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## STRIKE SETTLEMENT SEEMS FAR WAY OFF

### Part of Railways Would Take All Strikers Back; Rest Those Needed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—The question of a speedy settlement of the nation-wide railroad shopmen's strike rested early tonight on the attitude of the unions. Members of a committee representing the railroad executives left Washington late today convinced that negotiations for an adjustment of the dispute were at an end and that the issues involved must be fought to a finish.

The executives announced that a majority of their membership was willing to accept President Harding's latest proposal—that all striking shopmen be reemployed pending determination of their seniority rights by the railroad labor board. A minority, at the meeting Friday in New York at which the President's proposal was considered, went on record, it was announced, as willing to rehire only enough strikers to fill existing vacancies.

The executives' committee, it was said, had looked with disfavor on a compromise suggestion, advanced by representatives of the four railroad brotherhoods, that the seniority question be submitted to an impartial arbitration commission, rather than the labor board.

With executives determined to stand pat it appeared that if the striking shopmen refused to accept the last proposal of President Harding, settlement of the dispute was as far off as ever. The unions early tonight had not made public their reply to the President. It was understood, however, that their leaders yesterday had voted to reject the plan.

#### Shopmen May Reconsider.

There was a possibility that the decision of the shopmen's leaders might be reconsidered, but it was generally considered more probable despite the announced decision of the executives that the unions would find themselves unwilling to accept the President's proposal. The union heads conferred today with brotherhood leaders and representatives of a number of affiliated organizations, adjourning after an extended session to meet again tomorrow. Nothing could be learned of what transpired at the meeting.

The committee of executives was in conference for an hour this morning at the White House with President Harding and Secretary Hoover. After informing him that they would agree that the railroad labor board, and no other body, should determine the seniority question—at the same time adhering to their original position that the men in striking had forfeited their seniority rights—the group met for a conference by themselves before scattering to other cities.

It was declared by a spokesman for the executives that the decision of the majority to provide work for all strikers, as requested by the President, would not prevent roads in the minority from refusing to make places for all strikers.—Associated Press.

## STORM DOES HEAVY DAMAGE TO CROPS

WARSAW, Aug. 11.—Crops were completely destroyed in a section a few miles north of here, between Bowden and Faison several days ago, when a wind and hail storm of some violence swept over an area a mile wide and five miles long. On some farms there was not a cotton boll or square left on the stalks and tobacco and corn were cut down as if by a mowing machine.

For a few minutes the wind blew violently, and rain fell in torrents here, but no material damage was occasioned.

## SMITHFIELD PITCHER

### ALLOWS ONLY ONE HIT

While Scott allowed Benson only two scattered hits, Smithfield romped on Kelly for 14 hits and licked Benson, 9 to 0 Thursday.

Feature of game was fielding of Fogleman for Smithfield and Stanly for Benson. Bethune led in hitting averaging 750. This puts Smithfield two full games in the lead.

## HARVESTER KING WEDS MRS. COCHRAN IN PARIS

PARIS, Aug. 11.—Harold F. McCormick, of Chicago, chairman of the executive committee of the International Harvester Company, and Mrs. Alexander Smith Cochran, known to the music world as Madame Ganna Walska, were married quietly today in the city hall of the select Passy District of Paris. Including the bride and groom, only five persons were in the office of the mayor when that dignitary made the couple man and wife.

Dudley Field Malone, of New York, who was attorney for Mrs. Cochran in her divorce proceedings against the wealthy American manufacturer and Mrs. Malone, were witnesses. The entire ceremony lasted less than six minutes from the time that Mr. McCormick, Madame Walska and the Malones left their automobile and entered the city hall. The formality of the marriage banns being posted in the city hall two weeks in advance of the ceremony had been waived by the French authorities as a special privilege.

The wedding party arrived at the city hall at 10:30 o'clock and were immediately ushered into the large private room of Mayor Berthet, who had been advised by phone of their coming and was waiting for them. The bride was dressed in a plain tailor-made traveling suit of grey. She wore a small hat of the same color and looked to be in radiant health and spirit. Mr. McCormick also was dressed in a grey suit. He seemed to be in high spirits. City officials voted the bridal couple "a finely matched pair."

After performing the ceremony, Mayor Berthet congratulated Mr. and Mrs. McCormick and then, bending low, gallantly kissed the bride's hand. Immediately afterwards, the bride and bridegroom, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Malone, left the City Hall. Mrs. McCormick beamed smiles upon the attendants of the mayor, who escorted her to the sidewalk. The destination of the newly weds had been surrounded by strict secrecy, although it is understood they have not gone very far away. The janitor at Madame Walska's house asserted that the couple had left this afternoon for Carlsbad and that servants and the Polish Primation's secretary would follow on a night train. The janitor's haziness regarding the hour Mr. and Mrs. McCormick departed this afternoon caused some persons to doubt the story and to believe that the statement was given merely as a blind to cover the real destination.—Associated Press.

