

Pooling of Coal.

districts, and distribution of cars and English: Miss Margaret Newell, pany still has several hundred

FACULTY COMPLETE FOR NEXT SESSION

Will be Ready for The **Opening in September**

Smithfield Herald

Supt. T. H. Franks, who has been spending sometime at his home near school in the morning instead of hav- foreman back on the job. ing double sessions, as has been necessary for two or three years past. The following is a list of the teach- outcome of the situation. This after-

ers who will teach here next year: First Grade: Miss Elsie Sparger, of the striking men and their famil-Mt. Airy; Miss Irene Myatt, City. Second grade: Miss Nettie L. Braswell park, where they heard ad-Smoak, Wilkesboro; Miss Lina dresses by several union officials and Woodward, Statesville.

Third grade: Miss Janie' Lyerly, outlined the strikers' cause and Leah Love, Monroe.

Fifth grade: Miss Hazel West, lutely unshaken in their morale,

Seventh grade: Miss Lorene Leon- day afternoon.

ROCKY MOUNT STRIKERS A. C. L. Emerson Shops Manned by Negro Helpers and the Foremen is Busy Place.

ROCKY MOUNT, July 23. - No developments of any kind marked the shopmen's strike situation here

today, as both the striking men and the Atlantic Coast Line Railway company rocked quietly along as they Apex, was in the city Saturday and have been doing forthe past week, informed us that the faculty for the and the city, free from the tension graded school for next year is now which marked the early days of the complete. The new high school build- stike and the coming of the state ber, the date of opening not yet hav- which is expected to reveal whether ing been settled upon. The school or not the company will be able to board recently purchased new fur- man its Emerson shops, which have niture for the extra rooms which will resumed some operations with a be used, and every grade will go to number of negro laborers and the

Both the company and the striking men are optimistic as to the noon considerably over a thousand ies gathered in open mass meeting at Mayor C. L .Gay. These speakers adherence to the terms of the in-Fourth grade: Miss Sarah Miller, junction secured by the railroad company. The men appeared absouded from the gathering. Announce-Sixth grade: Miss Annie Parker, ment was made that a similar meeting would be held again next Sun-

From the railroad side of the fence High school: Mr. G. T. Whitley, came the statement that everything Latin and French; Miss Margaret results. The motive power, it was field, Asheville, Mathematics; Mr. stated, has held up in excellent shape, Pooling of coal in the producing Chas. B. Park, Jr., Raleigh, Science while it is understood that the com-

Y MOUNT STRIKERS HOLD OPEN AIR MEETING BOLD ROBBERIES **COMMITTED HERE**

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Several Houses Entered Friday and Saturday Nights Auto Stolen Also

An epidemic of robberies seems to have struck Smithfield during the past week. Friday night between 2 o'clock and daybreak, thieves entered the homes of Mrs. Ina Aycock, Dr. N. T. Holland and Mr. V. A. Meritt, in Brooklyn, carrying off about \$60 in cash. About three o'clock Mrs. Aycock was awakened by a noise and got up and made some investigation, but finding no one, and hearing nothing further, she went back to bed without discovering that anyone had entered her house until the next morning. Then she found the kitchen window and screen open where the

thief evidently went in. Her son, Ernest, found his pants moved from the sleeping-room to the dining-room. The would-be-robber did not get any money at this place, but probably would have stolen a dollar and half from his trouser pockets, if he had not taken that amount from them when he went to bed and placed it under his head.

Better luck awaited the thief at Dr. N. T. Holland's where he entered the house through the kitchen window, went into Dr. Holland's room and removed between twenty and twenty-five dollars from his trousers, without awakening a single member of the family. A check and a diamond stud in his shirt were left untouched.

The thief evidently had it in mind to plunder other homes in the same neighborhood but was prevented by the turning on of lights. Mrs. N. B. Grantham thinking she heard someone at a window got up and turned on the lights. Hearing nothing

act.'

man Hooper after ten days of con- for some time. ferences with rail heads and strike demands in the following order:

Board's List of Issues. "1-Abolition of the contract sys-

tem. "2-Establishment of a national

adjustment board. "3-Rehearing of the wages and rules dispute by the labor board.

"4-Roads to dismiss all law suits growing out of the strike.

"5-Restoration of seniority rights to the strikers."

Mr. Hooper asserted that his investigations had convinced him that "no serious obstacles is to be found to peace" in any of the points except the fifth.

Further progress was seen in the "There are three principal issues now preventing a possible settlement of the railway controversy which are found in the refusal of the railway executives:

Jewell's Last Statement.

"1-To discontinue contracting out | parts for trucks. of work.

"2-To establish a national board COURT HOUSE BOND of adjustment.

