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Cloudy tonight and Friday. Probably showers.

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Capital And Labor Will Wage Battle In Congress

With Autumn Elections To Face, Congressmen Are Up Against The Labor Vote And That Of Railroad Representatives, So That Response To Harding's Appeal May Be Slow

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Washington, Aug. 9.—Congress may not respond as readily to President Harding's request for legislation to prevent strikes and lockouts if the coal and rail situations are cleared up as would be the case if the crisis continues indefinitely.

Already railroad representatives whose business it is to see that Congress does nothing that can be harmful to their interests are on the job anxious to corral their supporters in both houses so that undesirable moves may be blocked if not defeated. Labor, too, which successfully fought the inclusion of an anti-strike provision in the present transportation act is getting ready to wage another battle in the legislative hall of the National Capital.

With the autumn elections staring Congress in the face, the prospects of any legislation unfavorable to labor interests of the country is far from likely. Congress backtracked on the anti-strike provision once before because of a fear of the voting power of railroad employees for in legislating there would be no specific cure for the shopmen which would not apply equally to engineers, trainmen, conductors and all other classes of workmen on the railroads of the country.

Although the labor vote is a doubtful quantity and politicians claim it never supports any one with sufficient strength to change the result, a closer approximation of the truth is that labor never voted solidly unless a concrete issue affecting them is up for consideration. Even the Republican politicians who were unable to agree on the real cause of the Hughes defeat in 1916 admitted that the railroad men contributed no small number of votes in appreciation of the Wilson effort on the eight hour law known as the Adamson Act.

Only an acute emergency will get legislation through Congress and in this alone lies danger to both labor and railroad management.

Mr. Harding has not used his chief weapons—publicity and an appeal to the nation. He has not talked in alarming phrases publicly as he is known to have done in private. The country would probably be aroused if it read Mr. Harding's picture of the grave conditions which lie ahead of the American people, if the industrial crisis is not brought to an end now.

The President is mostly concerned over the coal situation. He thinks the country will suffer grievously next winter and he doesn't dare to say what damage will be to the already slowly improved business conditions which had done so much to cure unemployment and bring the nation back to normalcy. He feels that at one fell swoop much of what has been accomplished to overcome the business depression which started two years ago may be lost unless the nation is adequately supplied with fuel.

The hub of the situation is, of course, fuel for industries. Mr. Harding listens to the railroad executives as they point out that train service is not interrupted and that conditions approaching normal are being every day brought nearer, but he answers all that by pointing to the lack of cars to carry coal from the fields now being operated. It's bad enough, reasons Mr. Harding, not to be able to get coal from the union fields, but it's even worse to have cars lacking to carry fuel from basis for drastic action when the time comes for Mr. Harding to act. That's his conception of a national emergency in which he believes the Executive has unlimited power even if Congress is slow to act.

The President, therefore, in turning to Congress for help, is not sure to get action soon enough to bring the disputants in the present strikes under penalty of new laws, but what is more likely is that both sides will grow more tractable as they see the demand for legislation accelerated by a Presidential message and a supporting public opinion. Mr. Harding knows, of course, that talk of remedial legislation frequently brings a remedy without actually bringing a bill to a vote. No one can tell on the other hand,

WILL RECEIVE A REPLY MONDAY

President Harding Awaits Answer Of Shopmen Who Will Probably Reject

Washington, Aug. 10 (By The Associated Press)—President Harding probably will receive next Monday or Tuesday the formal answer of the railway Shop Crafts Federation to his proposal that the seniority dispute be left to the Railroad Labor Board for decision. The executive head of the shopmen's unions are again engaged today in conferences here preparatory to drafting the reply. Discussions yesterday strengthened the impression that the President's new plan will be rejected by the men.

WILL RENEW EFFORTS TO VOTE ON MUSCLE SHOALS

Washington, Aug. 10 (By The Associated Press)—Democratic leaders in the House intend when the House reassembles next Tuesday to renew their efforts to force an agreement on a date for the vote on Henry Ford's proposal to lease or purchase Muscle Shoals.