#### Mrs. Ida E. Coats Dead.

Mrs. Ida E. Coats, of Pleasant Grove township passed away at her home on August 4, after an illness with cancer of more than two years. The deceased was a member of the Presbyterian church and held her membership at Spence Chapel. The funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Mr. Currie, and interment was made at Spence Chapel. She was 51 years old. She leaves to mourn her loss six children as follows: Mrs. Bettie Hatcher, of Wake County, Messrs Ralph, Jet and William Coats and Troy and Sallie Coats.

#### Free Tuition at Selma

The trustees of the Selma Graded schools offer to the children of Johnston County free tuition for the coming session. They would ask any one wishing to enter school to write for particulars at once. Selma has the best school building in the state, and a faculty second to none.

#### Trustees Selma Graded Schools.

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#### Mr. A. M. Barnes To Have Reunion

A reunion of friends and relatives will be held at the home of Mr. A. M. Barnes who lives on Zebulon, Route 1, on Saturday, August 26, 1922. The occasion is the 66th birthday of Mr. Barnes. Everybody is invited to go and carry a well filled basket, a long table already being in readiness for the spreading of the dinner. A large crowd usually attends this reunion, which is an annual affair, including persons from different parts of the state.

## CRIMINAL COURT IS IN SESSION HERE

### Judge Oliver H. Allen Presiding; Unusually Large Crowd in Attendance

The August term of Criminal Court began here yesterday with an unusually large crowd in attendance. Judge Oliver H. Allen, of Kinston, is presiding, and Solicitor W. D. Siler, of Pittsboro, is here to prosecute for the State.

The entire morning was taken up with the selection of the grand jury and the Judge's charge.

The Judge in his charge recommended that the book of Nehemiah be read. He pointed out that Nehemiah before rebuilding the temple got rid of the rubbish. He said that as he travelled over North Carolina the whiskey traffic seemed to him "rubbish" that should be removed. He called attention to the fine resources of Johnston county, situated as it is between the lowlands and the mountains, and exhorted the people to clean up the whiskey business.

The first case on the docket was the state vs. Granberry Hales and John Turner Hales, of near Micro, charged with assault on William Garner. The defendants entered a plea of guilty. Granberry Hales who did the shooting was sentenced to 6 months on the roads, while John T. Hales who had a knife but did not use it, was given 3 months. It was then agreed to let John T. Hales off if he paid the prosecuting witness one hundred dollars.

#### DR. JOHN E. WHITE CONDUCTING MEETING IN CLAYTON

The Clayton Baptist Church today began a series of meetings to last for ten days or more. During this time Dr. John E. White, President of Anderson College and one of the leading preachers of the Southern Baptist Convention, will do the preaching.

The coming of this native son back to his old home town is an event of great interest to the community. Dr. White is easily one of the outstanding leaders of the denomination, and the Clayton church is most fortunate in securing him to lead their meetings.

The public is cordially invited to hear this gifted preacher. Two services a day—11 o'clock A. M., and 8 P. M.

#### Mrs. E. S. Edmundson Entertains

Friday evening one of the most pleasant social functions of the season was given by Mrs. E. S. Edmundson at her attractive home in Brooklyn in honor of her guests, Mrs. W. A. Myatt and Mrs. Robt. Myatt, of Raleigh.

Four rooms and the hall of the lower floor were thrown open to the guests about a hundred being present to enjoy the occasion. Cut flowers and ferns were used with good effect in all the rooms. Twenty-four tables were placed for work.

The guests were met at the door by the hostess, and were introduced to the guests-of-honor in the reception hall by Mrs. Hal C. Hood. In the lower end of the hall, the punch bowl set in a bower of grape leaves and grapes was presided over by Mrs. H. L. Skinner and Mrs. J. H. Abell.

After the arrival of all the guests, score cards were distributed and the feature of the evening began. After enjoying rook for about two hours, the guests were served with a delicious chicken salad course with iced tea. Favors for the evening were dainty baskets of mints placed on each rook table at the beginning of the game.

As the guests departed for their homes, they were profuse in their expressions of appreciation for the lovely entertainment of the evening.

#### Return From Petersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Hogwood who have been visiting Mr. Hogwood's parents in Petersburg, Va., have returned to the city. Mr. Hogwood, who was quite seriously hurt some time ago at the Sanders Motor Co., is all right again much to the delight of his many friends.

## SCRAPS OF PAPER DOCTORS HISTORY

### Prescriptions Filled at Hood Bros. During 49 Years Tell A Story

The thousands of prescriptions filled by Hood Brothers drug store in the forty-seven years of its business life are on display in the show windows of the store to which they recently moved in order to make way for their new building now under construction on the corner of Market and Third streets. These prescriptions tell the tale of Smithfield—the tale of sickness and sufferings, of deaths and births; they—the little scraps of paper—were companions of sorrow and of gladness in the homes of thousands in the great Smithfield community since 1874.

