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MAY BE OPENING WEDGE FOR GENERAL STRIKE ALL R. R. EMPLOYES FORMER CROWN PRINCE OFFERS TO GIVE UP WHITE HOUSE REGARDS SITUATION AS SERIOUS PRICE HELD UNDER BOND **WAS SEVERELY INJURED** OFFERS TO TAKE THE PLACE IN SAVANNAH WRECK TO FACE GRAND JURY

Sends Telegram to Kings of England, Belgium and Italy, Presidents of France and U.S. Offering Himself In Place of 900 Germans Who Only Served Their Country.

OF HIS COUNTRYMEN

(By The Associated Press.)

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 10. - Former Crown prince Frederick William, of Germany, has offered to give himself up to the allies in place of the hundreds of Germans demanded for extradition on the iist recently submitted to Berlin, according to a telegram purporting to have come from him published in the Handelsblad of this city. The telegram, addressed to the kings of England, Belgium and Italy, the presidents of France and the United States, and the emperor of Japan, says:

"As the ex-crown prince, I wish to take the place of my countrymen. If the allied and associated governments desire a victim, let them take me instead of 900 Germans who committed no other crimes than to serve their country in war."

BERLIN, Feb. 9. - Germany is preparing a list containing the names of allied soldiers and high officials who are accused by the Berlin government of violations of the laws of war and plans to submit it as a counter-proposal to the demand of the allies for extradition of Germans who are alleged to be war criminals.

This list is in the course of compilation and it is expected it will be ready for publication and delivery shortly. It will contain specific indictments based upon alleged authenticated material which is on file in the German achives. It was stated tonight Germany, however, would not demand extradition of the men named in its indictment.

WOULD MEAN INSURRECTION.

BERLIN, Monday, Feb. 9. - Decision was reached by the committee on foreign relations of the national assembly today to support the government's stand in declaring "the ethical and patriotic indignation of the German people at the allied demands for extradition of Germans accused of war crimes is such that the carrying out of extradition measures have been made physically impossible and would produce internal insurrection."

was adopted at the meeting of the com mittee which lasted for three hours this afternoon

The government has decided to submit the official extradition list to the first attorney general at Leipzig with instructions to investigate the offenses listed and determine whether the charges made by the allies can be punished under the German criminal or civil codes. He will also be asked to determine to what extent these charges trespass upon the rules of warfare. It is presumed the attorney general will proceed on the ground that the entente presents material evidence against German subjects and may prosecute the accused in the same manner as if the charges had been filed in any

'DOWN WITH FRANCE''

(By The Associated Press.)

MUNICH, Monday, Feb. 9. - After a meeting of Bavarian democrats today to protest against the extradition demands of the entente, several thousand persons formed a procession to the hotel where a portion of the entente commission is residing. The ercwd san "Deutschland Uber Alles", cried "Down With France," and otherwise gave vocal expression to its feelings.

ANOTHER SNOWSTORM

HITS NEW YORK. (By The Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Feb. 10. - Another snowstorm hit New York today with all but a few of the principal streets already blocked by drifts. There was a prospect that the snow would change to rain, but early in the day the fall was heavy with a strong wind.

An army of 14,000 men has been working day and night since Wednesday, shoveling snow, but little headway has been

made. Most of Manhattan's surface car system was still out of commission today. Independent socialist members refused In some sections hard packed snow more

to subscribe to this declaration, which than one foot thick covered the tracks. VETERANS OF CHATEAU-

THIERRY PATROL THE STREETS OF LEXINGTON

(By The Associated Press.) LEXINGTON, KY., Feb. 10. - Dawn today found Lexington an armed camp. Squads of armed soldiers who saw service at Chateau Thierry were patrolling the streets or guarding all approaches to the city to prevent a recurrence of yesterday's bloody mob violence that cost the lives of five persons and caused injury to a score of others.

William Lockett, negro slayer of 10year-old Geneva Hardman, a school girl, was confined in a steel cage in the Fayette county courthouse here, awaiting removal either to the state reformatory at Frankfort or to the prison at Eddyville.

Reports last night that 1,500 mountaineers were enroute to Lexington to lynch Lockett caused the commanding offeer to throw cordons of troops across every road leading into the city and to tial law was declared by Brigadier Genplace other detachments at every strategie point within the city. So extensive were the plans to prevent a further uprising that at 10 o'clock last night the brigadier general in command announced that the situation was under control and that no further trouble was expected.

No attempt will be made by the authorities to remove Lockett from the steel cage until danger of further violence has passed, it was announced.