Makes Fine Picture Of The Water Front

The most comprehensive picture of Elizabeth City's waterfront ever seen here, showing the shore line all the way from the Dare Lumber Company's plant to Cobb's Point, has just been completed by R. C. Job, secretary of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce, and Secretary Job is showing the picture now with altogether pardonable pride in his achievement. However, he is not quite satisfied and will undertake to get even better results as soon as he can get a camera more to his liking than one with which the work just completed was done. Secretary Job's picture is a composite one, made up of a series of photographs of sections of the waterfront so skillfully joined together that at first glance the picture seems to have been made at one exposure.

what would be the mood of Congress if the coal famine is unrelieved and the transportation is impaired.

All sorts of proposals and suggestions will no doubt be made when Congress reconvenes. Mr. Harding will follow the recommendations of his message to Congress last December when he stressed the necessity of a code of principles which would emphasize the legal liability of unions and their leaders on a parity with corporations and their managers. Decisions of the Federal courts have since proclaimed the principle that labor unions could be sued just as corporations can be, and it's along the line of establishing culpability for concerted action that the Executive will undoubtedly work. Mr. Harding, when a member of the Senate, voted for the anti-strike provision which was passed by the Senate but eliminated from the Esch-Cummins Act when it was in final conference between the House and Senate.

The threat of political reprisals caused the elimination. It was just before the congressional elections. The same political threats are being made today but there is a crisis pending which will not make it so easy for Congress to dodge its responsibilities. The President has shouldered them alone for the last month and now will ask Congress to aid. If the President's political fortunes are to be affected so will be those of members of Congress.

The truth is, Congress would be delighted if the strikers and employers would only make peace and save members of the House and Senate from one more of the many embarrassments which the reconstruction period in American history has contributed to American politics.

Wasn't Lynched But Left County

Jacksonville, N. C., Aug. 10 (By The Associated Press)—Sheriff Gurganus of Onslow county stated today that investigators from his office have failed so far to confirm reports sent from New Bern Saturday that Jim Blackledge, negro, accused of instigating an attack on Cy Jones, rural mail carrier, was lynched. He said that a crowd of men ordered Blackledge to leave the county and he had not been heard from since.

Would Offset Tide Of Anti-Americanism

Report To American Bar Association Recommends Establishment Bureau For This Purpose

San Francisco, Aug. 10 (By The Associated Press)—The establishment of a bureau to further American ideals and offset the growing tide of anti-Americanism which is declared to be arousing great prejudice against the courts and constitution, was recommended to the American Bar Association in annual convention here today by its committee on American ideals. The report denounced the proposal to clothe legislative bodies with supreme authority.

Lewis Says Miners Will Return To Work

Cleveland, Aug. 10 (By The Associated Press)—The policy committee of the United Mine Workers voted today to proceed with negotiations of a wage scale agreement with operators in Ohio, Western Pennsylvania, Indiana and Illinois here for a joint conference called with a view to breaking the soft coal strike. President Lewis of the miners predicted that when the scale is made 75 per cent of all bituminous tonnage on strike will sign the scale to return to work within the week.

SERVICES TONIGHT

"The Fairness of Christ" will be the subject of Rev. Louis A. Mayo's sermon tonight at the First Christian church. The public is cordially invited.

School Days Begin Just Six Weeks From Monday

September 18 Is Set For End Of Vacation—Few Changes In Personnel Of Faculty—Buildings Are Being Put In Condition

School days in Elizabeth City begin six weeks from Monday next. September 18th has been set as the opening day of the 1922-23 session.

Few changes will be made in the faculties of the three departments, primary, grammar and high school, this year, only five vacancies having to be filled in all. Teachers for these vacancies have already been secured.

No changes whatever have been made in Superintendent Sheep's executives. Principal A. B. Combs continues at the head of the high school. Miss Hattie Harnes, of the grammar school, and Miss Beasley, of the primary school.

Three of the five changes made this year are in the high school faculty. Miss Bertha Hollingsworth of Mellen, Georgia, takes the place of Miss Elizabeth Allen as teacher of English; Miss Janies Wall of Ellerton, Georgia, takes the place of Miss Mary Underwood in the business department; and Mrs. R. B. Gay of Jackson will take Miss Elizabeth Jeffries' place as teacher of English.

