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WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO STOP A STRIKE

OFFICERS OF RAIL UNIONS TELL FEDERATION—PROPOSAL FOR RADICAL CHANGES REJECTED. MEET AT ATLANTIC CITY IN 1923.—WAGE CONTRACTS.

Cincinnati, June 15.—Officers of the rail unions will not interfere to stop a strike of the shop craft and maintenance of way workers, B. M. Jewell declared today in addressing the American Federation of Labor convention. Mr. Jewell is president of the railway employees department of the federation.

"The railway workers are ready for the test," said Mr. Jewell, "and if they decide to strike their decision will be complied with by their leaders."

Without opposition or debate, the American Federation of Labor convention here today killed a resolution proposing a radical change in the form of the organized labor movement in the United States by the amalgamation of all unions into single organizations, each covering an industry. The resolution was introduced by E. H. Fitzgerald and others representing the railway clerks.

In reporting the resolution adversely from the organization committee, Sara Conboy, of the United Textile Workers, said the departments of the federation were created along industrial lines.

Atlantic City today asked that it be selected as the seat for the 1923 convention.

Violation of wage contracts was condemned by the convention, unanimously adopting the committee report charging that employees in many instances "had deliberately violated, broken and cancelled working agreements, during the last year and added that "once the pledge of labor is given it must be kept."

"It has been kept in the past," the report continued, with reference to labor's pledge, "and it will be kept in the future. It is not fair, however, to pledge to certain things and allow the employer to do as he pleases."

"When agreements are to be entered into it must be with the distinct understanding that they are to be honestly observed and faithfully adhered to by all parties."

The convention also pledged continued efforts in favor of the passage of legislation to prevent unemployment by congressional appropriation for public works. Another resolution was adopted pledging labor to an "intensive organization to combat the 'open shop.'"

THORNWELL ORPHANAGE

A. B. Morse has returned from Clinton where he attended the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Thornwell Orphanage. He states that Thornwell has had a very successful year. Work has begun on the new laundry which will be a great accession to the institution. April 15th closed the year with a small debt and it is hoped the friends of the orphanage will come forward with contributions to help through the lean summer months.

RETURN FROM BANKERS MEET.

Dr. F. E. Harrison, Lewis Perrin, Frank Nickles and W. W. Bradley returned to Abbeville today from the Bankers Convention which met in Asheville, N. C. this week. They went through the country and were driven by Billy Bradley.

WRECK ON SOUTHERN

Southern train No. 17 jumped the track near Stevensons Thursday morning on the first run out. No one was injured in the wreck. Another engine was sent from Columbia and but for the delay in the mail Abbeville people would not have realized the Southern was indulging in a little high life.

FORCES OF LABOR MAY BEGIN DRIVE

FOR CONGRESS TO REVIEW SUPREME COURT DECISIONS. ONLY FORMAL ACTION AT CINCINNATI.—APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE TO FRAME POLICY

Cincinnati, June 15.—Organized labor indicated a determination at the American Federation of Labor convention here today that it would start a drive for a constitutional amendment for a congressional veto of supreme court decisions and for the denial of the power of lower federal courts to set aside a federal law as unconstitutional. This, the delegates were informed, would overcome decisions which labor has regarded as inimical to its interests.

The only formal action, however, was unanimous adoption of a motion creating a special committee to frame a policy, which action was taken after the proposal for the amendment had been made by Senator La Follette of Wisconsin. Other speakers, most of them leaders in the labor movement, approved the program as practicable, while the delegates voiced approval with applause.

The suggestion of a drive for the amendment came in the midst of a program devoted to condemnation of child labor. The address of Senator La Follette centered attacks on the supreme court, which for a second time recently declared the federal child labor law unconstitutional.

A dissenting note to "a program aimed generally at curtailment of the courts was heard during the day-long program when Florence Kelly of the National Consumers' league voiced approval of the senator's proposal but asserted that the best strategy was to make a drive exclusively for an amendment to make possible a federal ban on child labor. However, she declared her enlistment "as a high private in the army that will follow his (La Follette's) banner."