"I don't know why I did it," the negro is quoted as having said in the course of a statement prepared for submission to the jury which convicted him yesterday. Lockett threw himself on the mercy of the court. But one witness, a neighbor of the dead girl's father, was placed on the stand by the state. The witness indentified the stone with which the girl's head had been crushed. The jurymen returned their verdict without

leaving their seats.

Lockett is about 33 years old and came here from Henderson, Ky., seven years ago. He enlisted in the army and served for eleven months at Camp Taylor.

Death last night of J. M. Rogers, 61, a farmer of near Versailles, Woodford county, shot during the rioting, brought

the death toll to five. It was an attempt to lynch Lockett yesterday that caused the rioting. Shortly after the death sentence had been passed on the negro a mob of 100 or more men charged the entrance to the courthouse, bent upon lynching the negro. The troops fired rifles and machine guns into the crowd.

Additional troops were rushed to the scene from Camp Zachary Taylor during the late afternoon and evening and mareral F. C. Marshall, upon his arrival.

The cry "let's get him" from a brawny farmer on the outskirts of the crowd. turned the crowd into a mob which began surging toward the entrance to the building. Soldiers and police dropped back into close formation and trained their guns on the mob, which never hesitated.

Adjutant General Deweese, in command of the militiamen shouted a final warning to the crowd and then fired a revolver into the air. It was the signal for the troops to fire.

Soldiers and police fired point blank into the crowd and a nearby machine gun rattled. From the windows of the courtroom above another hail of bullets shattered down on the asphalt street.

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Former Gastonia Real Estate Man Required to Give Bonds
Totalling \$800 For Appearance Before Grand Jury —
Charged With Obtaining
Money Under False Pretense - Other Warrants Hinted

Before Judge A. C. Jones in Municipal Court this morning J. L. Price, a former Gastonia contractor and real estate man who was brought back here Sunday from Spartanburg, S. C., on warrants charging him with obtaining money under false pretenses, was tried in two cases in each of which he was held under a bond of \$400 for investigation by the grand jury. in Rock Hill, the latter being seriously ill the prosecution by Attorneys Bismarck Capps, R. L. Sigmon and J. M. Hoyle.

Prosecuting witnesses in one case were Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Childers who alleged that they had lost their home because of misrepresentations made to them by Price in their transactions with them. The principal prosecuting witness in the other case was T. J. Redmond, a real estate dealer, who made substantially the same charges against the defendant.

Quite a crowd gathered at the city hall to hear the trial of these cases. It is reported that several other warrants are SING BAVARIANS. out for Price and that there is a probability that he will face the court on a number of other charges similar to those he faced this morning.

Price was a resident of Gastonia for a number of years prior to a year or so ago when he went to South Carolina. He operated extensively in real estate and in the building and selling of houses. He returned to this State without requiring the issuing of extradition papers.

ENLISTED MEN GOT **BIGGEST SCORE OF MEDALS**

Receive 63 Per Cent of Medals Awarded — 30th Division Receives 12 Medals of Hon-

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10. - Enlisted men of the army received 63 per cent of the medals awarded for service in the world war, it is shown in statistics made public today by the war department.

To enlisted men went 57 out of the total of 78 congressional medals of honor awarded, while 3,593 out of the 5,109 distinguished service crosses conferred were given to enlisted men. All of the 641 distinguished service medals awarded for meritorious service and not for acts of valor were conferred on officers.

The 30th division, which, with the 27th division, broke the famous Hindenburg line, received 12 medals of honor or 15 per cent of the total of those decorations

CINCY AND WASHINGTON RUNNING NECK AND NECK

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 10. - For the honor of being the first city to report in the deceennial census, Cincinnati and Washington are running a neck and neck race, census bureau officials said today.

In computing the population of Washington, which was the first city to report in the 1920 census, only the checking of several districts and the final tabulation remains. Reports from Cincinnati, it was said, also are virtually completed, and announcement of the first census returns. either of that city or Washington may be expected either tomorrow or Thursday.

COTTON BROKERS WAX RICH IN EGYPT

(By The Associated Press.) LONDON, Feb. 10. - "Egypt is burst ing with wealth," accumulated from cotton, says a correspondent of The Daily

Epress, in Cairo. "Illiterate natives flying in mud huts have made 20,000 pounds sterling out of cotton deals," he continues. "Some have made 100,000 pounds. They are buying land at inflated prices and paying off mortgages which are regarded as family heirlooms. One British official says that from which Japanese troops are reported the country has made at least 100,000,000 pounds. Naturally there is an influx of new millionaires in Cairo with a huge demand for automobiles, jewelry, new houses and all kinds of luxuries, but in the provinces many of the newly rich have not changed their standard of living at all.