"3-To continue seniority rights of employes who suspended work." It was pointed out that the last list of demands contained only one of the original three grievances which resulted in the strike call-that relating to the discontinuance of outside contracting-and it was indicated that almost every road in the country already had agreed to stop this practice. The omission of the original demands relating to wages and rules occasioned some comment, the belief being expressed that the shopmen finally had decided to agree to a rehearing of these points by the labor board .-- Associated Press.

Locating the Knockers

Marion Progress.

family were present on this occasion Early last week, however, Chair- having been visiting relatives there

Watson Wharton was born in Engleaders, issued a statement giving land in 1746, emigrated to Maryland the striking shopmen's program as in 1767, moved to Guilford county in five points instead of the original 1785 and settled where his great three, and asserted it was one of great grandson, Walter L. Wharton, the two supplemental points-that now lives. It is known that there of restoring seniority rights added have been more than a thousand only after the inauguration of the descendants. Several hundred are strike-that then stood in the way now living in Guilford county. Others of a settlement. He listed the five have moved away and at present the tate fuel movement. family is represented in 20 counties of the state and half of the states

of the union.

SURPLUS ARMY EQUIPMENT **RETURNED FOR ROAD MAKING**

The first shipment of surplus war

material used by the American army of occupation in Germany and now to be distributed among the States for use in road construction arrived at Brooklyn, N. Y., July 1. The equipment consisting of 30 trucks, 7 tractors, 4 concrete mixers, and 3 road rollers, will be distributed by the Bureau of Public Roads of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in statement issued last night by Mr. the same way as was several millions Jewell, however, in which he said: dollars' worth of material from France and the arsenals and camps in this country. Additional material for road making to be shipped from Germany will consist of several hundred trucks, a number of tractors, and about 2,000,000 pounds of spare

ISSUE IS DEFEATED

Majority of Eighty Votes Against

Progressive Move In Wilson County

WILSON, July 23 .- Wilson coun ty's \$250,000 bond issue to provide new court house and jail was defeated in yesterday's election by a margin of 80 votes. Early indicat were that the bond issue had carried, townships, almost solidly against it, rifice. turned the tide. So close was the vote that the complete figures were necessary before the result was determined.

Observer.

under a preferential system to be Newell, N. C., Music. instituted under authority of the In-Miss Elva Timberlake, Timberterstate Commerce Commission, is lake, teacher and welfare worker at

planned to permit of the marshalling Ivanhoe Mill. of fuel at the most available points for quick shipment to the destinations where most needed. Co-operation between the railroads and the Interstate Commerce Commission would make possible adequate supply of cars and establishment of freight embargoes, if necessary, to facili-

Representatives of the operators and the railroads are to be drafted into service as administrative aids in the central committee to provide direct contract with those industries.

Hold Down Prices.

Price maintenance is to be sought through efforts to obtain a more came, and went, the league was a general observance on the part of steady, lasting force and, therefore, life here now as the strike enters small operators of the voluntary the hope of the world. price agreements already in force and by co-operation on the part of the railroads to prevent competitive bidding sending coal prices skyward.

While Mr. Hoover's scheme was declared to be based on the co-operation of the operators in the continuance of the coal production, the Interstate Commerce Commission's action towards the movements of coal was the administration's "trump" card.-Associated Press.

ALIEN IN 6 WEEKS LEARNS TO READ AND GETS INTO U.S.

GLOUCESTER, N. J., July 19. After being tutored by his sister for six weeks, John Byrne, 25, was released by immigration authorities today when he passed a special literacy test. He had been held since June 4 when it was found he couldn't read or write.

Byrn'e sister spent five hours a day teaching him he fundamentals of English. She is shirtwaist maker in a Philadelphia factory and obtained leave of absence to teach her illiterate brother. John intends to get a job and go to night school this but the vote from the outlying fall to repay his sister for her sac-

Room for Improvement in Herds. Dairymen in the 45 cow-testing associations in the 9 Western States Advocates of the bond issue claim now own 9,484 cows that have made the object of sounding public senti- as a signal of victory for the con- noises to call him on the 'phone, and its defeat was caused by failure of more than 40 pounds of butterfat in ment.-Associated Press. Wilson township voters to go to the a month. Not many years ago a The men who knock a town in polls in full strength, whereas the 40-pound cow was a rarity. There is which they live, usually are the very outlying precincts, almost solidly much room for improvement, howev- Brooks will leave today for Salem- conferences and by representatives to one who fail to pay poll taxes, and against the issue, mustered their er, in the general run of herds in all burg and White Lake where they will erase the differences of their nations a decent quota of orders if he will

States Department of Agriculture.

