

WEATHER
Cloudy tonight, rain in east portion, warmer in interior tonight. Sunday probably rain.

RAILROAD STRIKE SEEMS IMMINENT

Date Is Set And Strikes Will Be Ordered In Units Of Ten Roads Say Officials

Washington, Oct. 15 (By The Associated Press)—President Harding brought together three representatives of the public on the Railroad Labor Board and Interstate Commerce Commission today to consider the threatened railroad strike and the whole question of readjustment of rates and wages.

Chicago, Oct. 15 (By The Associated Press)—Sixteen railroad unions voted to authorize their officers to order a strike.

C. J. Manion, president of the order of Railroad Telegraphers, announced that at a joint meeting including the big brotherhoods officials considered the latter's plan of action.

High union officials said that the date of the strike is set and the brotherhoods selected ten roads for the first day of the strike. It is understood that strikes will be ordered progressively in units of ten roads. Union officials ended their two weeks' conferences without calling the strike.

Chicago, Oct. 15 (By The Associated Press)—The Brotherhood chiefs today indicated that an immediate walkout at least on some roads was under consideration as leaders of railroad brotherhoods assembled to consider the challenge of railway executives in proposing a further wage reduction of approximately ten per cent in the face of the strike vote just authorized by railway men because of the twelve per cent reduction of last July.

Ninety-seven per cent of the United Brotherhood maintenance of way employes and shop laborers today voted in favor of a strike. J. C. Snook, vice president of the Brotherhood, announced that Warren Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, have announced that they will leave tonight for the Cleveland headquarters, indicating that a decision on the strike would be reached soon by the officials of sixteen unions now in session there.

Earthquake Recorded In The Middle West

Chicago, Oct. 15. (By The Associated Press)—An earthquake of moderate intensity lasting two and one-half hours was recorded by the government seismograph here today. The center of the quake was over 2,800 miles west of Chicago.

TO ENCOURAGE EMIGRATION

Tokio, Oct. 7 (By The Associated Press)—On account of the decrease in emigration to South America the government is reported to have decided to grant an annual subsidy of 100,000 yen (\$50,000) to the Overseas Industry Company, interested in Japanese emigration. This is on the condition that the company will subsidize every prospective emigrant to the amount of 50 yen (\$25).

While Japanese emigrants to Brazil numbered 8,000 in 1913, the number fell to 1,000 in 1920. The policy of the government is to find an outlet for the growing population.

LOAN TO CUBA ENDORSED

Washington, Oct. 15. (By The Associated Press)—Officials here today said that the United States government is ready to approve a \$60,000,000 loan to Cuba by a group of New York bankers.

SEAY-FREEMAN

Archie F. Seay and Mrs. Fannie Freeman, both of Norfolk, were married here Friday afternoon by Justice of the Peace T. B. Wilson.

Friends of Mrs. Harry Upton, of Camden, will be glad to learn that she is up and out again after a severe illness. She was in the city shopping Saturday morning.

Knobbs Creek Road Paved By Christmas

County Engineer Higgs States That Work Of Filling In Is Now Under Way

"The road from the foot of Road street through Knobbs Creek swamp will in all probability be completed and opened to the public before Christmas," stated T. L. Higgs, engineer of the Pasquotank Highway Commission, in answer to a question Saturday. Engineer Higgs also stated that work on the fill through the swamp is already under way, and is progressing favorably. Some 8,000 cubic yards of material must be used in the work on this swamp road, and it will take several weeks to complete the job.

Mr. Higgs stated that the Newland paved road, of which the Knobbs creek road is a segment, will probably be finished and ready for use by the first of April. Approximately six miles of this road from its northern terminus is already completed and has been opened to the public.

People living in Newland and Providence townships adjacent to the Newland paved road will be greatly encouraged to learn that the road through Knobbs Creek swamp will be completed before the worst of the winter sets in. This swamp road has often been virtually impassable during previous winters, and even in the best of seasons is one of the roughest roads to travel anywhere in Pasquotank County.

There is every indication that the main roads of this section will be in better condition this winter than ever before at the time of the year. The State Highway Commission already has crews at work in Camden County on the main highways, and it is understood that the Desert Road will be graded in the course of the next few weeks, all the way from Elizabeth City to Hertford.

Makes Playground For The Children

Civil War Veteran Crippled And Blind Wants Children Playing About Him And Helps Them

Medway, Mass., Oct. 15 (By The Associated Press)—Elmer L. Videtto, a veteran of the Civil War, crippled and partly blind, has laid out a playground near his home here so that he may listen to the voices of children.

