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## WOULD LEAVE ISSUE TO RAILROAD BOARD

### PRESIDENT ASKS THAT SHOPMEN BE TAKEN BACK PENDING DECISION—HEADS OF BROTHERHOODS CALLED TO MEET NEXT FRIDAY.

Washington, Aug. 8.—As a "final all" from the government for immediate settlement of the rail strike, President Harding today communicated to railroad executives and heads of the striking shop craft unions proposals that the men be sent back to work, that the managements take them back, and that adjustment of the crucial seniority issue be left to decision of the railroad labor board.

Though the president was said to consider this the only practical course the government could take, union spokesmen, indicating its rejection, summoned their associates to meet here Wednesday to pass upon the proposal and further called to Washington for general conference Friday the heads of all railroad labor organizations to consider methods of cooperation that might make the strike more effective.

The rail executives had made no response to the White House tonight though press dispatches indicated that they also would meet to frame a collective answer.

B. M. Jewell, president of the railway department of the American Federation of Labor, with W. H. Johnston, head of the machinists' association, and J. H. Noonan, comprising a committee representing the striking unions, took the president's communication into conference late today, calling in H. E. Wills of the engineers, Paul Stephens of the train men, and Arthur J. Lovell of the firemen and enginemen, all three being Washington representatives of "brotherhood" organizations in the train service which have actually acted apart from the labor unions in other branches of service.

The union chiefs, following the meeting, gave out a statement which was taken as foreshadowing their course and copies of a telegram to W. G. Stone, chief of the engineers, and to E. J. Manion, president of the telegraphers, asking their cooperation in the formulation of a program which would provide for its purpose "protection of the public, preservation of the railroad industry and an honorable basis of settlement."

"Messrs. Noonan, Johnston and Jewell have been in conference several hours considering the proposal made by the president today," the statement said. "We have requested the chief executives of all the striking shop crafts unions and the stationary firemen and oilers to meet us here Wednesday of this week.

"We have also urgently requested by telegraph and telephone that a conference of all executives of railroad labor organizations be held in Washington Friday, August 11.

"We have requested this conference because we recognize that railroad employees not now on strike will in defense of the traveling public and themselves, necessarily have to decline to operate the defective locomotives and cars now in service.

"It is clear to any unbiased person that railroad equipment is growing more unsafe each day and relief must be had through an honorable settlement. Employees now on strike are firm in their position and will continue so as long as the Association of Railway Executives declines to accept reasonable terms of agreement."

### HERE FROM TAMPA.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Pressly and their little daughter are in Abbeville visiting Mrs. Pressly's mother, Mrs. T. J. Raycroft on Vienna street. Abbeville people are always glad to see Mr. and Mrs. Pressly.

## SOUTHERN SHOPMEN REFUSE TO SETTLE

### CAN'T END STRIKE AS INDIVIDUAL—SHOP CRAFTS COMMITTEE WON'T MAKE ANY ADJUSTMENT AS STRIKE IS NATIONAL.

Washington, Aug. 8.—Declaring that the Southern railroad had "more than fulfilled" its duty to striking shop employes in endeavoring to get them to return to work under terms of President Harding's strike settlement offers, Fairfax Harrison, president of the Southern, sent telegraphic appeals today throughout the service for assistance in the endeavor to maintain "unimpaired transportation service," notwithstanding the strike.

Washington, Aug. 8.—The shopcrafts' committee of the Southern Railway system and the Mobile and Ohio railroad met with railroad executives and advised those employers that they would not make any adjustment of the strike with the Southern or the Mobile and Ohio as the strike is national and must be settled nationally.

Failure to reach an agreement was announced after a conference of shopcraft leaders and railroad officials today.

The conference was asked by Vice President Miller, of the Southern, a week ago. The railroad announced its willingness to settle with its men on the basis of the president's first proposal, which was rejected by the railroad executives meeting in New York. The conference originally was called for Saturday, but was postponed on request of union leaders.

