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THE DEPOSED CZAR (LEFT), DAVID R. FRANCIS, UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO PETROGRAD (RIGHT), AND A VIEW OF THE CITY.

GREAT RAILWAY STRIKE WILL NOT BE PULLED OFF

The railroad strike has been averted yielding to the appeal of President Wilson and facing the probability of this country's entrance into the world war, the railroads granted the demands of the four employes brotherhoods for a basis eight-hour day, beginning Monday night at 7 o'clock.

The decision is regarded as a complete surrender to the brotherhoods, brought about, however after the patriotism of the railroad managers had been put to the test. The President's mediators playing what they considered their last trump card, were not successful in their mission until after more than fifty hours of anxious conferences, all of which pointed within a short time before the decision was announced to an inevitable deadlock.

Secretary of the Interior Lane and the other mediators were visibly affected when told of the action of the railroad managers. Mr. Lane sent immediately for the committee of railroads and turning to Elisha Lee their spokesman said:

"This is a magnificent thing you have done for your country. It will go down in history as one of the greatest things you ever did."

The combined salary lists of the railroads will be increased approximately \$60,000,000 a year according to conservative estimates.

The number of workmen profiting by this increase will be more than 300,000.

The crisis resulting from the sinking of three American ships by German submarines was the prime factor in clearing the situation and restoring the country to normal conditions in so far as its transportation facilities were concerned.

The railroad managers had been dismissed temporarily by the mediators, who made no secret of the fact that they viewed the outlook with pessimism. Secretary Lane a short time before word came that the managers had yielded, issued a statement that the conferences would be resumed but intimated that he was too hopeful of a settlement.

The railroad managers and brotherhood chiefs had been told of a seriousness of the international situation, but the warning had apparently fallen on deaf ears. It was evident that the strike undoubtedly would become effective.

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EIGHT-HOUR STANDARD FOR WAGES UPHELD

The Adamson eight-hour law was held constitutional and valid in all respects by the Supreme court.

The decision makes eight hours the standard of a day's work and wages for men in operation of trains and legitizes the wage increases which went into tentative effect on its passage.

The decision was five to four. Justices Day, Pitney and Van DeVenter announced their dissent from the bench, and later Justice McReynolds announced his.

In dissenting Justice McReynolds said that congress did not have power to enact the law, but that the majority decision now gives it authority to fix trainmen's maximum and minimum wages "to require compulsory arbitration of labor disputes which may seriously jeopardize movement of traffic, and to take measures effectively to protect the free flow of commerce against any combination, whether of operatives, owners or strangers."

Federal Judge Hook's ruling in the Missouri, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad test case enjoining enforcement of the Adamson Act and holding it "unconstitutional, null and void" was reversed.

The immediate temporary wage in cases won by the railroad employes affect 400,000 trainmen as of January 1 and are estimated to total between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000.

Justice McKenna concurred in the majority opinion, but slightly against the indefiniteness. He read his own dissenting opinion and Justice Van De Venter joined.

Justices Pitney and Van DeVenter in their joint dissenting opinion held that the law should be held unconstitutional and void.

Justice Day in his dissenting opinion said the legislation amounted to deprivations of the railroads properly without due process of law.

In concurring in the majority opinion Justice McKenna differed in that he believed the law "an hours of service statute" only a secondary wage-fixing law and thus within power of congress.

Justice Reynolds delivered a separate opinion saying Congress did not have power for such ruling but he decided to agree with the majority.

The majority opinion, as delivered by Chief Justice White, follows in part:

"Was there power in congress under the circumstances existing to deal

with the hour of work and wages of railroad employes engaged in interstate commerce is the question to be considered.

"Its solution, as well as that of other questions which also arise will be clarified by a brief statement of the conditions out of which the controversy arose.

"Two systems controlled in March 1916, concerning wages of railroad employes; one an eight-hour standard of work and wages, with additional pay for overtime, governing on about fifteen per cent of the railroads; the other stated mileage task of 100 miles to be performed during ten hours, with extra pay for any excess, in force on about eighty-five per cent of the railroads."

THE NEWS IN BRIEF FORM SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE

R. O. Everett of Durham has been elected president of the State Fair Association to succeed Leonard Tufts, resigned.

Forty-one bales of cotton belonging to a Chatham county farmer were burned last week. Cigarette and careless smoker held responsible.