For years Videtto visited the schools and told the pupils war stories. When after the most recent of several accidents he was obliged to give up active work as a stone mason, he conceived the idea of bringing children to him. He purchased land across the street from his home and although the infirmities of 75 years and his injuries made the work slow, he cleared away the underbrush, and built seats, swings and tilting boards for his child friends.

Here the children gather each day while Videtto sits on the veranda of his home or mingles with them to tell again the stories they love to hear.

File Suit Against Carpenters' Council

Chicago, Oct. 15 (By The Associated Press)—Eight wood-working and lumber companies today filed suits against the Chicago Carpenters' District Council, charging that it is a monopoly, and asking a temporary injunction.

CLUB ROOMS ARE OPENED

The Club Rooms at Miss Lou Morgan's, corner of Main and Road streets, were formally opened for the 1921-22 fall and winter season Friday night. The rooms are most attractively decorated in soft tones of red, and by night are rendered beautiful by the subdued radiance of softly shaded red electric lights, clustered about the interior. Harry Stokely opened dancing classes there on Friday night, which will be continued till next summer on Tuesday and Friday nights.

NEWLAND PRINCIPAL IN CITY

R. C. Lotspech, principal of Newland High School, was in the city Saturday. He reported that the work of the school is progressing most favorably, and that the enrollment is the largest ever recorded there. Prof. Lotspech also announced that the Stafford Chautauqua, a series of lectures illustrated with stereopticon slides and motion pictures, will be held at the school auditorium on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 17-19, in afternoon and night performances.

BIRMINGHAM TO HAVE GREAT TIME

Biggest Day Of Anniversary Celebration Week Will Be Day President And Mrs. Harding Visit The City

Birmingham, Oct. 15 (By The Associated Press)—Birmingham's birthday party, celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the city, will be made an even greater occasion through the first official visit of the President and Mrs. Harding to the South since the inauguration.

The celebration will be featured by the historical pageant depicting the fifty years of the city's history and stressing the fact that Birmingham is the largest city of its age in America, being the only city in the 200,000 class which was founded after 1870, and one of only a few cities of its size which were not in existence during the Civil War.

The celebration will continue throughout the entire week October 24 to 29 but the biggest day will be October 26 when President and Mrs. Harding will be the official guests of the city and state. Assurance has been given Senator Underwood by the President that he will remain in Birmingham practically 24 hours and that he will participate in all the functions and ceremonies which the committee has arranged in his honor.

Arriving on a special train from Washington at an early hour on the morning of October 26, the President will be met at Pell City by a committee of prominent citizens of Birmingham and Alabama. Upon his arrival he will head the parade in which will participate practically all the civic, fraternal, patriotic, military and semi-military organizations of Birmingham and many from other cities. In addition to the national guard units, there will be a guard of 1,000 members of the American Legion in uniform and a special guard of honor composed of veterans who were wounded overseas.

The grand marshal of the parade will be Brigadier General R. E. Steiner. Another feature of the parade will be the 67 young women representatives of the different counties of the state, selected for their beauty and popularity, each of whom will have an elaborately decorated automobile in the parade. The President will make the principal formal address of the day in Capitol Park. A luncheon will be tendered him at the Tutwiler Hotel where several hundred citizens will be present.

During the afternoon, the President will appear at three functions and will make a short informal talk at each one. He will attend the inauguration exercises of Birmingham-Southern College, where the degree of L. L. D. will be conferred upon him. The corner stone of the new \$1,000,000 Masonic Temple of Birmingham will be laid during the afternoon and the president will make a short address. Later, he will go to the dedication exercises of Underwood Park which is named in honor of the Senator from Alabama, at whose request President Harding is making the trip to Birmingham.

At a formal banquet at the Country Club in the evening, the President and Mrs. Harding will be the guests of honor and the affair will be attended by a large number of prominent women as well as men. The President will be introduced by the governor of Alabama, Thomas E. Kilby. The ball which will follow and which concludes the program for the visit of the President, will be a notable social affair in the life of Birmingham and will be attended by prominent people from all over Alabama and adjoining states.

The President and Mrs. Harding, as well as the other members of the presidential party, are expected to board their train for the return to Washington shortly after midnight and the train will leave at an early hour on the morning of October 27. Four performances of the historical pageant will be staged in which 1,500 persons will participate and there will be a chorus of 500 trained voices. Several hundred dancers will feature the presentation of the pageant. Massed bands and orchestras will provide such music as may be desired.

DR. CLARKE TO PREACH AT THREE CHURCHES SUNDAY

Dr. G. W. Clarke will preach Sunday, October 16th, at Woodville at 11 a. m., Olivet at 3 p. m., First Baptist church, 7:30 p. m. This will be Dr. Clarke's last Sunday here.

Mrs. D. B. Simpson and sons, Paul and Braxton, returned from Norfolk Friday after attending the funeral of Mrs. K. C. Robinson.

