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Railroad Tie-Up Would Paralyze All Industries

Inability to Move Crops Would Alone Result in Loss of Millions While Factories Would Remain Idle and Cities Face Food Shortage

Washington, August 21—The possibility of the loss of millions of dollars throughout the country, in the event of a railroad strike, as a result of the inability of the farmers to get their products to market, is confronting the administration as another serious aspect of a situation already too grave.

A tie up would mean that wheat and other perishable products now ready for the mills would be held up indefinitely. If, as is altogether possible, a great deal of freight should be stopped in transit, the lack of adequate siding facilities might effectually and completely block traffic of all kinds.

More than two score railroad presidents and the 640 representatives of the trainmen continue to hold separate meetings to discuss the President's proposal.

The employees declare that on the final action of the railway executives and of President Wilson depends the question of whether the mills of the country are to stop, the cities face a serious food shortage and the entire country is prostrated before what they believe would be the greatest struggle between labor and capital in history.

Will Give Matinee

The Elizabeth Order of the Eastern Star have arranged for an excellent matinee at the Alkrama next Saturday afternoon, the proceeds to be given by the Order toward the fund for enlarging the Home for the Indigent and Aged at Greensboro.

This home is supported by the Eastern Star and the A. F. and A. M. Lodge and now provides for thirty five inmates. Since the floods of the western part of the State, however, more than a hundred new applications have been received and the need of enlarging the building and providing funds for the needy has been presented to the branches of the two orders, all over the state.

The matinee Saturday will begin at half past two o'clock and two performances will be given. The program will include five reels of motion pictures selected with care by the committee in charge, and musical numbers by Mr. A. E. Burges, soloist; Miss Ethel Jones, violinist; Miss Clara Covert and Mrs. I. M. Meekins, accompanists.

The Order of the Eastern Star invites the patronage of the public in this effort to provide for those in want and distress.

MEETS TO-NIGHT

Cherke Chapter, No. 14, A. F. and A. M. meets tonight at the Masonic Hall in the Robinson building.

Rev. J. A. Shaw returned Sunday night from Middle Virginia where he has been attending an association.

BAYSIDE TO HAVE COMMUNITY FAIR

Funds Raised and Organization Effected at Meeting Saturday Night

Bayside community, three miles from Elizabeth City, will hold a Community Fair in October.

At a meeting Saturday night the citizens of that community raised the twenty dollars required by the Agricultural Department of the State for Premiums, and the department will add another twenty dollars for this purpose.

Officers of the Community Fair Association were chosen as follows: A. S. Morgan, President; R. S. Pritchard, Vice President; M. P. Jennings, Secretary; W. N. Garrett, Treasurer.

Members of the executive committee were appointed as follows: J. H. Perry, W. R. Smith, T. L. Overman, W. M. Sanders, W. N. Parker, G. W. Wilroy, J. N. Winslow, W. H. Simpson, B. F. Bray, W. G. Morgan, J. F. Brothers, W. F. Jennings, E. V. Davenport, S. N. Brothers, Miss Marcella Albertson, Mrs. J. N. Winslow, Mrs. T. L. Overman, Mrs. C. L. Cox, Mrs. E. V. Davenport, Mrs. Sadie Holmes, and Mrs. Sadie Jennings.

This fair will be during October, the exact date not having been decided upon. Stock, poultry, farm products, canned products, preserves, pickles, bread and other home economics exhibits will be shown, and the entire community with visitors from other communities will enjoy the demonstration of progressive Bayside.

Richmond Blues Killed By Train

(By United Press)
Richmond, August 21—Two privates of the Richmond Blues were run over by the Seaboard train between Alexandria and Richmond today. Both were at home on leave of absence. One, H. G. Gooch, was of Richmond, and the other, W. F. Meade, was of Alexandria. Both were nineteen years of age.

