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## 2 STRIKE-BREAKERS KILLED

### Little Abatement in Trouble Between Teamsters and Employers

## RIOTING IS RENEWED IN CHICAGO

### Union Teamsters Gashes a Negro Driver's Head With an Axe, Cutting Off Several Fingers With a Second Stroke, and an Excited Negro Policeman Shoots into a Crowd With Fatal Result.

Chicago, Special.—No proposals for peace came from either side to the teamsters' strike Saturday, and for the present the strike has settled down to a matter of endurance. John J. Farwell, Jr., in whose hands the employers have placed their case, as far as peace negotiations are concerned, said Saturday afternoon that no overtures would be made to the teamsters at any time hereafter. The employers are willing, he said, to meet the men at any time, but no more proposals will be made to them.

The Teamsters' Joint Council held a short meeting, at which terms of settlement were considered, but nothing was done.

John C. Driscoll, formerly secretary of the Team Owners' Association, who has been anxiously sought in connection with the suits brought against President Shea, of the Teamsters' Union, by George L. Thorne, who alleges criminal libel, has returned. President Shea declared that he was offered \$10,000 by Thorne, through Driscoll, to call a strike on Sears, Roebuck & Co. Driscoll denied positively that he had any knowledge of the affair. He will appear before the grand jury Monday.

Secretary Sincere, of the Employers' Association, declared that as far as doing business was concerned, the strike is over. The employers have 2,300 teams in service and are doing almost a normal amount of traffic.

Saturday evening, while Frederick Jones, a colored teamster, who was unloading some lumber at an uncompleted building at West Eighteenth and Sangamon streets, a mob numbering 1,000 men, women and children, gathered around him and commenced to throw stones and other missiles. Policemen Benson and Schempster, who were guarding the wagon, drew clubs and attempted to drive back the mob, both officers being struck several times with stones. While the trouble was at its height, John Hince, a union teamster, forced his way through the crowd and coming up to Jones when he was stooping over throwing off some lumber, struck Jones over the head with an axe, cutting a gash in his scalp three inches long. A second stroke finished him. One other non-union workman was killed.

### Thanks the President.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—Paris is Russia's choice as the place for opening peace negotiations. If Japan insists upon Manchuria or Washington, Russia doubtless will agree, but Paris is preferred and the Emperor already is prepared to issue instructions to M. Nelidoff, the ambassador to France, to act as plenipotentiary to receive the Japanese conditions.

The Russian government has communicated to the administration at Washington its consent to publication of Russia's reply to President Roosevelt's appeal, at the same time thanking the President warmly for the friendly and lofty spirit in which it was conceived.

It is now possible to give some additional interesting details of the extraordinary council presided over by the Emperor, which met recently at Tsarsko-Selo, and at which the practical, although not the final decision was taken to terminate the war if the conditions were not too onerous.

### Gen. Boynton's Successor.

Washington, Special.—Secretary Taft has appointed Gen. Ezra A. Carman as chairman of the Chickamauga Military Park Association to succeed the late Gen. H. V. Boynton. General Carman was colonel of a New Jersey regiment during the civil war, and was breveted a brigadier general.

### Auto Plunges into River.

Chicago, Special.—Three persons were drowned and two others escaped narrowly a like fate Saturday night when an automobile in which the five were riding plunged into the Chicago river through the open draw of the Rush street bridge.

The drowned: Jerome G. Kurtzman, manager for a chemical company; Mrs. Jerome Kurtzman; W. A. Hartley, manager for an automobile house. The rescued were: W. H. Hoops, Jr., manager for an automobile company and Mrs. Jeremiah Runyon, of New York City.

### Secret Service Agent Wounded.

London, By Cable.—A dispatch to a news agency from Kieff, Russia, says an attempt was made Sunday afternoon to assassinate Lieutenant Colonel Spiridovitch, of the secret service police. The colonel was walking in the main street of the city, when an unknown man fired twice at his with a revolver. Both shots were effective and Spiridovitch was seriously wounded. His assailant escaped.