Vice-President Miller issued the following statement:

"After delaying negotiations for a week, the shopcrafts' committee of the Southern railway system and Mobile and Ohio railroad, today advised the officers of those companies that they will not make any adjustment of the strike with the Southern or the Mobile and Ohio, as the strike is national and must be settled nationally. In saying this they recognized that the Southern and the Mobile and Ohio railroads have kept the door open in the matter of seniority and have agreed to the other terms which were proposed by the president on July 31 and were subsequently accepted by the national representatives of the shopcrafts, so that there is no obstacle to settlement, created or maintained by the managements of the Southern or the Mobile and Ohio."

In his invitation to Southern employes to enter a separate agreement Mr. Miller said the southern had made no attempt to break the strike. He did not indicate today what move the road would make in view of the failure of the negotiations.

### MR. HILLHOUSE LEAVES

**Pastor of Lebanon Presbyterian Church Goes to Waxhaw, N. C.**  
Rev. J. B. Hillhouse who has been the pastor of the Presbyterian church at Lebanon for several years has resigned his charge and will go to Waxhaw, N. C., where he will become pastor of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Hillhouse has been a faithful worker among his flock. He has many friends in Abbeville and over the county as well as in his own congregation. These will regret to lose him and his estimable wife from the community.

### DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

Hon. Albert E. Hill, of Spartanburg, formerly solicitor of this circuit, and now one of the prominent lawyers of the Spartanburg Bar, has been among the delegates to the meeting of the Junior Order. Mr. Hill stands high in the councils of his order.

## SENATE DEBATES RATES ON SUGAR

### SMOOT DENIES OFFERING TO TRADE ON TARIFF—ALL EFFORTS TO OBTAIN IMMEDIATE ACTION ON HARRISON PROPOSAL BLOCKED.

Washington, Aug. 8.—The blocking of efforts to obtain immediate action on the Harrison sugar investigation resolution and an impassioned denial by Senator Smoot (Republican) of Utah that he had proposed in a letter to Major General Crowder American representative to Cuba, a reduction in the duty on sugar in return for the limitation of this year's Cuban sugar crop to 2,500,000 tons marked senate consideration today of the sugar schedule on the tariff bill.

Senator Harrison twice sought to call up his resolution but the first time objection was made by Senator Smoot, who then was waiting to address the senate, and later by Senator Curtis of Kansas, the Republican "whip." When Senator Smoot objected, Senator Nicholson (Republican) of Colorado moved to defer action on the sugar schedule until there had been an investigation of what he declared were "serious charges contained in newspaper clippings read to the senate" Saturday by Senator Harrison. His motion, however, was ruled out of order.

Senator Smoot then proceeded with a detailed review of efforts which had been made, he said, to save the domestic sugar industry from destruction by American sugar refiners and New York bankers, who he added, were faced with losses with the dropping of sugar prices.

He asserted that the proposal to limit the Cuban crop had come from Cuba and read a published statement by the president of Cuba, denying that American government officials had proposed a reduction of the crop in return for lower tariff duties. The Harrison resolution proposes, among other things, an inquiry into charges that such proposals had been made.

The Utah senator said his letter to General Crowder had been written after Senor Portuondo of Cuba and General Crowder had called on him at his office here on January 24, last, and Senor Portuondo had proposed limitation of the Cuban crop and an increase of 10 per cent. in the tariff differential in favor of Cuba.

## 28TH ANNUAL CONVENTION JUNIOR ORDER MECHANICS CLOSED TODAY

The South Carolina State Council of the Junior Order United American Mechanics which convened here yesterday in its 28th annual convention, adjourned today about noon. The council transacted much business during the convention. It went on record as opposing the legislature of South Carolina extending its legislative day into the Sabbath.