In the grammar school Miss Sallie Cobb will take the place of Miss Martha Elliott, while in the primary school Miss India Bartlett of South Mills fills the vacancy made by the resignation of Miss Grace Parker.

Work of putting the buildings in good condition by the opening day is now in progress. There will be no increase in the number of teachers this year, as all available class rooms are now occupied. The total number of teachers is forty-four. Here are the high school instructors: A. B. Combs, principal; R. T. Ryland, mathematics; Miss Minna Pickard, science; Miss Aleene B. Edwards, Latin; Miss Jane Johnson, French and history; Mrs. R. B. Gay, English; L. W. Jarman, mathematics and science; Miss Lou Shine, English and history; George R. Sherill, mathematics and civics; R. W. Holmes, mathematics; Miss Bertha Hollingsworth, English; Miss Janies Wall, business department, and Miss Martha Martin, domestic science.

HOOVER CALLS SPECIAL MEET

Action Alabama Coal Operators Regarded With Apprehension By Officials

Washington, Aug. 10 (By The Associated Press)—The action of Alabama coal operators in breaking away from the voluntary fair price agreement resulted today in a special meeting of the Federal control distribution committee being called by Secretary Hoover to discuss a situation which officials regarded with apprehension.

POPLAR BRANCH TO PLAY FRIDAY IF—

The Poplar Branch baseball team is scheduled to play the Elizabeth City All-Stars on Friday afternoon on the West Main street diamond at 4:30 o'clock. These two teams were to play a game Wednesday afternoon but was cancelled on account of rain. Both teams are in the pink of condition and a good game can be looked for. "Snooks" Evans and Jones is booked to do the battery work for the locals and it is expected that Poyner, the lanky twirler from Currituck will do the hurting for the visitors.

Friday's game is the sixth one to be scheduled since the closing of the Twilight League season and only two have been played. Rain in each instance prevented the two teams from getting together.

Letters Famous Author Sold For Large Amount

London, Aug. 10 (By The Associated Press)—Fifteen unpublished autograph letters of Robert Louis Stevenson to his cousin, R. A. M. Stevenson, have been sold to an American buyer for \$3,500. The manuscript of Stevenson's unpublished play, "Monmouth," consisting of 59 pages, sold for \$1,200. Accompanying the manuscript was a letter written by the famous author when he was 23. "I recognize," it says, "that I shall never be a great man. I may set myself peacefully on a smaller journey, not without hope of coming to the inn before nightfall."

A letter written by Stevenson the day before he left for America to be married brought \$150, and an unpublished poem went to an American collector for \$65.

Miss Lula White left Thursday for a vacation at Atlantic Cottage, Virginia Beach.

That Newland Road Is Paved At Last

Last Brick Laid Thursday Afternoon And Road Will Probably Be Open For Traffic Within Two Weeks Unless In Meantime Work On Knobbs Creek Bridge Is Begun

COMPLICATIONS IN RAIL STRIKE

Threat Made By Unions That Hundred Similar Cases To That At Joliet Will Arise

Chicago, Aug. 10 (By The Associated Press)—Threats by railroad brotherhood chiefs that "there will be a hundred similar cases" to the tie-up on the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern where engineers, firemen, conductors and trainmen refused to work because of the presence of troops in Joliet yards further complicated the railway strike situation today.

Leaders of the Big Four brotherhood who are to take part in the Washington conference of the rail and union heads tomorrow when all phases of the strike are due to come before the chiefs of sixteen standard unions, left to the train service men the right to decide for themselves whether working conditions at terminals are objectionable.

Seventeen Millions To Aid In Marketing

Washington, Aug. 10 (By The Associated Press)—Applications from cotton and wheat growers associations aggregating \$17,000,000 were approved today by the War Finance Corporation.

The application of the Staple Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association of Mississippi was approved for an advance not exceeding \$7,000,000 to assist in the orderly marketing of cotton, the remainder going to western wheat growers.