It is interesting to look at the big pile of scrap books into which the scraps have been pasted. Starting with prescription No. 1, they mount now into the hundreds of thousands. They bear the names of doctors young and old—some dead and gone these many years, but all were and are men who have known the dark side as well as the bright side of the lives of our people.

On some is the name of Dr. J. G. Rose, father of our Dr. A. H. Rose and Mrs. N. B. Grantham. Dr. Rose who was raised near Bentonville, was one of Smithfield's first physicians. He first practiced medicine at Falling Creek, Wayne county, and moved to Smithfield about 1855. He was a man of most amiable disposition and was a favorite physician with hundreds of families until his death about 35 years ago.

Another physician's name to be seen throughout the earlier books is Dr. J. B. Beckwith, a good man well remembered by all our older citizens. He was an uncle of Lawyer Barswell Beckwith, of Raleigh, and also of Percy Beckwith, of Florida, who is now president of the Flagler Railroad in Florida.

Dr. L. E. Kirkman's name appears often in the earlier books. Dr. Kirkman, with his father-in-law, Mr. John C. Hood, established this business in 1874. Dr. Kirkman died in 1875. His widow, Mrs. Dora Kirkman, and two daughters, Mrs. C. V. Johnson and Mrs. D. H. Jones, and one son, Mr. J. H. Kirkman, live in Smithfield.

Dr. J. G. Robinson's name appears often in the great books. He was the grandfather of Messrs. George, Tom, and Hugh Ragsdale who are the children of Dr. Robinson's only child, Mrs. Eliza Ragsdale. Dr. Robinson, born in Ireland and with the true Irishman's wit, was popular and held in high esteem for many years as one of the leading physicians of the county.

Dr. L. L. Sasser's name on these slips fills page after page of these great books. Like Drs. Beckwith, Rose, Kirkman and Robinson, Dr. Sasser has passed to his reward, but many there are still in Smithfield who revere his memory.

Dr. R. J. Noble is the only surviving physician whose name appeared in the earliest pages of these old books. In 1893 he moved from Smithfield to Selma and is still active as a practicing physician. We note the first prescription written by him was filled on January 17th, 1881.

The book tells of the coming of Dr. E. T. Dickinson and on closer examination tells of his departure. He went to Wilson as associate to Dr. Moore to practice surgery. It tells too, of the coming of Dr. L. D. Wharton, who has been with us for over twenty years. It tells of the coming of Dr. Thel Hooks who located here about the time Dr. Dickinson gave up his practice here. Dr. Hooks has enjoyed a large practice and has been continuously on the job except for the two years he spent in the army in France.

The book also tells of the coming of Dr. L. A. Muns, and of Dr. A. H. Rose, one of Smithfield's own, just out of college to practice among his childhood friends. It chronicles the advent of Dr. C. V. Tyner, our surgeon who has been so successful at our young hospital, the Smithfield Memorial. It tells of the coming of Dr. J. H. Fitzgerald, our eye, ear, and nose specialist, who took over

## TRAINMEN REFUSE TO WORK IN THE WEST

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 11.—Twelve trans-continental trains on the Santa Fe Railroad were stalled at desert points at noon today following the refusal of trainmen to proceed, according to a list given out at the general offices here. There were no available figures of the number of passengers involved, but railroad men said that if the travel was "average" it would run from 2,200 to 2,500.

The trains were nearly all ones which left Los Angeles yesterday eastbound or were due today westbound. The number will be increased today by accumulating westbound trains. Eastbound service has been annulled.

#### Miss Brown Entertains.

About thirty young people were entertained Friday evening by Miss Bernice Brown at her home on Third street. The home was attractively decorated for this occasion with cut flowers. After many interesting games had been played delicious refreshments consisting of orange ice and nabiscos were served by the hostess. Those present were: Misses Johnnie Watson, Lois Kornegay, Inez Gerald, Gladys Turnage and Merle Creech, of Pine Level, Virginia Earp and Rosa Pittman, of Goldsboro, Mae Stephenson, Kathleen Muns, Ellena Talton, Mamie and Ruth Ennis, Josephine Peedin, Josephine Biggs, Mozelle Boyett, Ila Brady, Lucy Rhodes, Messrs Alton and Lloyd White, Allard Creech, W. B. Oliver, Blanco Parker and Frank Britt, of Pine Level, James Bandy, of Four Oaks, Clarence Stephenson, Erwin and Edward Pittman, R. S. Fleming, Maurice and Harry Biggs Parker Johnson, Kirk Lassiter and Bryant Creech.

