

Coal Strike Is Imminent

Hush of Idleness Seems Descending on Unionized Coal Industry As Negotiations Fail

New York, March 30 (By The Associated Press) — The hush of idleness seemed today ready descending upon the unionized coal industry, as the miners' and the operators' subcommittee on wage negotiations abandoned all hope of settling the strike set for April 1, and entrenched themselves for a long struggle over the conference table.

Five hundred and ninety-five union miners will lay down their tools at midnight tomorrow.

Smoot Talks Bonus With The President

Washington, Mar. 30.—Legislative matters, including tariff and a bonus, were discussed with President Harding by Senator Smoot of Utah, a member of the Finance Committee before which the bonus bill as passed by the House is pending.

Senator Smoot said following the conference that he would urge revision of the measure so as to provide taxation funds sufficient to meet the payments to former soldiers.

Local Wake Forest Alumni Effect Permanent Organization

With the alumni present all the way from the class of '75 to that of '21 The Elizabeth City Wake Forest Alumni Association, following a banquet at the Southern Hotel Wednesday night, effected organization with the following officers: E. F. Aydtlett, '79, president; T. J. Markham, '05, vice president; J. N. Keelin, '12, secretary; Mills E. Bell, treasurer and Herbert Peele, '08, director of publicity.

An executive committee was appointed by the chair as follows: Dr. S. W. Gregory '86, W. L. Cohoon, '98, George R. Sherrill, '21, Roland Sawyer, '13, and J. B. Alderman, '15.

Among other matters the executive committee will have in charge arrangements for the annual or semi-annual banquet of the association to be held at a future date.

The roster of the local association is as follows: M. H. Jones, '15, George J. Spence, '06, P. G. Sawyer, '09, R. M. Sawyer, '13, Herbert Peele, '08, E. F. Aydtlett, Sr., '79, E. F. Aydtlett, Jr., T. J. Markham, '05, James G. Gregory, '90, Dr. S. W. Gregory '86, W. L. Cohoon, '98, J. B. Alderman, '15, George R. Sherrill, '21, John Spruill, I. M. Meekins, '95, R. F. Hall, '18, Geo. W. Brothers, Jr., George F. Wright, M. B. Simpson, '14, C. H. Spencer, '69, J. N. Keelin, Jr., '13, M. B. Sawyer, '02, C. H. Gregory, Mills Bell, R. M. Davis, Dr. R. L. Kendrick, '06, A. B. Combs, '09.

EXPECT PROMPT RATIFICATION

Washington, March 30 (By The Associated Press) — Ratification by the Senate of two arms conference treaties limiting the navies of the great powers and restricting the use of submarines and poison gas has cleared the way for the debate today of the general Far-Eastern treaty. Leaders expect ratification within the present week.

AUTHOR AND ARTIST FIGHT GLOVE DUEL

San Francisco, March 30 (By The Associated Press) — Harry Leon Wilson, author and playwright, and Theodore Criley, artist, fought a duel Saturday, according to the Examiner's story. They used riding gloves as weapons. Criley won.

PRAYER MEETING FRIDAY

The McAdams party will hold a prayer meeting Friday morning at Cartwright's Bicycle Shop on North Polindexter street. The public is invited.

LARRY SKINNER, JR. ABLE TO SIT UP

Larry Skinner, Jr., who has been ill for the past week is able to sit up and hopes to be able to go to Hertford and win the debate from Edenton Friday night.

STRANGER APPROVES DRESS UP WEEK IDEA

Says Other Progressive Cities Make Annual Holiday Season Of Spring Openings

"Elizabeth City is getting in line with the progressive industrial and commercial centers of the United States in inaugurating this celebration," said a traveling man here Wednesday morning, when he was told of the plans for Dress Up Week. "I think I may safely say that this is the best evidence I have seen here in recent years of a new spirit of enterprise and progress among your merchants. Dress Up Week celebrations in other cities have proved so successful that they have been adopted as annual events, and are looked forward to by the public with as much enthusiasm as the Fourth of July and other national holidays."

Householders of the city are reminded that National Clean Up Week comes this year simultaneously with Dress Up Week, and every one is urged to put forth special efforts to renovate homes, clean up premises, paint up where paint is needed, and otherwise put his home and home surroundings in the best and most attractive condition. In this way, it is pointed out, the people can contribute most effectively to the success of Dress Up Week in Elizabeth City.