Norfolk Man Made Supreme Chancellor

San Francisco, Aug. 10 (By The Associated Press)—The formal election of Supreme Vice Chancellor George C. Cabell of Norfolk, Va., to the supreme chancellorship of the order led off the election of officers to the higher chairs in the supreme lodge sessions of the Knights of Pythias in convention here today.

Hanged For Murder Field Marshal Wilson

London, Aug. 10 (By The Associated Press)—Joseph O'Sullivan and Reginald Dunn were hanged this morning in Wadsworth prison for the assassination of Field Marshal Wilson on June 22. Fifty Irish men and women assembled outside the jail before the execution sang hymns and prayed for the souls of the condemned men.

A. & P. Store Opens Branch Friday

The Atlantic & Pacific Tea Stores will open their first branch store in Elizabeth City on Friday, August 11. D. D. Ayers of Newport News arrived Wednesday and will manage the local store. District Superintendent M. A. Hodgwood is also in the city planning for the opening.

The store will carry a general line of staple groceries and will specialize in teas and coffee.

GETTING READY FOR FISHING

Wanchese, August 8 — The net that has been ordered so long for the Billy White Fish Company has come and the entire crew is busily engaged getting it rigged. They are thinking to move up the Beach near Whales Head and begin their fall work sometime this month.

The last brick on the Newland road was laid at 3:17 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

The last section completed will be ready for traffic within about two weeks.

However, the fact that the road will be ready does not necessarily mean that it will be open for traffic. The Knobbs Creek bridge may hold up the opening of the road for another month. Material for the bridge has not yet arrived. Should it not arrive in two weeks the road will probably be thrown open anyway and remain open, using the old bridge, until work on the new bridge can be begun.

This bridge is of fabricated steel and concrete. The fabricated material is made to order and shipped to the Pasquotank Highway Commission ready to be put together. The order for this material was made in ample time to have had it here before the road was completed so that the bridge would have been ready for traffic along with the road. But the concern with which the order was placed had to get the State authorities to pass on the plans and specifications, and Raleigh is where the matter was held up, according to Charles Carmine, secretary to the Highway Commission.

This is but one instance of the working of the jinx that has hung over the construction of the Newland road from its beginning. Material for this road was being put on the right of way in February, 1921. The Highway Commission was hopeful that with the experience gained in building the brick road to Weeksville it would be possible to complete construction on this thirteen mile stretch of nine foot road by cold weather.

The first delay came when the State took over the road in April, when the work of paving had just been begun. Changes in plans and specifications and in the method of work caused delay for a season.

However, by the first of June five miles of the road had been completed and County Engineer Higgs told the Highway Commission at that body's June meeting that the road would be completed by November of that year.

By September the paving had progressed no farther than Berea church, and it was decided, for fear that the work would not be completed by winter to transfer the paving operations to the Elizabeth City end of the road, so that the roadbed through Knobbs Creek swamp, a bad piece of road in wet cold weather, would not be left unpaved another winter. But the Knobbs Creek fill which had to be completed before paving at the Elizabeth City end could begin, caused such delay that the idea was abandoned and the road was completed as originally planned, the section nearest town being the last paved.

The Newland road is the second paved road in Pasquotank County. It is nine feet wide except for that section from the city to the end of Knobbs Creek Swamp, a distance of about a mile, and is of brick on a concrete cushion. The road is much smoother but also considerably more expensive than a brick road of the same width of the Weeksville type in which no concrete cushion is used except when the roadbed is adjacent to swamp. Its completion gives Pasquotank about 22 miles of paved highway.

Begun by the County and taken over by the State, the work on the Newland road was done by the Pasquotank Highway Commission as contractors for the State. Figures as to its cost have not yet been made public but in view of the delay and other handicaps it is hardly believed that the County, under the terms of its contract, will get back from the State as much as the road has cost.

FRENCH CABINET SUPPORT POINCARE

Paris, Aug. 10 (By The Associated Press)—The French cabinet at a special meeting today presided over by President Millerand is understood to have voted entirely to stand by Premier Poincare at the London conference on reparations.