Mr. Paul Neil, Brother-in-Law of Rev. W. J. Roach, of Gas-tonia, in Serious Condition in Savannah Hospital.

Among those severely injured Saturday night in the wreck of a Seaboard passenger train near Savannah, Ga., was Mr. Paul Neil, of Rock Hill, S. C., a brotherin-law of Rev. W. J. Roach, of Gastonia. At present the injured man is in a hospital in Savannah and his physicians fear that he is seriously injured.

At the time of the accident Mrs. Neil and children were visiting relatives in Spartanburg and Mr. Roach was at the bedside of his brother, Mr. J. K. Roach, Price was represented by Attorney P. W. from pneumonia following an attack of Garland while the State was assisted in influenza. Mrs. Neil came to Gastonja last night from Spartanburg and was joined here by Mr. Roach who motored up from Rock Hill. Together they went to Rock Hill last night and from there on to Savannah

DEMOCRATS OPPOSE UNI-**VERSAL MILITARY TRAINING**

Feel That They Know Sentiment of Country on Military Training Better Than President Does — Despite Wilson's Appeal Action is Tak-

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 .- Democrats of the house were on record today as apposed to universal military training despite an appeal from President Wilson that they refrain from declaring themselves on the issue until the democratic national convention in June.

The action was taken at the party caucus last night when the house democrats came out, 106 to 17, against any measare providing for universal compulsory military service or training. Earlier to the session the democrats flatly rejected President Wilson's appeal by voting 88 to 37 against a proposal that action on the measure be deferred.

Explaining their action at the caucus several democrats declared that they felt they knew the sentiment of the country on military training better than either the President or their leaders.

Representative Caldwell, New York, who led the fight in favor of the President's proposal, declared that unless there is a change in sentiment on the democratic side of the house it is apparent there are not enough republicans who favor universal training to include it in the army re-organization bill.

BOLSHEVIKI MAY ENTER JAPAN PROPER

Have Captured Alexandrovsk
—Fear Is Felt That Forces May Enter Island — Government Negotiating For Evacuation of Japanese Population.

HONOLULU, T. H., Feb. 9-8iberian bolsheviki have captured Alexandrovsk, capital of the island of Sakhalin, and fear is felt that the radical forces may enter Japan proper, according to a special cable despatch from the Tokio correspondent of Nippu Jiji, Hon-

olulu Japanese language newspaper. The Japanese government is negotiating with the Alexandrovsk authorities for the avacuation of the Japanese population from the city, the cablegram

Tokio dispatches under date of Saturday, January 31, reported bolsheviki uprisings against Japanese residents on the island of Sakhalin and attacks against important Japanese mining and petroleum plants there. A rescue party had been dispatched to the island, the despatches said.

Sakhalin is a long narrow island off the coast of Siberia north of Vladivos-

The city of Alexandrovsk is not on the island, being on the mainland directly opposite Sakhalin.

The capture of Alexandrovsk and the insurgent bands in northern Korea presumably with the assistance of the bolsheviki would seem to indicate a serious menace to Japan from the reds. Details as to the localities in northern, Korea to have been forced to retreat are not yet learned, but it seems pobable the bolsheviki have spread their wave of invasion of the east southward from the neighborhood of Vladivostock, which is not far from the extreme northern fromtiers of Korea.

That General Strike May Result. where are making up to \$1 an hour and while many railroads are bringing Mex-WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 - White ican laborers into this country and payhouse and railroad administration ofing them 25 to 40 per cent more than o ficials regard "as most serious" the

Secretary Tumulty Will See President Wilson

(By The Associated Press.)

railroad situation precipitated by the

orders for a strike February 17, issued

by the Brotherhood of Maintenance of

Secetary Tumulty will see President

Wilson today to lay the matter before

him, emphasizing the possibility that

this strike may be the opening wedge for

a general strike of all railroad employ-

es, should the wage demands be refused

by Director General Hines at his con-

ference with union officials now in pro-

Mr. Hines is understood to have con-

ferred with Secretary Tumulty for more

than three hours last night, outlining

the situation for representation to the

DETROIT, Mich. Feb. 10-Executive

officers of the United Brotherhood of

Maintenance of Way Employes and Shop

Laborers were going ahead with strike

plans today while a committee of heads

of various divisions of the union were

enroute to Washington, where they will

make a final effort, if called into con-

ference by Director General Hines, to

avert the walkout on February 17 of

Allen E. Barker, president of the

brotherhood, would make no statement

early today in reply to the assertion by

Mr. Hines that the strike call violated

the Union's wage agreement, but he re-

called that a strike was voted last fall

set for November 1 and that it had been

twice postponed since then in the hope

that an agreement might be reached on

a new wage scale, or that the govern-

"The cost of living continues to rise,"

nearly 300,000 railway workers.