The following merchants have signed up to participate in Dress Up Week:

Rucker & Sheely Company, Owens Shoe Company, Benton & West, H. C. Bright Company, Albemarle Pharmacy, Spencer Company, Gallop & Toxey, Sharber & White, McCabe & Grice, Louis Selig, Quinn Furniture Company, Spence-Hollowell Company, Buxton White Seed Company, D. M. Jones Company, M. Leigh Sheep, D. Walter Harris, Standard Pharmacy, Mitchell's Department Store, M. P. Gallop, Savings Bank & Trust Company, Apothecary Shop, Carolina Banking & Trust Company, First & Citizens National Bank, Weeks & Sawyer, M. G. Morrisette Company, P. W. Melick Company, Carolina Potato Exchange, Fisher-Morrisette Produce Company, City Drug Store, J. H. Aydtlett Hardware Company, Auto & Gas Engine Works, Coca Cola Bottling Works, T. T. Turner & Company, Southern Gas Improvement Company, J. H. McMillan, Elizabeth City Motor Car Company, North River Line, Duff Piano Company.

Elizabeth City Boy Is Making Good at W.F.C.

"Your man Lowry is making good in every department of college life," State Secretary T. D. Collins of the Wake Forest Alumni Association told the group of old Wake Forest men who gathered around a table in the dining room at the Southern hotel Wednesday night to eat together, talk together and together sing the old songs in which they had joined under the stars on the campus in college days.

"You can well afford to be proud of Lowry," Secretary Collins continued, when the murmur of approbation had subsided. Lowry has distinguished himself in athletics, in the class room he is making a good record, and socially he has the respect and esteem of the entire student body."

Later in the evening George J. Spence, who took the initiative last fall in the matter of providing a way for young Lowry to go to Wake Forest this year, took occasion to call the attention of the members of the association present to the fact that not all the pledges that were taken toward defraying this Elizabeth City boy's expenses this year have been paid and that even when all the pledges are paid there will still be a deficit in the amount needed. George J. Spence, A. B. Combs and Dr. S. W. Gregory were accordingly appointed a committee to collect the pledges and secure the additional pledges needed. This committee plans to make a canvass of those who have pledged outstanding Friday, and the members hope to meet a prompt response to their appeal. They are anxious also to have any person who has not pledged anything but would like to make a contribution to this worthy object to communicate with them.

ATTEMPT FLIGHT FROM LISBON TO PERNAMBUCO

Libson, March 30 (By The Associated Press) — The attempted flight from Lisbon to Pernambuco, Brazil, was started today by naval Captains Sacadura and Coutinho, who hope to make the distance of over four thousand miles in sixty hours, actual flying time.

Miss Frances Williams Wins Debating Laurels

Miss Frances Williams, of this city, winsome Senior at Randolph-Macon College, was the recipient of a signal honor this week, when she was chosen as one of the four regular debaters to represent her college in debates with Agnes Scott College, Atlanta, on April 8, and Sophia Newcomb College, New Orleans, later.

From the entire college student body, the six best debaters were chosen in a competitive contest. These six then contested for places as regular and alternate debaters. The result of the final debate was the selection of two regular affirmative, two regular negative, and two alternate debaters. Miss Williams won a place as a member of the regular negative team.

Miss Frances Williams has made a brilliant record at Randolph-Macon College during her four years there. She is a daughter of P. H. Williams, of this city, president of the Savings Bank & Trust Company, and one of the city's most successful business men. Mr. Williams himself stood high as a debater in his college days, and won medals by his forensic abilities.

MISS STONE WEEPS

New York Mar. 30.—Miss Olivia M. P. Stone wept today as she took the witness chair in her fight in the Supreme Court of Brooklyn to escape the electric chair for the slaying of Ella Guy Kinkhead, former corporation counsel of Cincinnati, to resume the testimony recounting the story of her life.

NEAR RIOT IN HAGERSTOWN, MD.

Hagerstown, Md., Mar. 30.—After a night of near-rioting, during which a passenger train was virtually held prisoner for over two hours, peace was restored today after a conference between Western Maryland striking shopmen, railroad officials, and the police.