The American Sugar Refining Co. derived a profit of \$9,756,379 last year from the sale of \$200,000,000 worth of sugar, or about 4 1-2 cents to each dollar of sales. The net income was more than three and a quarter times as great as in 1915, the figure in that year being \$2,991,415, while in 1914 it was \$2,791,050.

The feasibility of the consolidation of Peace Institute, Raleigh, and Flora McDonald College, Red Springs, was considered by the committee on synodical schools and colleges of the North Carolina Presbyterian Synod, meeting with the trustees of the two colleges in Fayetteville. No decision was reached. The main difficulty will be the location for the combined institutions as neither will want to move.

Gov. Thos. W. Bickett will address the North Carolina Livestock Exposition and Conference to be held at Wilmington, March 28-29. This meeting will be State-wide and promises to be the best of its kind ever held in the State. An excellent program has been arranged for the occasion with the United States Department of Agriculture and the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station and Extension Service well represented.

In keeping with a movement that is being carried on by many of the colleges and universities of the country, the University of North Carolina is now mobilizing its resources in case it would be desirable to render service to the national government in an emergency. The plan is to find out from the alumni and students alike what each is best fitted to do if called upon for service. It is an inventory of its sons as to qualifications in time of war, whether in the ranks or in special lines of work, such as engineering, telegraphy, carpentry, mechanical work or other necessary operations. Blanks will be sent to each alumnus that he may give such information about himself as would be of value. Then if the government should need 100 chemists, engineers, chauffeurs, mechanics or what not the University can render intelligent service.

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JUST A FEW LINES

The "contemptible little army" is beginning to show signs of real life. Wonder what Bill thinks of it now? It is quite a "little" army by this time, but still our Teuton friends have something to chew upon in reflecting that they have not yet seen on the battle front one tenth of one per cent of Britain's resources. The best laid schemes of men and mice gang aft aglee. The homely philosophy of Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch is after all more powerful than the scientific calculations of Bernhardt, and the other gentlemen who started out to make German Kultur universal.

There will be a busy time in the Law Courts of England when after the dust of battle has cleared away, Johnny Bull starts in to try the crews of captured submarines for murder on the high seas. Glory is a fine thing but there is not much glory in the proaic arguments of some of H. M.'s Councillors for and against the crime of murder; delivered in the gloomy precincts of English law courts, with the shadow of the rope overhanging it all.

By the way—what does Bernhardt and his crowd think of glory now anyway? Glory is a funny thing. It is fine when you have got the other fellow on the run, and are fighting on his soil, but it is something else when he gets on your soil.

And yet there is something to it when you come to think of it. They have started a pile of it in Russia during the recent past—and yet there was no bloodshed to speak of. There is some aspects of glory the Teuton mind ought to absorb.

The doctrine—false as hell, as it is—that one is justified in doing evil that good may come of it, has gotten a hard jolt lately. It is high time that it did. But still a lot of our contemporaries have not absorbed the lesson yet. It is hard to throw off the trammels of heredity and environment. The man who cannot do it in the free atmosphere of our beloved country is in hopeless a case. We hardly know what else to recommend him to take for it. A little trip back home and a comparison might help.

We have often wondered what is the difference between killing women and children by Zeppelins, and starving them?

Wonder what Prussian militarism thinks now of the well worn phrase "Dast ist vertoton?" We have always thought that the same sauce that flav-

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Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin Relieves Baby When Other Medicines Failed

There is nothing so necessary to a child's bowels and comfort as regularity of bowels. All children are especially susceptible to stomach trouble and any overstrain of the sensitive organs has a tendency to obstruct elimination. This condition is responsible for much of the illness of childhood.

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ors the goose gives an equally good taste to the gander, but, by heck, we know it now.

We don't hear of any more of those swell parades on the Western front these days punctuated by the goose-step and other fancy frills. But then we haven't time for frivolities—with a bunch of chaps at our heels pick-up towns and villages by the score. But it's glorious walking all the same.

And what do the folks away back home think of it? —AMERICAN Reidsville, March 22, 1917.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a Favorite For Colds.

J. L. Easley, Macon, Ill. speaking of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy says "During the past fifteen years it has been my sister's favorite medicine for colds on the lungs. I myself have taken it a number of times when suffering with a cold and it always relieved me promptly." Sold by all dealers.

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