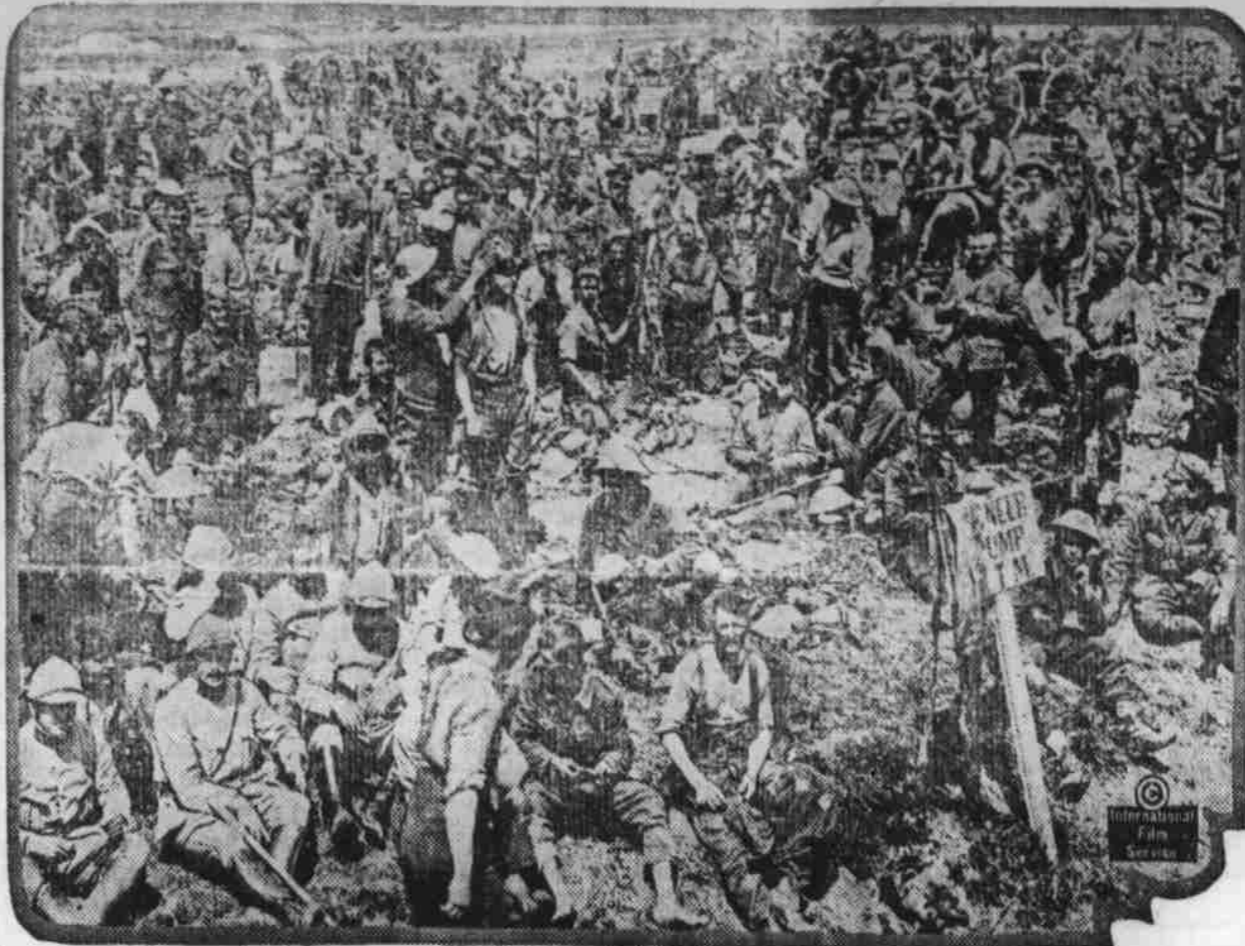
INSTALLS NEW REGISTER

The Eagle Grocery has installed the McCasky Registers, claimed by the manufacturers to be the most perfect system of keeping accounts known. The registers will be set up within a few days and visitors will be invited to inspect the new system.