Senator La Follette in his speech contended that the federal courts had by a process of gradual encroachments "wrested sovereignty from the people" and he cited the child labor tax law decision as "typical of the conduct of the federal judiciary." Hisses greeted the senator's first mention of Chief Justice Taft, but these quickly changed to applause as Mr. La Follette declared that Taft was repudiated by the voters when a second term candidate for president.

REUNION IN RICHMOND

The Seaboard Airline expects to run two special trains for the reunion of confederate veterans which takes place in Richmond, Va., June 20th to 22nd. One train will leave here Sunday the 18th and another one Monday the 19th about 6:30 p. m. To get the benefit of the reduced rates it will be necessary to get railroad certificates from the Division Commander. There will be two rates, Confederate Veterans and members of Confederate Veteran's family accompanying Confederate Veterans will be entitled to a rate of one cent a mile, each way. Members of Sons of Confederate Veterans, Confederate Memorial Association, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Sponsors, Maid of Honor, Matron or Chaperone will be entitled to one way fare for the round trip.

The following veterans will attend the reunion from Abbeville: J. M. Gambrell, I. A. Keller, T. C. Seal. From Due West Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Ellis and Capt. R. H. Armstrong will join the Abbeville party.

COAST ARTILLERY CAMP

Ralph Lyon is in Blue Ridge, N. C., attending the Y. M. C. A. The conference will last about ten days, after which time he will go to Fort Monroe, Va., as a member of the Coast Artillery for special training in the R. O. T. C.

GROUND COVERED IN CONSTITUTION

IRISH FREE STATE INSTRUMENT UP TO DATE.—PLACES RELATIONS BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND ON DOMINION BASIS.

London, June 15.—The draft of the new Irish constitution made public tonight on the eve of the Irish elections gives, as the document itself states, force of law to the Anglo-Irish treaty and expressly declares that any provisions of the constitution or any amendment thereto or any law enacted under the constitution, which is in any respect repugnant to the treaty, shall be void and inoperative.

The constitution thus embodies connection with the British crown as already established in the treaty, and generally places the relations between Ireland and the empire on the same basis as Canada and the other dominions.

The constitution requires every member of the Free State parliament to subscribe faith and allegiance to the constitution and "swear" to be faithful to the king in virtue of the common citizenship of Ireland and Great Britain and Ireland's membership in the British commonwealth of nations. The document contains 20 articles and is considered an up to date instrument, not only granting female suffrage, proportional representation and a referendum to the people, but also empowering the people themselves to initiate legislation. It gives to the chamber great power with respect to money bills, without control from the senate, thus duplicating the position as between the British house of commons and the house of lords.

It exempts the Free State from active participation in war without the consent of parliament, except in the case of actual invasion, and gives the Irish supreme court the fullest powers, only stipulating for the right of citizens to appeal to the king in council against the supreme court's decision.

BIBLE SOCIETY DIRECTORS

Met Today in A. R. P. Church and Made Plans for Centennial

The Directors of the Bible Society of Abbeville District met this morning in the A. R. P. Church at 10 o'clock, with the following present: Dr. J. I. McCain, President; J. B. Pressly, Secretary, Dr. F. Y. Pressly, J. Allen Smith, J. R. McGee, Dr. C. H. McMurray and Amos B. Morse. The treasurer reported that the society had placed five Bibles and five Testaments and Psalms in the hospital in the city, and given a Greek testament to each man of that nationality residing in Abbeville. This was done after the last annual meeting of the society and the action of the Librarian approved.

The President, J. I. McCain, and Secretary J. B. Pressly, were appointed a committee to make plans for the centennial anniversary of the society which will be celebrated in Abbeville on the last Wednesday in July 1923. This committee will report at the next annual meeting which is to be held at Greenville Presbyterian church at Donalds, July 26th, 1922.

President McCain announced that Dr. John G. Clinkscales of Wofford College would deliver the annual address at Greenville church.

OFF TO CANADA.

Irwin Cleckley from near Lowndesville left Thursday on a pleasure trip. He started out by way of Atlanta but says he thinks he will end up in Canada.

Raymond Weeks left yesterday for Fort Monroe, Va., where he expects to attend the R. O. T. C. from Georgia Tech.