Traffic Officer Injured In Accident Wednesday

The case of David Horton, colored driver of the city mail truck, who is under indictment on warrants charging assault with a deadly weapon, to wit, an automobile, and reckless driving, which was scheduled to be tried in recorder's court here Thursday morning, was continued to Friday morning by reason of the non-appearance of the defendant.

Horton, it appears, ran into George Smith, traffic officer of Pasquotank County, in front of the postoffice shortly after noon Wednesday. Smith who was riding the County motorcycle, was thrown to the curb, and sustained painful injuries to his right leg. Horton was turning into the postoffice driveway just as Smith was passing it.

TEXTILE STRIKE WORSE

Lawrence, Mass., March 30 (By The Associated Press) — The strike of the textile operators gained ground today. It is estimated that only 3,000 are working, whereas when the week closed Saturday night the mills had 21,000 on their payrolls.

No mills will be operating Monday, strike leaders said today.

Officials on the Pacific Mills said that they had enough working force to continue operation for some time, but admittedly on a one-fourth basis.

FORMER EMPEROR ILL

Funchall, Madeira, Mar. 30. (By The Associated Press) — Former Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary is gravely ill. It is announced today. He failed to maintain the improvement noticed in his condition yesterday.

Barely Escape Death

Syracuse, March 30 (By The Associated Press) — Five buildings were destroyed and eight persons barely escaped death in a village fire at Cicero today.

AT ALKRAMA TOMORROW

A bit of wholesome advice to brides, neatly disguised in a delightful film drama, is contained in "Her Face Value", a feature at the Alkrama Friday night.

Miss Mary Louise Skinner, Who is a Student at Chowan College this Year Spent Several Days Here with Her Parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Skinner Sr. this Week.

Chowan Associations Are Right In The Lead

Reports to W. M. U. Convention at Charlotte Show Greatest Number Y. W. A.'s Organized

By Walter M. Gilmore
Charlotte, March 30 (By Special Wire) — The Baptist Woman's Missionary Convention which has been in session here since Tuesday night will close tonight. In point of attendance, the character of the addresses, and the spirit of the meeting this session has not been surpassed in the thirty-two years of its history.

Wilmington, Goldsboro and Durham are making strong bids for the next session of the Convention. The matter will be decided late this afternoon. Also the matter of selecting the successor to Mrs. W. H. Reddish as Corresponding Secretary of the Convention will come up at the same time. Miss Mary Warren of Kinston, pastor M. C. B. White's assistant, is prominently mentioned in that connection. She is thought to be eminently qualified for this highly important position. This morning's session has been featured by addresses by Miss Kathleen Mallory, of Birmingham, head of the Womans Missionary Union work of the South, and Mrs. C. K. Dozier, returned Missionary from Japan.

The Five Divisional Superintendents and thirty-four of the Association Superintendents made their reports, the Charlotte Division under the leadership of Mrs. T. B. Henry of Wadesboro, leading them all.

At the Wednesday morning session of the W. M. U. Convention the reports of the different departments of the State work were presented, which revealed substantial progress along many lines and very gratifying results along all lines in view of the financial depression throughout the country, to which the women have not been altogether immune, though their work has felt it less than the religious activities of the men.

Miss Elsie K. Hunter's report as office secretary shows that the Baptist women of the State have given to all missionary objects during the past year the substantial sum of \$298,698.24. This does not include about \$8,000 given to Russian relief. As compared with the record for last year, \$314,004.00, the figures fall short \$15,305.76, or five per cent. But in view of the severe stringency in money matters, that is considered by the ladies as a marvellous report. The Redville W. M. S. leads the State this year with a contribution of \$9,064.99, the Raleigh First W. M. S. coming second with \$7,203.37.

The Mt Zion Association led in gifts, reporting \$25,255.53. The following associations have paid their campaign pledges to date: Ashe, Eastern, Flat River, Montgomery, Sandy Run, South Fork, South River and Transylvania.

There were 850 Woman's Missionary Societies reporting this year: 161 Y. W. A.'s; 149 G. A.'s; 523 Sunbeam Bands; 85 R. A.'s; total 1,768, as against 1,633 reporting last year, showing a gain of 135. Of the societies reporting every quarter there was a total of 800, being a net gain of 122 over last year. There were five associations of the 55 organized in the State in which every church in them made a report, the Eastern Kings Mountain, Mt Zion, Transylvania, and West Chowan.