The Eagle Grocery is operated by Messrs Jay Scott and John Cartwright, two of the city's progressive young business men, and the installation of this up-to-date business system will be of interest to their customers and friends.

V. A. Jackson of Belhaven was in the city Sunday.

AFTER THE STORMING OF LA BOISSELLE



An official photograph showing the Royal Fusiliers resting after the storming of La Boisselle. Many of the men are fitting on helmets which were left on the battlefield by the Germans. In the background may be seen the smoke-stacks of the "goulash" kitchens.

"Buddy— Can You Sew?"

Auntie hurried into the store Saturday night to get her new black skirt to wear to lodge meeting next day. The occasion was an important one to Auntie and to all her kith and kin and she was very desirous of putting her best foot forward.

It was a very large foot for Auntie tipped the scales to some point above the 200 mark. But it wasn't her foot that demanded attention just then. It was the matter of a new skirt that was troubling Auntie. Her purse was limited and her waist measured 36, with hip measure in proportion, —or more so.

The store to which Auntie carried her troubles was Mitchell's Department Store and she had been sure that she could find just what she wanted. But black skirts aren't often made in Auntie's size or to fit her pocketbook.

The distress in her voice and her gestures was so manifest, however, that Mr. Gilbert's attention was attracted and he decided that Sunday must not find Auntie unhappy, so he said, "It is nine o'clock, but I believe I can make you a skirt by ten, if you'll select your material."

"Buddy, can you sew?" gasped the old colored woman with what breath she had left.

"No, but I've got a machine that can," answered Mr. Gilbert.

"Well, bless the Lord."

Smilingly Auntie selected the material and while her work was being done hunted up her husband to tell him the good news.

Then promptly at ten o'clock Auntie left the store with her spouse, an expansive grin wreathing her round countenance, and her massive form clothed in a brand new black sateen skirt, cut and made by the season's best pattern, with pockets, buttons and all.

And the glory of Auntie was one of the features of Sunday morning. As she told the story to admiring friends after the meeting was over she was heard to ejaculate, "Lord bless your soul, that's sho' one white man."

German Peace Dishonorable

(By United Press)
London, August 21—Germany has shown no disposition toward peace, except on terms dishonorable and humiliating to the allies, Premier Asquith asserted in the House of Commons today. The Prime Minister's statements were given out in refutation of the claims of the German foreign office that England is blocking all efforts toward peace.

New Serial On Tonight

A new serial begins to-night at The Alkrama and the story is one of interest to everybody, for it has to do with the big tent and for fifteen weeks will offer a glimpse of circus life to movie fans.

Peg O The Ring, the heroine, is an orphan, her circus mother dying from the wounds of a savage leopard and leaving her in the care of Flip, the clown.

Peg inherits a peculiar mania, which causes her to fly into savage fury each night at midnight, the hour at which her mother was killed by the wild beast.

When eighteen years of age the stepson of the circus manager falls in love with her and is asking her to marry him when the attack comes upon her and she tries to choke him. When the spell has passed and Flip finds her in a faint he carries her to the circus train just leaving and they are followed by the young-lover who cannot be kept away.

From incident to incident the story tells of the life of Peg and her friends of the tent, showing the most entertaining circus feats and introducing many members of the big circus family. adv

Want To Know U. S. Sentiment

(By United Press)
Santiago, Chile, August 21—The Chilean Government today instructed its ministers to sound sentiment in the United States, in Argentina and in Brazil relative to the question of a joint protest by neutrals against the British black-list. The blacklist has brought forth many complaints from Chilean business houses that England's action is crippling Chile's trade.

Andrew Carnegie Is Very Feeble

(By United Press)
Bar Harbor, Maine, August 21—Apparently in feeble condition Andrew Carnegie, on board his yacht, is off Mount Desert Island, near here. He is constantly in touch with physicians on the mainland.