DEATH REMOVES CIRCUIT JUDGE

ERNEST MOORE DIES IN HOSPITAL IN BALTIMORE—THE NEWS OF PASSING COMES AS SURPRISE AS REPORTS HAD BEEN ENCOURAGING

Lancaster, June 15.—Judge Ernest Moore, judge of the Sixth judicial circuit of South Carolina, died at a hospital in Baltimore this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Judge Moore had been in ill health for some time and while his condition was serious, his death came as a great surprise and the entire community is deeply grieved. He was taken to Baltimore last Saturday and placed under the care of a specialist. It was reported that he was doing nicely and the news of his death came as a great surprise.

Judge Moore was the son of William A. and Nancy (Ross) Moore, and was born December 5, 1856, in York county. He acquired his early education in private schools and was graduated in 1878 from the law department of Washington and Lee university. His father died about the time of his graduation and he succeeded to his father's large practice. His ability and high merit gained front rank for him at the Lancaster bar. Like his father he was devoted to his professional interests. Several times by appointment by the governor he served as special judge. In 1914 he was elected circuit judge for the Sixth judicial circuit, comprising Lancaster, York, Chester and Fairfield counties, and was re-elected in 1918.

In 1883 Judge Moore was married to Miss Mary Hall, daughter of the late Rev. W. T. Hall, D. D., prominent Presbyterian clergyman and for many years a professor in the Presbyterian theological seminary in Columbia. Judge Moore is survived by his wife and seven children.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS

Met Yesterday and Let Contracts for Two Roads

The Highway Commission met yesterday in the Court House. Members from out of town were S. J. Wakefield of Antreville, R. L. Barmore of Donalds, Joseph Hicks of Calhoun Falls, J. Claude Ashley of Honea Path, Thos. O. Kirkpatrick of Lowndesville and C. B. Leonard of Donalds. J. S. Stark, L. W. Keller, J. A. Gilliam and Dr. G. A. Neuffer of the city completed the commission.

Two roads were let, Island Ford and Latimer Road. The following contractors submitted bids for the work on the Island Ford Road; Friday & Sons of Newberry being low bidders at \$12,351.19, with C. R. Williard & Son of Spartanburg second at \$12,847.28. A difference of \$496.09 in the two bids:

T. C. Ashmore & Son, Greenville, \$14,502.70; Mayfield Construction Co Denmark, \$13,660.48; R. P. Kyle, Charleston, \$13,582.75; Johnson Coast Co., West Union, \$13,582.75; The Fretwell Co., Anderson, \$12,351.19; Fridy & Son, Newberry, \$12,351.19; W. C. Hill, Abbeville, \$14,020.91; C. R. Wilson & Son, Spartanburg, \$12,847.28.

The low bidder on the Latimer road contract was W. C. Hill of Abbeville, at \$18,749.28, with Friday & Son of Newberry coming second with a bid of \$19,348.36, a difference of \$598.08 in the two bids. The following firms submitted bids on the contract:

McCalla Bros., Lowndesville, \$19,479.54; Fretwell Co., Anderson, \$19,932.41; Fridy, Newberry \$19,348.36; W. C. Hill, Abbeville, \$18,749.28; C. R. Willards & Sons, Spartanburg, \$22,602.29; Johnson Coast Co., West Union, \$20,250.34; R. P. Kyle, Charleston, \$22,423.63; Mayfield Coast

M'CUMBER MAKES ATTACK ON PRESS

SENATOR IRRITATED BY EASTERN NEWSPAPERS—PHILADELPHIA, NEW YORK AND BOSTON PARTICULARLY GIVE OFFENSE

Washington, June 15.—Metropolitan newspapers, especially of the Eastern seaboard, and importing houses and department stores of the country were attacked in the senate today by Senator McCumber (Republican) of North Dakota who charged that they were spreading an "insidious and poisonous propaganda" against the pending tariff bill to further their selfish interests and to maintain "extortionate profits."

Assailing particularly New York, Boston and Philadelphia newspapers, the committee chairman said the Republicans had decided to change their policy of keeping silent on the subject of presses and were now ready to meet the arguments, especially of the "so-called Republican press, who have so capriciously condemned this bill."

Senator McCumber's speech nearly two hours in length, prompted replies from the Democratic side and brought a resolution by Senator Walsh of Montana calling upon the attorney general to advise the senate whether steps had been taken or were to be taken to establish whether a conspiracy existed among the interests mentioned by the North Dakota Senator. The resolution said that if such combination existed prosecution of those suspected be instituted under the anti-trust laws. The resolution went over a day under senate rules.