COX TO BE ENTERTAINED

PARIS, July 21 (By the Associated scale. Press.)-Former Gov. James M. Cox, of Ohio, will be the guests of Premier and Mme. Poincare at a dinner at the ministry of foreign affairs tomorrow evening.

some of the morning newspapers on the league of nations, and other subjects, asserted the only statement on cerned. Many of them attended the the league which he had made was to the effect that while governments presence has now come to be taken

Mr. Cox had a consultation with News. Leon Bourgeois recently and another with Lord Robert Cecil. Both conversations were largely taken up with league of nations affairs.

On Sunday Mr. Cox will leave by motor car for Rome, where he will be received by Pope Pius. Visits to Florence, Venice, and then Geneva will follow. At Geneva he will study the organization of the league. He plans then to go to Vienna, Prague, Berlin, The Hague, and Brussels beabout Sept. 1 .- Washington Post.

START CAMPAIGN TO MAKE GERMANY DRY

DARMSTADT, July 23 .- The open- | ing some decline in prevalence. ing gun of a campaign for a "Dry Germany" was fired here today by the former minister of education for

Hesse. It comprises numerous academic and political men who come from all sections of Germany.

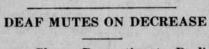
It is a self-constituted organization and purposes to pursue a cam-

neglect to vote on election day .- forces almost to a man .- News and parts of the country, says the United spend several days with relatives rather than keeping them alive .- Wilson Daily Times. and friends.

engines stored and ready for use.

It is generally expected that the present week will see some tests as to the manning of the shops, the indications being that no effort will be the lights. made to bring in outside help in BY FRENCH PREMIER large numbers but that the attempt when made, will be upon a gradual

While there has been no semblance of disorder the special guards are maintaining their watch at South Rocky Mount and the two companies of state militia remaining in camp Mr. Cox who was quoted today in two miles away. The fellows of the outfit are having a regular vacation however, so far as service is convarious churches today and their as a part of the routine, every day upon its fourth week .-- Greensboro



Census Shows Proportionate Decline in Ten Years.

WASHINGTON, July 19-Although the number of deaf and dumb persons enumerated in the 1920 census 44,885 showed a slight increase over the 1910 figure, the rate per million of population decreased from 486 to fore returning to London about Au- 425, the Census Bureau announced togust 20. He will sail for New York day. While changes in the methods of enumeration were said to make the comparison as a measure of decrease in the rate somewhat uncertain, the enumeration could be accepted, the announcement said, as indicat-

This fact, which also was said to have been noted in European coun-"Committee for the Introduction of tries, was attributed in large measure Prohibition in Germany." This com- to advanced treatment for certain mittee is headed by Dr. Strecker, children's diseases which frequently caused deafness.

Hughes is Delighted.

regarding their difference over the paign for enlighten the German peo- Tacna-Area boundary dispute was ple of the nature of the Volsteal settled today by the signatures to the Act, urging the adoption of a similar agreement between the representalaw in Germany. It will arrange tives of the two governments. This "straw votes" in various cities with act was hailed by Secretary Hughes to ask anyone hearing suspicious war is to be prevented he said, it Messrs J. H. Wiggs and R. W. must be done through international

more, she did not arouse any one else, but after hearing of the other instances she felt sure she prevented his entering the house by turning on

The home of Mr. V. A. Merritt, also in Brooklyn, was entered the same night and a pair of pants with at least \$35 was stolen. Mr. Merritt who is the agent for the Singer Sewing Machine Co., here, had made a number of collections that day and he was able to remember amounts which totaled \$35. His check book was also stolen. The robber entered the sleeping room and made his exit without arousing anyone.

Saturday night, the homes of Laura Eason, colored, and Merritt Lee, colored, were entered. From "Uncle Merritt," a well-known old colored man who does odd jobs around town, the thief took 50 cents. At Laura Eason's he got a dollar and a finger ring. He made his entrance through the kitchen. On Sunday night attempts were made to enter the homes of David Hines and Millard Allen, both colored. Shots fired scared them away.

The other robbery which took place occurred Saturday afternoon when a Ford car belonging to Mr. Barney Hamilton was stolen from the street. Mr. Hamilton who lives near town, had parked his car on Market street near the drinking fountain by Mr. J. D. Spiers' store and had gone to attend to some business. When he returned his car was gone. The police were notified and his car has been located at Sharpsburg in Wilson County. The thief was apprehended by the Wilson police authorities whoturned him over to the authorities here yesterday.

As to the person committing the house-breaking misdemeanors there seems to be absolutely no clue at present. Report has come to us that other instances have occurred several weeks ago. The thief has certain-WASHINGTON, July 21 .- An ly taken advantage of the hot weaagreement between Peru and - Chile | ther when people are apt to leave windows and doors open. These occurrences, however, are calculated to make everybody more careful in the future.

The chief of police requests us ference and similar conferences. "If he will do all he can to catch the offender.

> A salesman can't help gathering in expose himself to enough buyers .--Dunn Dispatch.