

## HAGUE CONFERENCE QUILTS SHORT TODAY

THE HAGUE, July 12.—The conference with representative of Soviet Russia here broke down at 1 o'clock this afternoon, without apparent hope of a further meeting.

Maxim Litvinoff, of the Russian delegation, said on leaving the chamber that a further assembly was unlikely, as the non-Russians insisted upon the Russians making promises with regard to property compensation and giving guarantees which would be impossible until the Russians knew that credit loans would be granted.

Litvinoff added that a peace pact would hold for only one month after the last meeting.

The morning session of the conference on Russian affairs, which was devoted to the consideration of private property questions, broke up amid considerable confusion, many of the delegates declaring the Russian replies meant the collapse of the Hague conference was inevitable. No decision as to this, however, had been taken up to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

### N. C. COTTON GROWERS' COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

RALEIGH, July 11.—C. B. Howard of Atlanta, Ga., formerly of Inman & Howard, cotton brokers, has been elected sales manager for the North Carolina, Alabama and Georgia Cotton Growers Cooperative Association, according to announcement here by the N. C. Association.

Selection of Mr. Howard for the job of selling, with the approval of the board of directors for more than 50,000 producing members, representing more than 800,000 bales of cotton, was made at a meeting of the directors of the three associations in Atlanta, which was attended by W. H. Austin, president, and Dr. B. W. Kilgore, director of the North Carolina Association.

Report of the selection of Mr. Howard was made at a meeting of the directors of the Tar Heel Association here today. Plans for the cooperative selling of more than 350,000 bales of North Carolina cotton were taken up by the directors at the meeting. It was decided to continue the sign-up campaign for another month, and it is planned to bring the total up to 600,000 bales.

Mr. Howard was highly endorsed for the position of sales manager by J. E. Latham, well known cotton broker, of Greensboro, N. C. Mr. Howard has been in the cotton business for more than twenty years and is recognized as an outstanding cotton merchant in the southeast. During the past few years the firm, of which he has been an active member, has handled as high as 300,000 bales of cotton in a single year.

Mr. Howard has several connections with all former business interests and his sole and only business now is to sell the cotton of these members of these three associations.

### COLLECTING PASSPORT FEE IS POPULAR OCCUPATION

BELGRADE, July 12.—Collecting ten dollars gold from American travelers every time a passport is viced continued to be one of the popular occupations of officials of the states of Central Europe.

Any American who wishes to visit one of these countries must pass the frontiers of several of the others and at each frontier the charge of ten dollars a head, with ten dollars every time he passes. One American business man within the past three months has paid \$120.

"But don't blame us, blame your state department," said a representative of the Yugoslavia foreign office. "It is a matter of reciprocity with us, we charge the same fee as does the United States."

## UNION DISCLAIM ALL TALK OF VIOLENCE AT EMERSON SHOPS

Rocky Mount Telegram.

The second act of violence at the Atlantic Coast Line's Emerson shops since the strike of shop workers went into effect occurred last night about 11 o'clock when John Joyner, a negro laborer at the shops, claims to have been blackjacked by two unknown parties as he crossed the yards at the shops. Whether or not a black-jack was used upon the negro, he bears an ugly cut on his forehead.

According to the story told by the negro to Mayor C. L. Gay, who arrived on the scene shortly after the alleged attack, the colored laborer was crossing the tracks over into the shop yards when two unknown men halted him and asked if he worked at the shops. When he replied in the affirmative, they inquired what he did. The negro says he told them he was engaged in putting oil and grease in cups and that before he got this answer out of his mouth one of the men hit him across the head with a black-jack. He didn't tarry long enough to receive any more licks.

Mayor Gay questioned the negro closely and sent two officers to the scene of the alleged attack. The negro's hat was found where it had fallen from his head, but no trace was discovered of the men who he alleged attacked him. No means of identification has been established, although city and union officials say that they are conducting an investigation and making every effort to get at the bottom of the affair.