## ANOTHER BIG INDUSTRY

### Northern Men Interested in Large Investments Near Fayetteville.

Fayetteville, Special.—The Southern Real Estate Company has sent to a company of Northern capitalists specimens of Cumberland county soil adapted to viticulture. The company has already sent an agent here and purposes the planting of a very large vineyard, with an expenditure of about \$200,000, if a body of land can be found giving thorough satisfaction. That Cumberland county is an almost ideal grape-growing section is shown in the large vineyard, "To Kay," said to be the most extensive east of the Rocky Mountains, owned by Col. W. J. Green, and now leased to the Messrs. Garrett, of Weldon; "Happy Valley," the property of Mr. G. W. Lawrence, and "Bordeaux," owned by Mr. J. M. Pearce, besides smaller vineyards, with many individual cultivators of the vine. Large areas of the county meet the requirements for a successful grape-growing country—rolling surface well watered, loam mixed with sand, and sub-layer. These qualities were recognized over fifty years ago by the first grape-growers, Henry L. Myrover and W. T. Horne, who planted "To Kay." Dr. D. W. C. Benbow, afterwards of Greensboro, and Dr. Scott. Information has been received here that the matter of the location of the State test small fruit farm, which, it was thought, has been definitely fixed at a point near Wilmington, has been re-opened, and Mr. E. R. Rose, secretary of the chamber of commerce has written to Commissioner of Agriculture Patterson, asking that Fayetteville have a hearing on the subject; that it combines advantages for such a farm surpassed nowhere else in the State.

### Held Up by Two Negroes.

Wilmington, Special.—On a country road, some distance from any residence, two miles from the city, Saturday afternoon in broad open daylight, John Milliken, of this city, was set upon by three negroes along the roadside and robbed of \$103 in money and a number of valuable papers. Mr. Milliken had gone into the country to pay some hands whom he had at work in the creek bottoms cutting timber. While he was passing the three negroes, who were seated by the roadside, in a thick undergrowth, they sprang upon him, two of them clutching him by the throat and bearing him to the ground, while the third with drawn pistol went through the victim's pocket, securing the money and papers. Mr. Milliken had no weapon and was powerless in the hands of the ruffians who choked him almost into insensibility. After relieving him of what he had, the negroes insolently told the white man to go on about his business while they proceeded in the woods along the railroad track toward Scott's Hill. Mr. Milliken hurried to town and reported the matter to the police, but they were unable to hear anything of the negroes.

### Y. W. C. A. Conference.

Asheville, Special.—The summer student conference of the Young Women's Christian Association in session at Kenilworth Inn, is the largest attended of any previous conference. The morning session began with the mission study conference, followed by the Bible classes from 9 to 10 o'clock. In beginning her course in Exodus Sunday morning, Miss Blodgett addressed herself to the consideration of the first two chapters of the book from the standpoint of Moses' choice and natural equipment. The session closed at 11 a. m. with the city student conferences held from 10 to 11. From 4 to 6 in the afternoon the Carolina division received the other delegations. There were vesper on the lawn at 7:30 p. m., conducted by Miss Bridges. Dr. Egbert Smith, of Greensboro, delivered an address at 8 o'clock at night and the delegations were held from 9 to 9:30.

### Butler Buys Newspaper Plant.

"The Daily Industrial News will be given publication in Greensboro, July 1st. You may announce that," said ex-Senator Marion Butler, director in the company, Saturday evening as he left for a visit to Samson county. Mr. Butler had just returned from New York, where he completed the purchase of the newspaper outfit. Besides buying three linotype machines he closed a deal for \$15,000 Goss press which will print a 16-page paper. The paper's equipment cannot cost less than \$30,000, in view of these purchases. The impression has been made here and in New York, that the Industrial Company has strong financial backing.