Senator Underwood of Alabama, the Democratic leader characterized the tariff leader's stand as "most remarkable and entirely new in tariff discussion."

"The senator has shown," said Mr. Underwood, "that the profit taken by some of these people ranges as high as 2,200 per cent. If that be true, how can he or his committee expect to protect American labor with 50 per cent duties? What appeal has he left to the American manufacturer? I say if his statements are true then he and his committee are perpetrating a gigantic fraud on the American people."

C. P. TOWNSEND GETS SHOCK

C. P. Townsend, Superintendent of the Abbeville Water and Electric Plant, was doing some work back of the Majestic pool room last night when he touched a live wire carrying 2300 volts and was thrown twenty-five feet from the top of an electric light pole where he had climbed to make the repair. He broke an ankle and suffered from the electric shock, but his injuries are not thought to be serious. He was taken to the Abbeville Hospital last night where his ankle was set, and will be moved to his home on South Main street today. Mrs. Townsend was absent from home on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Joe Everett of Spartanburg, and is expected home today.

MISS FRANCES HARVIN HERE

Little Miss Frances Harvin of Washington, D. C., arrived in Abbeville Thursday to spend the summer with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sondley. She made the trip down with Miss Helen Milford. Frances is a very attractive young lady and the center of the universe for her adoring grandparents.

The Highway Commission has agreed to build the road from the city pavement out to the city limits on the Douglass Mill road and the road going to the McCormick County line.

PRICE FOR COAL NOT TO ADVANCE

AGREEMENT REACHED AT WASHINGTON CONFERENCE. SECRETARY HOOVER MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT AS TO STOCK NOW ABOVE GROUND.

Washington, June 15.—Agreement with representatives of the National Coal association and the National Retail Coal Merchants' association upon a plan for preventing advance of bituminous coal prices during the strike was announced tonight by Secretary Hoover at a conference at the commission commerce department. Anthracite coal operators, Mr. Hoover stated, have agreed not to advance prices of stock now held above ground above the levels of the past week, which he added, were lower than at the beginning of the strike.

Bituminous operators in fields where a price basis has not yet been established, Mr. Hoover said, will be "earnestly requested" to reduce selling expenses for spot coal to the Garfield price including the standard selling expense, plus "such additions for increased costs as were justified in each individual case."

"The complexity of local conditions," he said, "due to the strike and the entrance of many 'snow-bird' mines make the estimate of maximum prices very difficult in many districts. This plan, if adhered to, should result in a reduction of prices in several districts of Pennsylvania and west Kentucky. I have some assurance that this basis will be accepted for Pennsylvania, and I hope west Kentucky will also fall into line."

Persistent misstatement or misunderstanding of elements inside and outside the coal industry, Mr. Hoover asserted, has given rise to the impression in some quarters that the maximum of \$3.50 a ton for spot coal, established with operators of 80 per cent of the producing fields, constituted minimum prices and offered opportunity for occasional advantage being taken.

MARION SELLERS GAMBRELL

Marion Sellers Gambrell is a member of the senior class of the Textile Institute which held its closing exercises in Spartanburg on June the 12th. There were two hundred and seventy-six pupils enrolled during the past term, and twelve members in the graduating class. After finishing Marion expects to attend Wofford College next year, where his great uncle, Prof. John G. Clinkscales, is an honored member of the Staff of the College. Under his especial care Marion must make his mark in the world.

NEW T. P. A. FOR S. A. L.

Leslie Lewis, recently appointed traveling passenger agent for this division of the Seaboard Airline, with headquarters in Atlanta, was in Abbeville today in the interest of his railroad.

VISITING MRS. HARRIS

Miss Elizabeth Phillips of Columbia is in Abbeville visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. A. Harris. Miss Comer Phillips is expected tomorrow.

COTTON MARKET.

The highest offered for cotton on the local market today was 22 cents. Futures closed today:

July	21.88
Oct.	21.88
Dec.	21.64
Jan.	21.49

Futures closed yesterday:

July	21.74
Oct.	21.52
Dec.	21.32
Jan.	21.18