Interest in the convention centered in the election of officers. Dr. S. F. Killingsworth, now of Columbia, but formerly of Abbeville, who was State Councilor, automatically became Junior Past State Councilor and a member of the State Board of Officers. Rev. L. W. Blackwelder of Union was elected state councilor, and A. E. Hill of Spartanburg, State vice-councilor. A. H. Gasque, of Florence, state council secretary, was not present being in the race for congress from his district, was re-elected state secretary over two opponents. J. W. Wells, of Gray Court, was re-elected state council secretary R. J. W. Moss, of Blacksburg, State Council warden; W. H. Sawyer, of Marion, state council in-

## TWO MEN KILLED, THIRD MAY DIE

### FATAL SHOOTING AFFRAY IN GREENVILLE—MAN AND BOY IN HOSPITAL AT SPARTANBURG—OFFICERS CONDUCT INVESTIGATION.

Spartanburg, Aug. 8.—Two men are dead, the third will die, according to physicians, and a lad ten years of age, the son of one of the dead men, is wounded as the result of a desperate gun battle at the base of Glassy Rock mountain, the region of Greenville county known as the "dark corner" this afternoon. The dead are: William Howard, 30 years of age, near whose home the shooting occurred; Thomas Scruggs, 40 years of age, and a resident of Spartanburg county, residing between Fingerville and Chesnee.

The wounded are Alexander Sudduth, 30 years of age, whose home is on Glassy Rock mountain; Dallas Scruggs, 40 years of age, a son of Thomas Scruggs, who was killed.

The scene of the battle is near the home of William Howard, six miles west of Gowansville and about nine miles from Campobello, in the region the United States government took over in the war days as an artillery range, and while it was early in the afternoon, it was towards evening before even the local authorities were aware of the tragedy, and an inquest was held by Magistrate A. B. Plumley of Gowansville.

Sudduth is desperately wounded while the boy, it is said, will recover, his wound being in the shoulder.

Shortly before midnight Sheriff Rector and Coroner Vaughn came to Spartanburg and obtained from Alexander Sudduth a statement regarding as his death bed account of the affair in which the sheriff quotes Sudduth as saying: "Sudduth and Scruggs were sitting by the side of the road. Scruggs had a sack containing several hot water bottles and several glass bottles full of liquor, all in the sack. Will Howard and Early Harrison came up. Early Harrison demanded them to halt and Will Howard fired a rifle, shooting Sudduth in the bowels, and shot him several times. Sudduth while falling returned the fire and killed Will Howard. Other shots were fired after Will Howard was shot down and he thought that Early Harrison fired."

This statement was given Sheriff Rector while Sudduth was undergoing a blood transfusion.

## 28,000 LOSE LIVES IN TYPHOON

### DISASTER AT SWATOW—TOLL TRIPLES FORMER ESTIMATE IN CHINESE CITY—BURIAL DEAD PROVES A SERIOUS PROPOSITION.

Hong Kong, Aug. 8.—Typhoon stricken Swatow, a mangled and miserable caricature of the port of a week ago, doggedly goes about the first ghastly task that falls to the survivors of the storm—burial of the dead.

Bodies of twenty-eight thousand have been recovered, a death toll that triples former estimates and cuts in half the former population of the native city. These figures were given in a circular issued by the Swatow chamber of commerce from its branch in Hong Kong.

Rude coffins have been hammered together with lumber salvaged from the wreck of the city. But these cannot be made fast enough to dispose of bodies which are a sanitary menace. Gunny sacks and mattress bags have been made into crude shrouds. Graves are hurriedly dug in the alluvial flats on which the port was built, that bodies may be interred as they are recovered from the wreckage.

Shortage of food may prove another menace. British in Hong Kong already have sent \$10,000 for relief to the British consul at Swatow. Rice is being shipped from the British colony. The Swatow Municipality Charitable association has organized a relief fund to which subscriptions are being sought. Benevolent societies in Hong Kong are uniting in relief measures for the sufferers.

Bandits, making grim capital of the city's disaster, are reported to have raided homes and robbed pedestrians in the native section. Ghouls sought to loot the dead, but were promptly stopped by native police.

Swatow is a heap of ruins. The tidal wave which swept the road along the harbor while the storm was at its height completed the devastation which the storm started. Water front buildings crumpled before the assault of the water, lie in tangled nondescript piles. The steamers caught in the storm were piled on the beach. Smaller craft, demolished when they sought shelter in Swatow harbor, add to the tangle on the water front that swirls with the tide.