### Lieut. Blaisdell Drowned.

Newbern, Special.—Word has reached here from New Orleans of the mysterious drowning of Lieut. W. T. Blaisdell, of the United States revenue cutter service at New Orleans on the night of June 5th. Lieut. Blaisdell was an officer on the revenue cutter Boutwell, stationed at Newbern, and was well known here. His death has created much regret here. He was a valued officer and made many friends. He was a resident of Newbern for six months.

## NORTH STATE NEWS NOTES

### Many Newsy Items Gathered From all Sections.

### Charlotte Cotton Market.

These figures represent prices paid to wagon:

Good middling	8 1/2
Strict middling	8 1/4
Middling	8 1/4
Tinges	7 to 7 1/2
Stains	6 to 7.00

### General Cotton Market.

Middling	8 1/2
Galveston, firm	8 1/2
New Orleans, firm	8 5-16
Mobile, steady	8 1/4
Savannah, steady	8 3-16
Charleston, quiet	8.00
Wilmington, steady	8.00
Norfolk, steady	8 1/2
Baltimore, nominal	8 1/2
New York, quiet	8.55
Philadelphia, steady	8.55
Houston, steady	8.80
Augusta, quiet	8 7-16
Memphis, steady	8 1/4
St. Louis, quiet	8 1/4
Louisville, firm	8 1/2

### \$50,000 School Building.

Durham, Special.—The Durham school authorities are getting ready for the erection of a very fine high school building. This building and equipments will cost \$50,000, and the architects will be working on the plans within the next few days. The school committee has purchased a fine site on Morris and Watkins streets. The lot has a frontage of 195 feet front and runs back nearly four hundred feet, containing an acre and two-thirds. The committee first started condemnation proceedings for a lot on Chapel street, but the site purchased was secured at less cost and without litigation. At the last election the citizens voted \$50,000 for this building and it is proposed to have it ready before another commencement. The building will have a frontage of 145 feet.

Charters are granted by the Department of State to the Farmville Cotton and Tobacco Warehouse Company, of Farmville, Pitt county, capital stock \$25,000; the Hewlett-Grantham Harness Company, Wilson, \$100,000; the Washington Realty Company, of Washington, Beauford county, \$25,000; the Graham Water and Electric Company, \$100,000 to furnish water and light to the town of that name, H. M. Millner, of Morganton, C. P. Hartwell, and M. F. Frey, of Washington, D. C., being the stockholders; the Marshall Wood Working Company, of Marshall, Madison county, to make building materials, furniture, agricultural implements, etc., \$25,000, J. J. Redwine and others, stockholders. The Aurora Publishing Company, of Shelby, \$16,000, to publish newspapers and do printing.

### Attempted Suicide.

A special from Wilmington to the Charlotte Observer says: Crazed with grief and mortification because her only son, Willie Guthrie, 18 years old, with whom she lived at 213 Queen street, this city, had been locked up on a charge of highway robbery, Mrs. Fannie E. Guthrie, a widow, attempted to throw herself into Cape Fear river for the purpose of ending her life. She was restrained from carrying out her purpose by friends who ran after her and were forced to use physical strength in carrying her back home, two blocks distant. The wayward boy is one of three other young white men of this city locked up this week on charges of having figured in several hold-ups on the road to Middle Sound within the past few weeks. The evidence is regarded as conclusive and the heart-broken woman is said to have preferred death to being called upon to prove an alibi for her son. The boy is an only son and the case has excited not a little sympathy in the community.

### New Enterprises.

The Graham Water and Electric Light Company, \$100,000 capital, by H. L. Millner, New York; C. P. Hartwell and M. F. Fray, Washington. Farmville Warehouse Company, Pitt county, \$12,000 capital, by F. L. Turnage and others, to do a tobacco warehouse business. Hewlett-Grantham Harness Company, Wilson, capital, \$12,500, by J. D. Dawes, F. W. Barnes and others. The Washington Realty Company, Washington, N. C., \$25,000 capital, by J. W. Oden, A. Mayo and others. The Marshall Woodworking Company, of Marshall, capital \$25,000, by J. J. Redmon, W. J. McLendon and others.