There have been organized this year 75 new Woman's Missionary Societies, 28 Y. W. A.'s, 100 Sunbeam Bands and 27 Royal Ambassador chapters, making a total of 264, a net gain of 23 over last year.

In reaching the standard of excellence consisting of ten points, there was very gratifying progress, 51 societies having attained all the ten points and being in Class A; 113 in Class B, reaching 9 points, 83 in Class C, with 8 points; 50 in Class D, with 7 points, making a total of 297.

The Eastern and South Fork associations made ten points on the associated standard of excellence; four others made 9 points; and 9 made 8 points. The Eastern made the best all round record, a habit this association has had for several years under the splendid leadership of Miss Macy Cox.

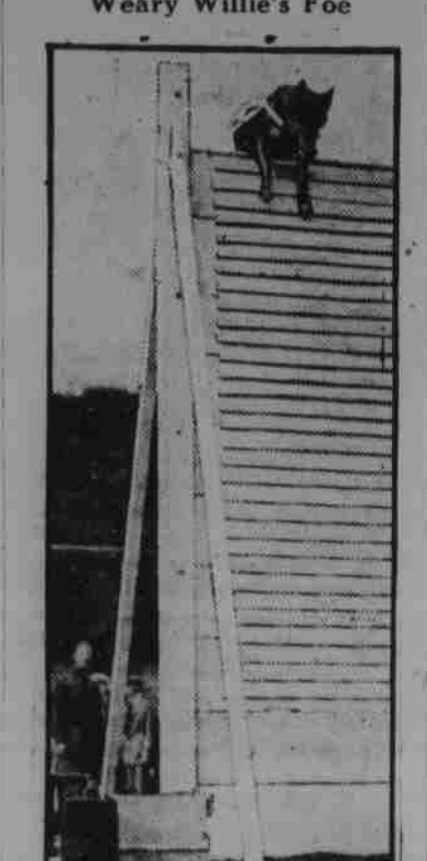
The Y. W. A. report was presented by the State leader, Mrs. R. N. Sims of Raleigh, who gave a good account of the work of that department. The sum of \$34,443.75 has been given by the Y. W. A.'s and G. A.'s during the past year, only about \$2,000 less than that of last year when times were easier. This amount has been given by 310 societies, making an average of \$111.10 for each. The G. A.'s made a net gain of two per cent in their gifts.

The Rockingham Y. W. A. leads the whole State in the matter of contributions; while the Greensboro First is a close second with \$1,664.23, or

Potato Grading Plant Is Under Construction Here

Means Most Important Advance Of Recent Years In Marketing Of Early Irish Potatoes In This Section—Will Be Completed And Ready At Season's Opening In May

WEARY WILLIE'S FOE



Weary Willie would have to get over a mighty high fence to escape this dog. Here he is showing how high a fence he can scale at the Los Angeles police dog competition.

Rumored Reading Resigned

London, March 30 (By The Associated Press) — It is rumored, says the Pall Mall Gazette and Globe, that Lord Reading, Viceroy of India, has resigned. Austen Chamberlain, acting head of the government, says the report is without foundation.

Facisti Outbreaks Renewed

Rome, March 30 (By The Associated Press) — Renewed outbreaks of Facisti and Socialists are reported in the various sections. Two have been killed and seven wounded as a result of bomb throwing.

KING ALBERT INJURED

London, March 30 (By The Associated Press) — King Albert of Belgium injured his right arm in a fall in his room yesterday, according to the Central News.

FLOOD SITUATION GRAVE

Helena, Ark. March 30 (By The Associated Press) — Continued caving of the Mississippi River two miles below Oldtown near here is reported as increasing the gravity of the flood menace. Torrential rains add to the difficulties of the flood fighters.

Just ten cents less. The Winston Brown Memorial again leads the G. A.'s with a contribution of \$534. Clayton and Winston-Salem First closely follow. The Mt. Zion Association of Y. W. A.'s leads the State in gifts, with \$3,841.38, the Pee Dee following.