When seen this morning union officials deplored the affair and denied that it was the work of striking shopmen. They declare that the assault occurred on company property upon which there were no strikers as they had been cautioned and will be cautioned to keep away from the shops at every meeting. These officials said that they were making a thorough investigation and that if it were found that any of the striking men were guilty it would be seen that they were punished. They declare that the union is exerting every effort to keep down violence and that warning to keep away from the shops and to avoid all trouble is stressed at the daily meetings of the shopmen.

### Polo Cigarettes Coming to City.

District Manager F. C. Chastain of the Liggett & Myers San Antonio branch house, is in receipt of advance information to the effect that the new Polo cigarettes, selling 15 for 10 cents at retail, is soon to be introduced on this market.

When he gets word to shoot, Mr. Chastain and J. L. Cross, temporarily in charge of the district while Mr. Chastain takes a much needed rest, will call in all the regular salesmen and put on a whirlwind introductory campaign among the retail dealers, and at the same time a big advertising campaign will be turned loose.

Retail tobacco dealers, you know Liggett & Myers do not do things by halves. Your business was made by the various advertising stunts that have been originated by the manufacturers of the popular sellers in practically all lines. Just as good advertising and plenty of it has made the automobile business one of the largest industries in the world, so has advertising in newspapers and through other mediums made the tobacco and cigarette business the big item it is today in every city and town in the United States.

## IRISH REPUBLIC IS PROCLAIMED, SAYS RUMOR AT BELFAST

By Associated Press.

LONDON, July 12.—Rumor that an Irish Republic has been proclaimed at Cork was printed in several of today's newspapers under a Belfast date-line. This information is not confirmed from any other official source.

### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS OF THE JUNIOR ORDER

The semi-annual installation of officers of the Junior Order took place last night at the Kiwanis Hall the regular meeting place of the Junior Order.

The following officers were installed: Counselor J. W. Umstead; Vice Counselor Lyn Bond, Inside Sentinel Otis Taylor, Outside Sentinel W. C. Bogey, Conductor F. L. Arnes, Chaplain B. B. Slaughter, Warden H. H. Broom, Recording Secretary E. V. Harris, Financial Secretary Cicero Price, Representatives Cicero Price, D. H. Harris and J. L. Bulluck. Alternates J. P. Keech, W. E. Page and J. D. Crisp.

### MR. ZENO MOORE IN WILMINGTON THIS WEEK

Mr. Zeno Moore, the county farm demonstration agent, is in Wilmington this week attending the district meeting of county farm agents and agricultural workers.

On Friday, July 14, Mr. Moore will read a paper before this district meeting. His subject is "The Benefits of Seed Improvement."

Mr. Moore writes the Southerner that he will be back in time for the wool sale on the morning of July 15, which is Saturday.

The Southerner will publish this paper of Mr. Moore's in the Saturday edition.

### SHOPMEN WILL CONTINUE OUT UNTIL SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT IS REACHED

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, July 12.—President Harding's proclamation on the shopmen's strike resulted today in a public declaration by the "strike conduct" committee of the eastern railroads that they would "continue on strike until a satisfactory settlement is reached, even if every mail train in their district is cancelled."

### ONE KILLED, OTHER HURT IN CLASH BETWEEN MEN AND STRIKE BREAKERS

By Associated Press.

DENVER, Texas, July 12.—J. W. Pike, Sr., said to be an employee of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad, was shot and seriously injured and several other men severely beaten in a clash between strikers, their sympathizers and men believed to be strikebreakers here today.

### WOMEN VOTERS SUBMIT QUESTIONNAIRES IN RACE

OMAHA, Neb., July 12.—The League of Women Voters has taken direct measures to ascertain the stand of senatorial and state office seekers for the information of its members at the statewide primary election in Nebraska, July 18.