Bodies of many victims have drifted out to sea. They have been sighted by steamers as far as 15 miles from the devastated port. Many will never be recovered.

### GOOD NEWSPAPER MAN

#### Mr. Parrot of Spartanburg Attends Junior Order Here.

Mr. S. F. Parrott, of Spartanburg, is in the city attending the meetings of the Junior Order. Mr. Parrott is one of the best newspaper men in the state. He was formerly owner and editor of the Gaffney News, but for the past three years he has been with the Spartanburg Journal, where he is doing excellent work. As newsgatherer for that paper he writes most of the city news as well as doing other valuable work on that publication.

We are indebted to Mr. Parrott for the account of the meeting of his order contained in this issue.

### CAMP BREAKS UP.

The young people who have been enjoying a two weeks camping party at Martin's Mill will return to Abbeville Thursday. Swimming and fishing have been the chief forms of recreation on this pleasure trip. It is reported that among numerous minnows and catfish which were landed Claude Gambrell, Jr., is able to report a catch of "big game" which consists of two big turtles.

## STATESMEN PUZZLED BY EUROPEAN RIDDLE

### QUESTION OF GRANTING MORATORIUM TO GERMANY IS BROUGHT UP—PRESENTS ARGUMENTS AGAINST PROPOSAL BY LLOYD GEORGE.

London, Aug. 8.—The allied statesmen who are meeting here in an endeavor to solve the European riddle, today devoted five hours to an analysis of the conditions existing between Great Britain, France, Italy, and Belgium. The conference terminated in the appointment of a committee, composed of the finance ministers of these countries, which is to examine into specific proposals made by Raymond Poincare, the French premier. These proposals have not been made public.

The committee, in collaboration with the financial experts, is to meet under the chairmanship of Sir Robert S. Horne, British chancellor of the exchequer, at 10.30 o'clock tomorrow morning. It will make a report to the full conference some time Tuesday or Wednesday.

The appointment of the committee followed a proposal by David Lloyd George, the British prime minister, to grant a moratorium to Germany which would terminate at the end of the present year, and the outline by M. Poincare of measures which France considers should precede any further effort to alleviate German obligations.

"France has no objections to a moratorium in principle," said M. Poincare. He then outlined the plan which he indicated would be satisfactory to France's requirements. "Every sanction," Mr. Lloyd George replied, "should be considered as to whether it will result merely in trouble or in hard cash."

Mr. Lloyd George discussed M. Poincare's proposition in detail and expert advice should be invited before the ministers said yes or no to it. The question of referring the matter to a committee was unanimous.

The French, British, Belgian and Italian spokesmen during the session painted gloomy pictures of their war ravaged countries and consequent chaotic trade conditions. Baron Hayashi, the Japanese representative, threw a ray of sunshine into the conference and brought the first laughter among the delegates when he made the declaration: "I think the single object of the allies should be to get all the money possible."

Mr. Lloyd George in a brief address opened the conference. He said the British government favored awaiting the report of the reparations committee before completing an allied meeting but that others had thought the circumstances necessitated an immediate gathering. He then invited M. Poincare to elaborate his view.

M. Poincare said he thought the meeting was necessary because two factors of great importance had developed since the last conversations in London; namely, the German demand for a moratorium and the note of the Earl of Balfour concerning interallied debts. The French premier added that the Versailles treaty required Germany to pay her dues "She actually is paying nothing," he exclaimed.

### LOANS FOR ANDERSON

#### Federal Land Bank to Advance Funds to Farmers.

Anderson, Aug. 8.—The Federal Loan bank will soon make loans in Anderson county to the amount of \$175,000 to farmers of this county. J. R. C. Griffin, who has charge of the loans of this county and is county treasurer says that all farmers desiring to take advantage of this aid must apply to him before Aug. 20. Total loans to this county with this amount will be \$1,085,000.

Misses Annie and Mary Bell of Antreville were in the city Tuesday.