The Pilot Mountain holds the banner in G. A. gifts, with \$1,075.28 to their credit, while the Mt. Zion and Roanoke come next.

There are 28 new Y. W. A.'s in the State and 39 new G. A.'s. The Eastern and West Chowan Associations have led in the organization of Y. W. A.'s, while the Pilot Mountain and the Roanoke show the largest number of new G. A.'s.

There has been marked increase in interest in Mission Study and Personal Service work among the girls and young women. More seals and certificates have been awarded than ever before, both in churches and in the church schools. There have been 275 Y. W. A. seals given, and 86 G. A. seals, 122 of these going to the girls in Meredith college.

Miss Elizabeth N. Briggs, of Raleigh, for 25 years superintendent of the Junior department, read her report, which was perhaps the best given during her quarter of a century's experience with the Juniors. Her report showed that the Sunbeams had gone \$5,500 beyond their half of subscriptions made to the 75 Million Campaign two and a half years ago. Their pledge was \$60,000 for five years.

The most important step of recent years in the marketing of early Irish potatoes in this section was taken Wednesday, when Brock & Scott Produce Company, of this city, began the construction of a modern potato grading plant that will have a capacity of 4,000 barrels every twenty-four hours. The plant will be completed by the latter part of May. L. B. Perry is the contracting builder.

Failure to properly grade their stock has cost truck potato growers of Northeastern North Carolina thousands upon thousands of dollars annually. Eastern Shore potatoes, systematically graded and properly marked, have regularly brought from one to two dollars a barrel, on an average, in Northern markets, more than similar stock from this section that was not as carefully graded. Poor grading, it is stated by those who are in a position to know what they are talking about, has cast upon the Northeastern Carolina Irish potato a stigma that it will take years of careful attention to grading to remove.

The Brock & Scott grading plant will be located on track 16, at the Norfolk Southern freight yards on Pennsylvania avenue. The building, which will be one story high, and much on the order of a warehouse in general construction, will be 30 by 100 feet, with a six-foot loading platform on the east side, and a four-foot platform on the west. Two grading machines, equipped with varying relays of wire meshes, will be installed, and these will be operated by a powerful motor, which, keeping the grading equipment in a rotary motion, will automatically sort the potatoes according to grade. Spouts connected with the machines will pour the graded potatoes directly into barrels for heading and shipment. Two railroad spurs running directly to the loading platform will expedite the handling of the product. Each of the two grading machines has a guaranteed capacity of 1,000 barrels per ten-hour day, and in the height of the potato rush, the owners of the plant plan to increase this output to 2,000 barrels or more per machine by running day and night.

Fully equipped, the new potato grading plant, the first to be established here, will cost in the neighborhood of \$3,000. Brock & Scott announce that, except when their own requirements tax the plant to its capacity, it will be made available to potato growers of this section at a nominal fee not exceeding 15 cents a barrel of potatoes graded.

S. G. Scott, of the firm of Brock & Scott, declares that he has been seriously considering the building of a potato grading plant for more than two years. The company with which he is connected, he says, will this year market all its truck potatoes under a distinctive trade-mark, and will sell them strictly f. o. b. Elizabeth City. This, in his opinion, is the only generally satisfactory way to handle the crop.

Potato plantings this year in Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck Counties, in the opinion of one leading local commission man, will average ten per cent below those of 1921. At present, it is manifestly impossible to predict the season's yield with any degree of accuracy; and price forecasts just now are mostly guess work. A few potatoes have sold here this week at \$3.25 a barrel, f. o. b. Elizabeth City.

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DOCTORS OF DISTRICT MEET HERE THURSDAY

Twenty-five or more doctors of the First Councillor District of the North Carolina Medical Society met at Elizabeth City Thursday as the guests of the medical men of the city. The event of the meeting is a banquet at the Southern Hotel Thursday night, at which Dr. Hubert Royner, president of the State Medical Society, is to address the assembled doctors.

The First Councillor District is made up of eight or ten Northeastern Carolina counties, and the district membership includes a majority of the doctors in the territory it comprises. Dr. Ben Halsey, of Roper, Councillor of the First District, was expected to arrive on the afternoon train Thursday. The purpose of the meeting is stated to be the forming of a more compact and effective scheme of organization.