### Newbern Police Officer Shot by a Negro.

Newbern, Special.—Police Officer R. P. Montague was shot Thursday night by Isaac Farrow, colored, upon whom he was attempting to serve a warrant. Montague was shot in the right shoulder and sustained painful but not serious injury. Farrow escaped arrest, but the police hope to capture him soon.

## BRIEF CURRENT HAPPENINGS

### Minor Happenings of the Week at Home and Abroad.

### Down in Dixie.

Secretary Taft has extended for three years the operations of his order requiring the removal of obstructions to navigation in the shape of bridges at Augusta, Ga.

Hon. W. N. Mitchell promises a liberal appropriation by Georgia to the Jamestown Exposition.

The Democratic Committee of Virginia will meet on June 15th to fix the date of the primaries.

Several houses were burned at Tun- nelton, W. Va.; loss \$35,000.

### At the National Capital.

A new circular regarding political activity by office-holders gives wide latitude to those outside the classified service.

Though under strict rules, postmasters are to be allowed to decide questions regarding letter-carriers' entertainments.

Secretary Morton wants the formal reinstatement of John Paul Jones to take place at Annapolis September 23.

Secretary of War Taft declined the application of the State of Missouri to take possession of the Merchants' Bridge across the Mississippi river at St. Louis.

James K. Polk, a law partner of W. C. Crawford, who was indicted for connection with postal frauds, testified in favor of Crawford.

President Roosevelt was presented with a statuette representing him as colonel of the Rough Riders.

### Through the North.

James McConnell, 32 years old, a crank, tried to kill Vice-President Fairbanks, at Flint, Mich.

Radical changes in the business management of the Equitable Life Assurance Society are provided by resolutions adopted by the directors.

The will of J. Montgomery Sears, Boston's heaviest taxpayer, is missing.

John F. Gaylor and Benjamin J. Greene, convicted of defrauding the United States, together with Captain Oberlin M. Carter, are to be extradited from Canada after a long fight.

Mayor Weaver has asked all the banks in Philadelphia where municipal deposits are made to state the amount of interest paid on these deposits.

Holder of debenture B Wabash Railroad bonds are to sue for an accounting.

### Foreign Affairs.

King Alfonso of Spain is being royally welcomed in England.

Russia has practically decided to intern the three war vessels now at Manila.

The marriage of Crown Prince Frederick William and the Duchess Cecilia, of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, was solemnized in the Palace Chapel at Berlin.

Foreign Minister Delcasse, of France, resigned and Premier Rouvier has taken over his office.

It is understood that the Russian Emperor will issue an imperial manifest, creating a legislative assembly.

Pope Pius bestowed the apostolic benediction at the close of the Eucharistic Congress at St. Peter's in Rome.

King Alfonso received the diplomatic corps of Buckingham Palace and attended other functions.

### Miscellaneous Matters.

Two more directors have resigned from the board of the Equitable Life Assurance Company.

The new developments in the Equitable Life Assurance Society muddle were the resignation as directors of Jacob Schiff and T. Jefferson Coolidge, of Boston.

Joseph Ramsey, Jr., in an interview at Pittsburg, stated negotiations are under way for the acquisition of the Little Kanawha Syndicate's property by the Warshaw Railroad.

William Ziegler, the promoter of Arctic explorations, left an estate valued at \$20,000,000.

The Norwegian Storting adopted a resolution dissolving the union with Sweden and declared that Oscar is no longer King of Norway.

Russia has instructed her Ambassadors at Washington and Paris to ascertain on what terms Japan is willing to make peace.

Premier Rouvier for the first time took up the duties of French Minister of Foreign Affairs.

King Alfonso was greeted with enthusiasm in London.

The United States Government has decided that as the Russian warships at Manila do not seem to have been damaged by sea or storm, they must either intern or sail at once.