A comprehensive questionnaire has been prepared and submitted to all candidates asking their views on national, international and state affairs.

With a large number of candidates with a third active party in the campaign, and with interest by women, the feminine vote has received close attention from campaigners.

## WHY COTTON PAYS OUT IN OKLAHOMA

"Stories about bid dividends from small investments fade into insignificance when I figure up what my 7 years' contract with the Oklahoma Cotton Growers Association, costing \$19, will yield," says J. T. Hughes, of Arcadia, Oklahoma, in the July number of Farm and Fireside. "My dividends for the first year, I believe, were more than \$300, the extra price received by letting the association sell 22 bales of cotton for me. I consider this is a shrewd bit of investing, and I presume the other 35,000 cotton farmers who are members of the organization look upon it in the same light.

"For years the cotton farmer has been at the mercy of the country buyers," Mr. Hughes continues. "In fact, we were always between two fires: the boll weevil and the country buyer. If one missed us, the other prevented us from getting a just return for our crop. Now things are different; we have seen the light, and all of the cotton state are organizing. Here are the eight things which the association has done for us so far:

"1. Increased the average country price because of competition.

"2. Increased the value of cotton by selling in lots of even grade and staple.

"3. Eliminated undergrading.

"4. Eliminated the 'city crop,' this usually being four or five one-pound samples which the buyers took and paid nothing for. The association takes one pound now, and this is sold after it has served its purpose. I understand the return from this one item alone this year will go a long way toward paying expenses of the association.

"5. Eliminated country damage. Usually after the cotton was baled the farmer took it home and stored it in the yard, so that it was hit by rain, snow and sun. Now it is stored in warehouses until sold.

"6. Eliminated inefficiency and speculation in country buying by doing away with three or four of the many hands through which cotton must pass before reaching its destination.

"7. Our association sells collectively, and only when there is a demand for cotton.

"8. It promotes the growing of better cotton, because the man who grows the best is paid a premium. Heretofore a farmer had no incentive for growing a cotton of the best quality."

### AVERAGE BASEBALL ATTENDANCE VERY LOW

The Rocky Mount Evening Telegram, in speaking of the baseball at Rocky Mount, says:

"There is no mistaking the fact that for a winning ball club the attendance at the local ball lot is altogether discouraging and is a pretty clear evidence that the citizenship doesn't want baseball. At any rate an average of 327 paid attendance for the season, holiday games not included, is altogether too small to support a club in a Class B league. There must be more attendance at Tar Heel park for the remainder of the season than there has been up to the present if Rocky Mount wants to retain baseball permanently. Local citizens, it is understood have agreed to see the season through, but that is a greater part prompted by city pride and unless the pastime is somewhere near self-supporting it is pretty sure to pass from Rocky Mount and that in the not far distant future."

### Returns From Petersburg.

Mrs. R. H. Rowe returned yesterday from Petersburg. She was accompanied home by her granddaughter, Miss Julia Meigs Alley.

## GERMAN NOTE ASKS PAYMENT ON DEBT SATURDAY WAIVED

By Associated Press.

PARIS, July 12.—German representatives today submitted to the reparations commission their formal note requesting moratorium on reparations payments for the remainder of the present year.

The note stated that 32,000,000 gold marks will be due on next Saturday, and is available now, but recommended that this payment also be waived.

## WEBB PITCHES IN STYLE YESTERDAY

Those who witnessed the game at Farmville yesterday between Tarboro and Farmville say that no better game has been played this season in the league. It took 14 innings to decide the game, Tarboro getting seven hits and Farmville 11.

Mark Webb gave the excitement to this game when he knocked a home run in the fifth inning.

This is the longest game that has been played this season by any team in the Eastern Carolina league.

