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PARTIAL PEACE MAY BE EXTENDED

END OF STRIKE POSSIBLY IN SIGHT—ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS GREET ADVICES FROM CHICAGO WITH APPROBATION, IT IS SAID.

Washington, Sept. 14.—Agreement between a number of key railroads and the shopcrafts unions upon a basis for ending the strike of machinists and associated workers was received today with unanimous approbation by administration officials.

Having in view the recent example of the bituminous strike, the settlement of which was inaugurated by a similar separate settlement between the miners and an influential minority of the operators, government leaders generally interpreted the authorization of B. M. Jewell, strike leader, to proceed with negotiations on a basis already accepted by a number of railroads as the beginning of the end of the transportation strike as a whole.

Restoration of peace between railroads and employees would mean the removal of the last obstacle which has prevented the coming of a period of national prosperity according to several cabinet members and government economic experts. President Harding is known to have been convinced of this by reports laid before him and is said to have stressed the expected beneficial effect of a strike settlement in the conferences here looking to that end.

Secretary Davis, in a statement issued as soon as he was advised of the action of the union's policy committee congratulated American industry on having "overcome the last obstacle in the way of the greatest economic revival the nation has ever known." The American workman faces "a period of plentiful employment" the labor secretary said, "at the same high wages which prevailed before the recent period of depression."

Secretary Davis was the first among government officials to receive news of the "break" in Chicago and he personally conveyed his information to President Harding, who was said to have been outspoken in expressing his gratification.

According to reports to Mr. Davis, between 35 and 40 per cent, of the country's roads are affected by the partial settlement with an aggregate of between 65,000,000 and 80,000 miles.

Railway officials here expressed the opinion that the Chicago agreement practically means the collapse of the rail strike. The roads which signed the special agreement they said, were apparently in need of the services of skilled workers, while those which had failed to come into the agreement possibly had sufficient skilled help without necessity of treating with organized workers.

SPEEDY ACTION WANTED

On Ford's Offer for Muscle Shoals Nitrate Plant.

Washington, Sept. 14.—Acting Chairman McKenzie, of the House military committee, put into the Congressional Record today the text of a prayer signed by 200,000 citizens of the Southern States urging Congress to act speedily upon Henry Ford's offer for lease of the Muscle Shoals nitrate plant.

NINETY SIX DELEGATION

A delegation from Ninety Six passed through Abbeville yesterday en route to the meeting of the Baptist Association at Calhoun Falls. They were Messrs. R. C. Starnes, Fuller Norris, R. L. Fouche, Eskew Wells, Lewis Lipscomb, W. N. Moore, E. L. Sanders, J. R. Horne and Mr. Vaughn.

COTTON CONSUMED SHOWS INCREASE

AUGUST FIGURES ARE 527,404 BALES AS COMPARED WITH 453,548 BALES IN JULY THIS YEAR, THE CENSUS BUREAU ANNOUNCED.

Washington, Sept. 14.—Cotton consumed during August amounted to 527,404 bales of lint and 60,825 bales of linters, compared with 453,548 of lint and 55,424 of linters in July this year and 467,059 of lint and 52,106 of linters in August last year, the census bureau announced.

Cotton on hand August 31, was as follows:

Held in consuming establishments 1,024,994 bales of lint and 116,891 of linters, compared with 1,215,103 of lint and 134,597 of linters on July 31 this year and 1,006,066 of lint and 30,534 of linters, compared with 1,488,083 of lint and 54,587 of linters on July 31, this year and 3,463,964 of lint and 241,140 of linters on August 31 last year.

Exports totalled 273,308 bales, including 4,490 bales of linters, compared with 373,742 including 9,100 of linters in July this year, and 423,491 including 7,888 of linters in August last year.

Cotton spinners active during August numbered 32,499,324 compared with 31,975,269 in July this year and 32,930,755 in August last year.

Cotton on hand Aug. 31, was held as follows:

In consuming establishment 408,961 bales, compared with 529,368 on July 31 this year and 396,899 on July 31 this year and 396,899 on August 31 last year.

In public storage and at compresses 1,277,735 bales, compared with 1,123,877 on July 31 this year and 3,062,277 on August 31 last year.

ABBEVILLE COUNTY ROADS LET

Abbeville Highway Lets Contract for More Road Building.

The Abbeville Highway Commission received bids yesterday for the construction of 4.18 miles of top soil road from Calhoun Falls to McCormick County line by way of Hester's store, known as the Hester road. McCalla Brothers of Lowndesville, were low bidders at 7,474.87. N. T. Holder of Newberry, \$8,123.38; W. C. Hill, Abbeville, \$8,365.16 and H. W. Garrison, Easley, \$8,693.05.

For the construction of 7.4 miles of top soil road from Abbeville to Greenwood County line, at Cedar Springs road, McKenzie & Johnson, of Abbeville, were low bidders at \$15,453.40. N. T. Holder of Newberry, \$15,646.80; J. L. Carroll of Orangeburg, \$15,713.33; R. P. Kyle, \$16,334.30; and W. C. Hill, \$16,409.55, all of Abbeville; H. W. Garrison of Easley, \$16,904.05.

For the construction of 8.77 miles of the Abbeville-McCormick road between Abbeville and McCormick line in Abbeville County and generally known as the McCormick Road. J. C. Moffatt of McCormick was low bidder at \$20,951.21; second, R. P. Kyle of Abbeville, \$22,771.10; third J. L. Carroll of Orangeburg, \$22,976.29, and fourth N. T. Holder of Newberry at \$23,138.00.