Way Employes.

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of living.

GOING AHEAD WITH

Today to Lay Matter Before Him - Believed

the men affected by this strike call. "We are determined to have fair increases now. ''

The men involved are all employed on American roads, although the union has a membership of 28,000 in Canada.

WAGE INCREASE DEMANDS NOT TO BE GRANTED

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10-It was generally believed here that Director General Hines would today go before the representatives of the two million railroad workers and inform them that their wage increase demands could not be granted. He is willing to go no further, it is understood, than to adjust elleged inequalities in wages.

PLANS FOR STRIKE. The employes' representatives are expected to come forward with a new proposition for the settlement of their case, but none of them would discuss their plans prior to today's conference, which is expected to end the negotiations.

The director general is understood to hold to the opinion that it would be inadvisable for the railroad administration to order a general wage increase in view of the return of the lines to their private owners in less than three weeks.

He is said also to believe that higher freight and passenger rates would inevitably follow an increase in wages.

INTER-CHURCH MOVEMENT PLANS CAMPAIGN.

(By The Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Feb. 10. - An immediate ment might be able to reduce the cost nation-wide religious educational campaign was among the plans of the Inter-Church World Movement conference which Mr. Barker said. "And we are conopened here today. In attendance were vinced that the railroad administration leaders in this country of various Protesdoes not intend to grant increase in tant denominations.

wages unless forced to do so. It is ri-At the conclusion of the conference diculous to think that the government teams of speakers will be sent on a tour employing these laborers who are raising of state conferences to be held within the American families would force them to pext four weeks. International and inwork for an average of 35 cents an dustrial and religious questions discussed hour while the same class of laborers at the interlchurch conference will be exthroughout the country employed else- plained by the team speakers.

ARMSTRONG MILLS WITH 120,000 SPINDLES HAVE CAPITAL OF \$4,000,000

pansion of the Armstrong chain of cot- The whole mill will probably be running ton mills in Gastonia and surrounding by some time in March. counties from the modest beginning in 1907 of the Clara manufacturing company with a \$200,000 capital stock and 10,000 spindles to the present day with a combined capital stock of \$4,041,000, representing 119,600 spindles, is one of the most marvelous of the many wonderful fairy-like stories of the textile industry in Gaston county. From one mill early in 1907, the industry headed by Col. C. B. Armstrong, A. K. Winget and others has grown to 13 mills in 1920, an average of one mill a year.

This rapid rise to unparallelled heights in cotton manufacturing his been due to the wonderful insight into the future, coupled with a business skill and foresight possessed by few men, of the captain of the industry, Col. C. B. Armstrong and his chief lieutenant in the work, Arthur K. Winget, whose rapid rise in the textile world has been second

only to that of his superior officer. The Clara mill was built in 1907 at a cost of \$200,000. It has 10,000 spindles. The Mildred was organized in the latter part of 1919, with 20,000 spindles. It will cost \$1,200,000. These figures give some idea of the difference

in cost 13 years ago and now. Two of the latest mills in the Armstrong chain, the Victory and the Winget will soon be running. In the former mill practically all the machinery has been installed and is ready for the power to be turned on. In fact a few bales of cotton will probably be run through the picker room this week to test out and

The history of the growth and ex- loosen up some of the new machinery

The Victory mill represents the last word in cotton mill building. Said Mr. Arthur Winget this morning as he and a Gazette man went through the mill:

"There's nothing but the best of everything in this mill-the best brick. the best lumber and the best machinery that I could buy. All the latest devices and improvements for the successful eperation of the mill and health and comfort of the employes, have been install-

The interior of the mill is finished in white and pale blue, and presents a wonderfully soft and pleasant light. Ail the pipes, motors, eac., will be painted a light blue.

Mr. H. G. Winget is superintendent

of the Victory mill. The Winget mill is also rapidly nearing completion. Over half the roof is now on, and already machinery is being brought in. In a few days, the plumbers and pipe-fitters will finish their work, heat will be turned on, and the machinery erected. It will be running by June or July.

A list of the Armstrong mills, their number of spindles, capital stock, officers and directors is as follows:

Clara Manufacturing Company. Spindles, 10,000. Capital stock, \$200,000.00. Directors: C. B. Armstrong, C. C. Armstrong, R. A. Ratchford, B. T. Mor-

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