NOVEMBER SIXTH DAY OF PRAYER

Sunday Before Armistice Day To Be Observed By Special Prayer For Limitation Of Armaments

Washington, Oct. 15.—Sunday before Armistice Day, November 6, will be observed by churches throughout the country as a time of special prayer for the International Conference on the Limitation of Armaments.

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America today issued an appeal to the religious elements of America to undertake a campaign of education in behalf of a "real reduction of armament." The appeal also calls on all congregations to hold special services on November 11, at the time of the opening of the conference and the memorial service to unknown dead.

The call of the Federal Council goes to 39 communions comprising 200,000 members in 150,000 congregations. In addition, many churches not officially affiliated with the Federal Council will co-operate. During Armistice week, meetings to study problems for international relations, methods for their solution and discussion of a reduction of armaments will be held by the churches. Where it is impossible to have these daily meetings the plan calls for a series of mid-week services.

United mass meetings on behalf of limitation of armaments will be held by the churches in practically every city in the country the latter part of October and the early part of November.

Though the official call is just being distributed, in many sections the churches are already at work. Already there are plans under way for meetings in Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Newark, Indianapolis, San Francisco, Atlanta, Minneapolis, Cleveland, Detroit, Rochester, Dayton, Hartford, Cincinnati, Harrisburg, Paterson, Erie and Sacramento.

In some states like Massachusetts, Ohio, Pennsylvania and California, church organizations have already started to mobilize the entire state. It is believed that special services and meetings will be held in practically every city and town and that there will be special gatherings by individual congregations.

On Thanksgiving Day pastors will be asked to urge "a real reduction of armaments at this time as an imperative and immediate step towards the ultimate goal of a warless world."

CUTS SUSTAINED BY BATHERS IS BLAMED ON PROHIBITION

Boston, Mass., Oct. 15 (By The Associated Press)—Cuts sustained by bathers are the latest woes to be blamed on prohibition. In an official statement by the city park commission upon the work of its life-savers at Boston beaches this season is this paragraph:

"Ever since prohibition came in the most frequent calls for first aid assistance have come from the numerous bathers who are cut by broken bottles. Alcoholics are prone to go to the shore for clandestine indulgence. They haul their empty bottles on the beach and seem to take delight in smashing them.

"The beneficial milk bottle is a lesser but still serious source of trouble. Many women who picnic along the shore are apt to abandon their empties with such vehemence as to leave them shattered."

The statement adds that not a life has been lost this season at any of the beaches in charge of the park department.

No Cause For Action Against Tribune

Chicago, Oct. 15 (By The Associated Press)—Judge Fisher today sustained the demurrer of the Chicago Tribune to the \$10,000,000 libel suit brought by the city of Chicago. The judge declared that the city had no cause for action.

U. D. C. MEETS TUESDAY

The D. H. Hill Chapter, U. D. C., will hold their regular meeting next Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock with Mrs. Will Perry on North Road street. This is the time for the election of officers, and all members are urged to be present.

COLLECT 400 BODIES OF SLAIN

Madrid, Spain, Oct. 15. (By The Associated Press)—Spanish forces in Morocco have collected the bodies of four hundred soldiers massacred in the campaign against Moroccan tribesmen last August.

Car Turns Over As Driver Makes Turn

Dick Sawyer Slightly Hurt In Accident On Main Street Friday Night

Dick Sawyer, a traveling salesman of this city, had a miraculous escape from death or serious injury Friday night, when the Ford roadster that he was driving turned over twice in front of the Confederate monument on Main street a little after seven o'clock.

In some way Mr. Sawyer lost control of his car, apparently, and the machine began to lurch wildly at the corner of Main and Martin streets. Numerous passersby, attracted by the car's strange antics, stopped to watch and were horrified to see it go over twice as Mr. Sawyer turned into Pool street. He stayed in the car until the second time over, and was then thrown out on his hands and knees.

The car was damaged considerably, the windshield being smashed, the top broken and various dents made in the fenders. Mr. Sawyer received a dozen small cuts and bruises but otherwise was uninjured. Dr. T. S. McMullan dressed his hurts immediately after the accident.

Face On The Ticket Worries Commuters

New Rule On New York Central Went Into Effect This Month To Stop Scalping

New York, Oct. 15 (By The Associated Press)—The new face-on-the-ticket rule of the New York Central Railroad has put a stop to the old practice of transferring or selling commutation tickets to suburbanites. But the commuters didn't like the idea and they groaned as the cameras clicked.

Their protests were unavailing, however, for the railroad decreed that no more commutation tickets would be issued after October 1, unless a photograph of the holder was attached to the ticket. The rush to have pictures taken was so great during the last week of grace that almost every station along the railroad's lines was converted into an emergency photograph gallery.