Murderer Is Captured

(By United Press)
Gainesville, Fla., August 21—Boisey Long, the negro murderer of constable S. G. Wynne, was captured at Newberry, eighteen miles from here to-day. He is being closely guarded to prevent a lynching and is badly scared as six negroes have already been lynched for aiding him to escape.

Long shot the constable with a pistol concealed in his nightclothes when the latter went to the negro's house to arrest him.

Increase In Car Fare

Denver, Colo., August 19—The possibility of a higher street car and interurban fares for every city in the country, as a result of the increased cost of materials used in traction operations was not scoffed at by officials of the local lines when they declared today that their operating expenses have gone up from twelve to three hundred per cent in the last five years. The increased car fares would affect every street car and interurban system in the country, as all of them have experienced the same higher cost of doing business. The company cited 12 American cities where increased fares have been demanded in the last 2 years. Toledo went back to the straight five cent fare from the three cent fare so long fought for. Cleveland restored the one cent charge for transfers. Several six cent city fares in Massachusetts towns were cited. A Massachusetts interurban company also was granted an increase.

WANTED—To rent as tenant small farm for the year 1917 or longer. Truck land preferred. Can give references. Address P. O. Box 54, Shiloh, N. C. 21p

ACTIVE FIGHTING NOW IN BALKANS

Bulgarians on Offensive and Constant Skirmishes Occur Along Greek Border, Russians Claim Successes

(By United Press)
London, August 21—By suddenly shifting his attack to the line of Stochod river, northeast of Kovel, General Brusiloff has caught the Germans off their guard and is driving them back for substantial gains.

Brusiloff struck the unsuspecting Germans on the north while they were stripping their northern lines for the defense of Lemberg from the South. Flanking attacks now menace the German lines both at Kovel and Pinsk.

As a result of the sinking of turrets by the Germans in the marshy ground around Kovel, the Russians ceased their frontal attacks on that position, and during the last General Kaledin, Sakharoff and Lechtisky, swung their forces, on Kovel as a pivot, against General Bothmer along the Strips. The same Pendulum-like movement is underway to the southward, and it is said to have gathered even greater momentum.

SENSATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS EXPECTED

Expert opinion among the Russians holds that more depends on Brusiloff's campaign than the fall of Kovel and Lemberg, as its success would definitely threaten the Hungarian plains. The extreme optimism felt by the Russian general leads to the belief that sensational developments on the eastern front may be expected before winter.

Operating in the Caucasus mountains the Russians claim the capture of a whole series of fortified heights in the region of Diarbekir, with many prisoners taken.

SHARP FIGHTING IN THE BALKANS

The Bulgarians and Serbs are engaged in a sharp battle along a fifteen mile front seventy-five miles northeast of Saloniki. The Bulgarians began the battle, emerging from the village of Florina and attempting to advance southward. At the same time strong Bulgarian detachments attempted an offensive along the Saloniki-Monastir railroad. The Serbs drove back the Bulgarian back upon the town and pressing their attack eastward as far as Lake Ostrovo. The fighting is still in progress and incessant skirmishes between the patrols is reported along the entire Franco-British front on all the Greek border east of Lake Dorian. Artillery action is in progress in the Dorian district also, and on both sides the armies are active.

GERMAN ATTACKS FAIL

In France the Germans made desperate efforts to recapture Fleury, three and one half miles north east of Verdun, the night force attacking after the French line had been under a spray of liquid fire. The attack was unsuccessful, however. The whole of Maurepas is now in French hands.

On the Somme front there was active artillery during the night but no infantry action of importance.

Berlin admits intense fighting on the eastern front and claims the repulse of all attacks on the Italian front. Quiet reigns in the neighborhood of Gorizia, it is claimed.

Mr. Robert Raper is very ill with typhoid fever at his home at Weckville.