## NORTH STATE CROP REPORT

### Conditions For Past Week as Given Out by the Department.

During the week ending Monday, June 10th, 1905, the weather on the whole was very favorable for agricultural interests, except that the latter part of the week was too cool for the rapid growth of crops. Although some local storms occurred on Wednesday, 7th, with hail and high winds, which damaged crops in a few counties, namely Nash, Alamance, Vance, Franklin and Warren, there was a general absence of precipitation during the week over most of the State, giving farmers an excellent and much-needed opportunity to cultivate crops and kill grass and weeds. In most of the northeastern and western counties, where the rainfall has not been excessive, the soil has become rather dry, and upland crops are beginning to need light rains. The mean temperature for the week averaged about 74 per cent, or nearly 2 degrees daily above the normal. On the 5th, 6th, and 7th, the temperature was quite high, maxima above 90 degrees being generally recorded; this was the most favorable period of the week, during which crops made rapid growth; the latter portion was, however, cool enough to check growth, the temperature at night falling quite low. There was abundant sunshine everywhere during the week. The weather was especially favorable for farm work, which was pushed vigorously; farmers have generally succeeded in subduing grass and weeds, and most crops are now clean, well cultivated and in good condition. Harvesting operations and making hay progressed favorably. Material improvement in crops took place during the early portion of the week.

Though some fields are still grassy and not chopped to stands, the larger portion of the cotton crop has been placed in a state of excellent cultivation, but the crop is only doing fairly well as regards growth; the plants are mostly late, small, and much not very healthy in color; continuous warmth is needed for best development; lice have appeared on cotton in many counties. Corn is in good condition in the west, where it is being worked in the third time; in many central and eastern counties, where the stands were injured by worms, the crop has not grown very rapidly, though it is improving; in the southern portion of the State laying by corn has commenced, with some of it in silk and tassel. Planting corn on lowlands is being rapidly advanced. Tobacco is reported to be in good condition, though growing slowly. Cutting wheat continued through the week, and reports generally indicate a smaller yield than was expected; winter oats, rye and spring oats are more promising. Field peas are being planted in most counties. Peanuts look well, but poor stands are reported in some northeastern counties, where the weather has been very dry and rain is needed. Gardens continue to do well. Irish potatoes seem to be yielding well in many counties, and good stands of sweet potatoes have generally been secured. Melons are poor. A fairly large crop of peaches is promised, but apples have largely fallen from the trees and a poor crop is indicated.

Rains reported: Goldsboro, trace; Newbern 0.2, Weldon 0.06, Wilmington 0.10, Hatteras 0.20, Nashville 0.86, Greensboro 0.22, Raleigh 0.36, Marion, trace; Settle 0.09, Charlotte, Asheville and many other points reported no precipitation.

### Trolley Project.

It is learned that F. H. Fries and his associates, will rapidly push the building of the railway from Winston-Salem southward to Wadesboro. There appears to be a very good prospect for the building of a trolley line on the turnpike now under construction between Wilkesboro and Jefferson. There is ample water power conveniently located. It is said the road can be built for \$300,000. The turnpike is not macadamized. It is so well graded that it has cost \$22,000 a mile on an average so far, for construction, and the heaviest grading has been completed. It seems to be a sort of impression that the Southern, the Norfolk & Western, and the Seaboard Air Line are making a race to get into Southport, and it is very certain that more attention has been directed recently to the latter place than ever before.

### North State News.

Major J. H. Melver has resigned his position as superintendent of the convict force at work on the Enterprise Lumber Company's road, and left last Friday to join his family in Greensboro. He is succeeded here by Mr. Waddell, who arrived last week. Major Melver has been in the service of the State for twenty-five years. He made many friends here who regret his departure.

### Change in Call on Banks.

Washington, Special.—The Secretary of the Treasury announced that the payment of the second installment of the public deposits called from depositary banks will not be required on July 1, the date named in the call, but may be made by the banks at any time on or before July 15. The purpose of this change in the date of payment is to separate the transfer of funds of the Treasury from the heavy payments of dividends and interest falling due on the first of July. The unpaid portion of the second installment to be paid by the banks to the Treasury is about \$12,000,000.