All available photographers were rounded up and posted at stations, thus giving the commuter an opportunity of being "mugged" while waiting for his train to carry him to work in the city.

After the first rush these photographers no longer said, "look pleasant, please." The commuters said it was impossible. An observing train conductor remarked that it was curious that many of the photographs showed scowling countenances.

The railroad explained that one of the first effects of the new regulations was a tremendous falling-off in the sale of commutation tickets at a small station on the West Shore division. Although this station had only a corporal's guard of commuters, it used to sell 40 commutation tickets every month.

This was the explanation, according to the railroad:

The commutation rate from this station was only 32 cents, whereas the regular round-trip fare was \$2.70. Some one was buying commutation tickets and then farming them out by the day at scalper's rates—\$1.50. On a transaction of this kind the passenger saved \$1.20, the scalper made \$1.18 and the railroad lost \$2.32.

DRIVE AGAINST RATS IS ON IN CITY OF PARIS

Paris, Oct. 15 (By The Associated Press)—More than 570,114 rats have been killed in Paris since the offensive against them was started a year ago. Bonuses have been paid at the rate of 30 centimes a head.

In the first month of the campaign the bonus was paid upon delivery by the rat hunter of the tail of the animal but a sewer cleaner became an expert in the art of manufacturing rat tails out of leather and other material at the rate of several hundreds per day and since then the bonus has been "per head" instead of "per tail."

HALF MILLION IS LOSS IN PARIS, TEXAS, FIRE

Paris, Texas, Oct. 15. (By The Associated Press)—A loss of over half a million dollars was caused by a fire which raged five hours in the business section of the city today, and spread into two residential sections.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Jacobs, W. H. Zoeller and Rev. G. F. Hill have returned from attending the national convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in Norfolk.

BRONZE TABLET IS UNVEILED

Commemorating Services Of Horses And Mules Who Served As Patriotic Americans In The World War

Washington, Oct. 15 (By The Associated Press)—A bronze tablet commemorating the services of nearly 250,000 horses and mules attached to the American forces during the World War, over 68,000 of whom perished, was unveiled in the State War and Navy Building today. The tablet was presented by President W. O. Stillman of the American Humane Association.

Tried To Play Safe; Was Caught Instead

Henry Spencer Figured That By Calling Police He Could Avoid Prosecution

"Never trouble trouble till trouble troubles you," is a hoary but very true saying that Henry Spencer, colored, failed to regard Friday night, with the result that he was put under \$200 bond in recorder's court here Saturday morning on a liquor selling charge. He will be tried next Saturday.

Upon his own testimony, Spencer obtained some liquor for a white friend Friday night. The friend got drunk, very drunk, and Spencer feared that he would tell a policeman where he got the whiskey and thereby get him into trouble. Thinking that he was playing safe, Spencer called Chief Holmes and told him that the man was drunk, but that he—Spencer—had obtained the liquor for him from Annie Hollowell, colored, who lives on Bell street. She was promptly arrested.

The Hollowell woman vigorously denied that she had sold liquor to Spencer on Friday night, or at any other time. She told such a straight story in court that she was acquitted of the liquor-selling charge. Spencer admitted on the stand that he had bought the liquor for the white man and was thereby convicted upon his own evidence of serving as the agent for the seller.

With a road sentence staring him in the face, Spencer is now sincerely regretting the excess of caution that prompted him to call the police Friday night.

Dedicate Hall Of Salvation Army

Spartanburg, S. C., Oct. 15 (By The Associated Press)—Miss Evangeline Booth, commander of the Salvation Army in the United States, arrived here today for a two days stay and will dedicate the new Salvation Army hall.

Yorktown Plans Welcome For President Harding

Newport News, Va., Oct. 15 (By The Associated Press)—Yorktown is planning to give President Harding and party a great reception next Wednesday during their stop here while enroute to William and Mary College.

Pennsylvania Pays Tribute To Knox

Valley Forge, Oct. 15 (By The Associated Press)—Pennsylvania paid tribute today to the memory of the late Senator Knox at the funeral services in Valley Forge Memorial Chapel. The Guard of Honor was composed of former service men.

UNIVERSALISTS HOLD MEETING IN DETROIT

Detroit, Oct. 15 (By The Associated Press)—Plans for a church membership campaign and questions of national importance were discussed at the annual convention of the Universalist church which opened here today.

German Emperor Now Is Chief Gardener

Doorn, Holland, Oct. 15 (By The Associated Press)—The slump in the value of the German mark is beginning to effect the former German emperor. Ten members of his staff have been dismissed, including the head gardener, whose place William himself took.