### ENTER KING'S COURT

LONDON, July 12.—There has been keen rivalry among Americans in London to gain entrance to King George and Queen Mary's court levees, which have been revived for the first time in eight years. Col. Harvey, the American ambassador, has been inundated with requests, pleas and prayers from Americans of all ranks "to see what the King and Queen look like." Every sort of argument has been advanced by the petitioners and the ambassador has found it difficult to choose between those legitimately entitled to a bowing acquaintance with the King and Queen and mere tourists or "social climbers" who want something to write home about or to put in their dairies.

### ATHLETIC FEATURES AT CAMP LEACH

One of the features of the boy scout camping trip at Camp Leach last week was an inter-patrol athletic meet, consisting of a running broad jump, standing broad jump, hop step and jump, 100 yard dash, shot put, and relay race. Panther patrol won the contest with a total of 22 points. Eagle patrol was second with 16 points. Nash Johnston, Panther patrol leader, was tied with James Little of the Eagle patrol for individual honors, each winning 14 points. David Taylor was second with 8 points, while Ernest Daughtridge and Tom Braswell were tied for third place with 6 points each.

There was also a swimming contest of which the Panther patrol was victor. Besides these events a number of straits breast, crawl and side strokes, of scouts passed the first class swimming test and one qualified for a merit badge in swimming, making 7 of the latter in troop 3. To secure a merit badge in Scouting a boy must be able to swim 100 yards, demonstrate properly from the surface, and swim 50 feet on his back.

Below is printed the names of the members of the victorious Panther patrol which took part in the two above events which the patrol won: Nash Johnston, patrol leader; Winstead Leggett, George Pennington, David Taylor.

Tarboro's ball club, after playing Greenville in that city today, will be back on the local lot with the same club tomorrow afternoon.

## POLITICAL ECONOMY IS GERMANS' CHOICE

### VALUE OF PROPERTY COMPLAINTS COME BEFORE CO. BOARD

The County Board of Commissioners held an adjourned meeting last Monday to consider complaints in the values of real estate and personal property, also complaints as to valuations were heard and the board ordered as follows:

The value of the Hart Cotton Mill be made \$350,300.

The value of the E. L. Daughtridge residence, St. David street, be made \$5,500.

Lilla Dale Rosenbaum, residence, Arlington property, be made \$2,627.

Carl Rosenbaum, residence, made \$1,125.

Southern Cotton Oil Co., same, Consumers Cotton Oil Co., \$42,500.

R. H. Williams property on Main street, not changed.

H. H. Phillips residence on Main, be made \$15,000.

Prize Warehouse and Storage Co., on Albemarle avenue, made \$10,900.

Morrisette lot on Main street, not changed.

M. S. Brown, lot on Main, \$1,500.

W. F. Thorne, two lots Fairview, be made \$800.

Israel Rowe, lot St. John street, not changed.

T. G. Williams, lot Conover, \$1,500.

Mark Parker, farm No. 4 township, not changed.

S. T. Carson, land in No. 3 township, be made \$8,000.

A. B. Knight, unchanged.

K. T. Knight farm, \$12,100.

Engles and Denny farm, \$3,750.

Mrs. A. B. Sterrett, not changed.

W. B. Jenkins, lot Pinetops, not changed.

Pender Mill Run farm, be apporportioned to Edgerombe Ins. & Realty Co. and R. B. Peters.

Property of W. W. T. Mayo estate be apporportioned to heirs.

Farm of the estate of Frank Denton, waiting on new survey.

Home place of N. B. Dawson, on account of new survey, will be made \$22,386.

The following persons, firms and corporations were summoned to appear and show cause why their property as assessed should not be increased were present and after a hearing from each and examining such evidence as was presented the board ordered as follows:

Value of stock and fixtures of J. H. Bells Sons be fixed at \$7,500.

J. Levy be fixed at \$10,000.

A. Light was fixed at \$7,500.

Rosenbloom-Levy Company fixed at \$35,000.

Philip Shugar and Cash Stores Co., not appearing, it was ordered that the value of the store fixtures of Shugar be made \$12,000 and the Cash Stores Co. be valued at \$8,250.