## A STORY OF INCOMPETENCY

### Russian Recital of Causes Contributing to Their Defeat

## ADMIRAL CRIMINALLY STUPID

### Surviving Officers Declare that Rojstvensky's Plans, if he Had Any, Were Known Only to Himself, so That When His Flagship Sunk Demoralization Followed.

Vladivostok, By Cable.—A series of interviews with naval officers who survived the battle of the Sea of Japan has developed a most sensational story of the causes of the Russian disaster, first of all, and the complete demoralization which followed the sinking of the flagship *Kniaz Souvaroff* and wounding of Admiral Rojstvensky. It is explained that not a single officer of the fleet knew the commander-in-chief's plans. The admirals in command of the divisions knew no more than the sub-lieutenants, and had to rely only on the signals of the flagship, Admiral Nebogatoff, on whom the command devolved, had seen Rojstvensky only once after the juncture of their squadrons, and then only for fifteen minutes.

All the stories of extensive target practice in Madagascar, it seems, were false. During the entire voyage there practically was no training in gunnery worthy of the name and the big gun practice was confined to three shots per vessel. Ugly stories are told of the happenings at Madagascar. Some of the crews certainly were untrained in gunnery, and exhausted by the eight months' voyage under trying moral and physical conditions, were no match for the veteran Japanese, whose marksmanship was wonderful. The Japanese concentrated their fire on one ship until she was placed out of action, and then on another, thus successively sinking the *Osiyaba*, Alexander III and *Kniaz Souvaroff*. Some ships developed deplorable structural defects. The *Osiyaba* sank without having a single hole below the water line. Heavy seas entered the vessel above the water line, and the water tight compartments, which were changed several times during the voyage, did not stand the strain they had been calculated to stand, and burst, flooding and heeling the vessel over until she turned turtle.

Lack of homogeneity among the ships made it impossible to manoeuvre in harmony. The Vladimir Monomach, Admiral Oushakoff and Admiral Sentavin had to lag behind on this account, becoming easy victims.

Finally, the ammunition was exhausted after the first day's fight. Even the very morning of the battle, while the buzzing of the wireless instruments on the Russian ships showed that the Japanese scouts were commencing their dispositions to Admiral Togo, Admiral Rojstvensky continued his careless manoeuvring, and when the Japanese actually appeared the Russians were caught in an impossible formation and were attacked on three fronts. Rojstvensky's position was cramped and his transports were badly placed and caused confusion. While the Japanese were training projectiles even from machine guns on the Russian ships, the latter were huddled together, blanketing each other's fire. Only the leaders of the columns could bring their guns to bear, and even those the untrained gunners fired wildly. To render matters worse, the mines and floating torpedoes sown in the paths of the Russian divisions added to the confusion. The *Borodino*, Admiral Nakhimoff and *Navarin* fell victims to these obstructions.

It is a heartrending narrative, that Russia and the world should know. The sailors and officers were not altogether to blame. The main fault lies elsewhere. There were many heroes among the Russians. Captain Berk, of the *Osiyaba*, committed suicide on his bridge as the ship sank, rather than save himself. There were thousands of other heroes whose names the world will never know.

### Negro Fatally Slashes Attorney.

Muskogee, I. T., Special.—Following an altercation here this afternoon, a negro slashed Col. Thomas Marcum, a prominent attorney, in the abdomen, causing a fatal wound. Col. Marcum is a brother of J. B. Marcum, who was killed some time ago in a feud at Jackson, Ky.

### Official Assurance.

Washington, Special.—Official assurance that the President's efforts to bring Russia and Japan together to discuss peace will be crowned with success was brought to the White House by Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, who called by appointment, and in the name of Emperor Nicholas, formally accepted the President's offer of good will.

The following official statement regarding the conference was issued at the White House: "Ambassador Cassini has called to express the Russian government's assent to the President's proposition, and to state that they would appoint plenipotentiaries to meet the plenipotentiaries of Japan."