#### Ran Into Automobile

Yesterday one of the big trucks used by the State Highway Commission ran into a King "8" automobile parked on Second street near the rear of the hotel and demolished extra wheel attached the back of the car. Very little other damage was done. The automobile belonged to Mr. James Raynor, of Benson.

the practice of Dr. A. G. Woodard, eye, ear, and nose specialist, who after a brief sojourn, located at Goldsboro; of Dr. Rosser Lang, Smithfield's first and only veterinary surgeon, and finally of Dr. C. W. Furlonge, our courteous and prosperous colored physician.

All of these are laboring steadily for the relief of suffering—and the big books tell it all.

In the books one can trace the hard-working doctors through the days of the influenza epidemics, when tired, sleepy, nearly dead of fatigue they went to and fro in the country striving to stem the tide of death. One can see in the pages the lonely trails the doctors have wandered through during good times and bad, through darkness and storm, and snow and ice, to aid the suffering in the isolated places of the county. They tell of the days when the helpers traveled by horse and buggy over the lonely roads of the swamp country. It tells it all. And when one looks through them he somehow acquires a mighty healthy respect for these quiet, grave men who fight disease.

Talking to Mr. T. R. Hood about the old books yesterday, Mr. Hood pointed out that Hood's Drug Store was the oldest business in Smithfield. Of all the establishments that were here when it came, only this one remains. He also pointed out that for several years Hood Brothers was the only drug store in all our big county of Johnston.

Mr. T. R. Hood, the senior member of the firm of Hood Brothers, is one of ten of the charter members of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association now living, he having been in the drug business for several years before the North Carolina Pharmacy law was passed by our legislature.

The firm of Hood Brothers has one registered druggist, Mr. T. R. Hood, who has had forty-eight years' experience, and another registered druggist, Mr. H. C. Hood who became a member of the firm in 1909, who has had 13 years' experience.

## FREE STATE LEADER GRIFFITH NOW DEAD

### Ireland Is Stunned Sudden Death of President of the Dail Eireann

DUBLIN, Aug. 12.—Dublin was shocked early today to learn of the sudden death of Arthur Griffith, president of the Dail Eireann, and everywhere it was commented on as one of the most tragic and wholly unexpected events in troubled Ireland.

Death came at a nursing home, apparently from heart attack following an operation a few days ago for tonsillitis. Few people in Dublin even knew that the ardent worker for the free state cause had been ill. Immediately signs of mourning were displayed; flags were set at half mast on buildings and ships in the harbor.

The first question on all sides was what effect the death of the leader would have on the solution of the problems before the provisional government. His colleague, Michael Collins, recently has devoted his attention almost entirely to the military operations against the irregulars, while the country looked to Mr. Griffith to manage the civil affairs until the rebellion was suppressed.

Though president of the Dail Eireann, Mr. Griffith held no ministerial portfolio. William Cosgrove, minister of local government, acted as head of the Irish executive during Mr. Griffith's illness.

The president's associates were stunned by the news of his death, not one of them was prepared to discuss its effects, but they all agreed that Ireland had sustained a great loss.

Mr. Griffith had responded to his treatment so well that he was able to leave the hospital daily for his official duties, returning to the institution at night.

This morning he ate a hearty breakfast and was going upstairs when he suddenly collapsed. He was carried into his room and a doctor was immediately summoned.

He said Mr. Griffith was suffering from a cerebral hemorrhage. A priest was then sent for, and he had just finished administering the last rites of the church when Mr. Griffith expired.—Associated Press.

#### Walkout Ties Up Terminal

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 13.—An outstanding development in the general rail strike situation in the south tonight was the complete tie-up, reported from Birmingham, of passenger, freight and mail traffic on the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad occasioned by the walkout of trainmen there yesterday, which union leaders stated was caused by the presence of armed guards in shops.

Postoffice authorities at Birmingham stated that through mails were experiencing no delay as they have been transferred to other routes. The line affected runs from Birmingham to Memphis.

#### FIREMEN QUIT WORK ON THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Aug. 11.—Fifty Southern Pacific firemen employed in the Ogden, Utah yards and on the line between Ogden and Carlin, Nevada, quit their jobs at 3:35 o'clock this afternoon, according to word received here. They ceased work, it was stated, in the presence of armed guards.

The new walkout is separate from the strike by some employes at Ogden this morning which resulted in the tying up of four passenger trains.

#### A Delightful Party.

Thursday evening Miss May Stephenson delightfully entertained quite a number of friends at her home on Second street in honor of Misses Virginia Earp, of Goldsboro, Lois Kornegay and Johnnie Watson, of Pine Level. Many interesting games were played on the lawn. At the close of the evening the hostess served delicious orange ice and nabiscos, after which the guests soon departed thanking Miss Stephenson for a most pleasant evening.