Certificates of sale were ordered transferred without recourse as follows:

J. C. Barnes to Geo. S. Edwards & Co., William Wiggins to A. H. Ricks, William B. Williams to A. H. Ricks, Maggie Taylor to A. H. Ricks, Nancy Harris to H. J. Weaver.

At this session of the board the sum of \$50 was donated to the dinner to be given on August 2 by the Confederate Veterans.

The school budget was discussed at this meeting and on motion of Commissioner Moore action was deferred to an adjourned meeting to be held July 20.

### SETTLEMENT OF SHOPMEN STRIKE POSSIBLY ONE STEP NEAR WITH CONFERENCES

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, July 12.—Settlement of the rail strike seemed possibly a step nearer today, when it was disclosed that secret conferences had been held between Chairman Ben Hooper of the Railroad Labor Board and leaders of the six striking shop-crafts. No definite conclusions were reached, but the disclosure of these conferences was described as more personal than officials had hoped for.

BERLIN, July 12.—Accommodations at most of Germany's universities and technical high schools have been so severely cramped since the war by increasing enrollments that steps are being suggested for stemming the rising percentage of foreigners. Students from abroad are estimated to constitute 25 per cent of the registration.

A leader in the movement to restrict the foreign influx states that in his lecture room he has noted from 50 to 100 non-Germans, made up principally of Bulgarians, Rumanians, Russians, Hungarians, Jugoslavs and South Africans. He declares the preparation of these "outsiders" frequently is insufficient and that their conduct often "leaves much to be desired." While emphasizing the need of some curtailment in the enrollment and favoring action against foreigners to this end, he observes that caution should be exercised to avoid political or diplomatic embarrassment through too stringent procedure.

Enrollment in German universities as a whole has shown an increase of 30 percent since the war and that of the technical high schools has been more than doubled. Just before the war there were 60,000 university students in Germany. At the armistice the aggregate jumped to 90,000. There has since been a slight falling off, the summer of 1921 registering 87,147 and the present semester with 82,668.

Technical high schools of the country were handling 12,000 before the war. In the autumn of 1920 their students numbered 22,976 and last winter 25,556.

While the knowledge that the war resulted in a greater greed for learning in the younger generation, rather than causing demoralization and frivolous living, has proved gratifying to the Germans, there is a disturbing factor in that "kultur" studies have suffered declining fascination. Compared with the figures for 1914, the present statistics for universities show decreases in the enrollments for evangelical and Catholic theology and for philosophy and philology. Medicine, the most popular in 1914, also has proved less attractive, although dentistry students have more than doubled and there has been a slight increase in chemistry. The would-be physicians now number 15,110, and in 1914 there were 16,048.

Political economy heads the list in the numbers of university students enrolled and in percentage of gain over 1914. This branch has 17,714 at work, as compared with 3,836 in the last pre-war year. The study of law comes next with a registration of 16,351, as compared with 3,840. Mathematics and physics science have attracted 9,257, an increase of 1,125.

In the technical schools the greatest number have flocked to mechanical engineering, which 8,306 now are studying as compared with 3,118 in 1914. Electrical science has 5,129 enrolled, against 1,307 before the war. There are 3,736 in mathematics and physical science in these schools and 3,311 in construction engineering, as compared with 1,544 and 2,767 respectively. Mining and smelting have registered a gain from 576 to 1,234. Architecture, alone, in the technical schools, has shown a decline, the enrollment dropping from 2,193 in the pre-war year to 1,811 at present.

There will be an entertainment at the Sunday school rooms of the Baptist church on Friday night, July 14, under the auspices of Circle No. 4 of the Woman's Missionary Society.

All members of the church, as well as any others interested in church or church work are cordially invited to this entertainment, at 8 o'clock. The entertainment will be for the benefit of the kitchen which has just been added to the Sunday school rooms.