Two delegations appeared before the Commission from Due West with regard to the road leading from Due West going by Hook and the Joe Nance place to the Anderson County line. Rev. F. Y. Pressly and O. Y. Brownlee headed the delegation in favor of this road entering Due West by the Baptist Church, known as the Lower route. Capt. G. N. Nickles and John Dawson headed the delegation favoring entrance by the depot which is known as the Upper route.

The Commission took a vote and it was decided that the road should enter Due West by the Baptist church route.

Messrs. W. W. Wilson and J. D.

SHOPMEN RETURN ON MANY ROADS

NEGOTIATIONS NOW WELL UNDER WAY—UNION LEADERS EXPECT SOME STRIKERS TO BE BACK AT TASK AT ONCE. SOME BEGIN TODAY.

Chicago, Sept. 14.—With negotiations reported under way with several railroads in an effort to obtain immediate ratification of the peace agreement adopted by the general policy committee of the striking shopcrafts yesterday the hope was expressed by union leaders tonight that the men would be back at work at several points tomorrow.

The Chicago & Northwestern led the way in the parleys, which W. H. Finley, president of the road, said would be a "mere formality." He added that he expected his men to begin to return to work by tomorrow. Next in line was the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, B. B. Greer, vice president, declaring at the close of a meeting with the system chairman that it was hoped that some 15,000 men would be back at their jobs by tomorrow night over the entire system.

In the case of the Rock Island, a committee of shopmen called upon J. E. Gorman, president of the road in an effort to persuade him from the stand he had announced earlier in the day when he said it was unnecessary for his road to negotiate, as it had 75 per cent. of its usual shop forces at work. The conference continued for four and one-half hours, at the end of which time Mr. Gorman told the Associated Press:

"I told them I could not accept. I think that covers it, and there is nothing more that can be said at this time."

Meanwhile the executive council of the shopcrafts met at the North Side hotel to make arrangements for the separate negotiations. None of the leaders would discuss the situation in detail, the general opinion seeming to be voiced by B. M. Jewell strike leader, who said:

"There's been too much publicity already. We won't have anything more to say for several days."

OFFICIAL FIGURES HOLD McLEOD LEAD

With Five Boxes Missing His Majority is 14,151—McLeod Carried Newberry County.

Columbia, Sept. 15.—With but five boxes in the State unreported Thomas G. McLeod, of Bishopville, holds a lead of 14,151 over his opponent, Cole L. Blease, of Columbia, for the Democratic nomination for Governor. Official totals were reported from a number of counties yesterday. The official count will be had by the State Democratic executive committee in Columbia Tuesday when the elections will be declared.

The five boxes out are: Lexington three and Chesterfield two. An unusual feature of the election was that Mr. Blease carried his opponent's county, Lee, by a majority of 34 votes, while Mr. McLeod carried Mr. Blease's home county, Newberry, by 50 votes, and Richland County, where Mr. Blease is now residing, by 146 votes.

The figures for Governor are: McLeod 99,856; Blease, 85,705. Total 185,705.

NEW ASSISTANT ENGINEER

J. C. Rainsford has come to Abbeville from Edgefield in the capacity of assistant engineer to Capt. H. B. Humbert and will be engaged on the County Highway work.

Murdock of Level Land and Mrs. J. C. Rogers, Mrs. R. R. Price, Mrs. W. C. Rogers and Miss Julia Rogers of Tenney's Creek also appeared before the Commission in the interest of good roads.

GEORGIA VOTERS CHOOSE WALKER

HARDWICK IS DEFEATED FOR RENOMINATION BY GREAT MAJORITY.—WALKER STAGES A REMARKABLE COMEBACK PRIMARY.

Atlanta, Sept. 14.—Clifford W. Walker, who was defeated two years ago by Thomas W. Hardwick for governor of Georgia, appeared to have turned the tables and won a sweeping victory in the Democratic primary for the gubernatorial nomination yesterday on the face of incomplete returns received up to 11:30 o'clock last night by the Atlanta Constitution.

These figures indicated that Walker had carried 103 counties with a county unit vote of 268, or a majority of the 416 unit votes, and that Hardwick had 41 counties with a total vote of 108. Sixteen counties were yet to report.

H. Bedinger Baylor, the other candidate, appeared to have carried no counties.

Hardwick who formerly was a United States senator from Georgia defeated Mr. Walker for governor two years ago. In today's race Mr. Hardwick, who had recently demanded that the Ku Klux Klan in Georgia unmask, asserted in the course of his campaign that the "radical element" of the Klan and of organized labor was furnishing his chief opposition. Hardwick's strength today appeared to lie in the cities and Walker's in the rural counties.

United States Senator Thomas E. Watson of Georgia, who was closely allied with Mr. Hardwick two years ago when the "two Toms" as their followers termed them, frequently spoke from the same platform, did not support the governor this year having announced he would not vote for him if he were in Georgia on primary day.

Governor Hardwick, who formerly represented Georgia in the United States senate, lost the support this year of United States Senator Thomas E. Watson of Georgia, his close ally of two years ago, and he asserted in his addresses that his chief opposition came from the "radical elements" of the Ku Klux Klan and of organized labor.

TAX EXECUTIONS FIRST OF OCTOBER

Action Taken Wednesday by Comptroller General With Approval of Governor Harvey.

Walter E. Duncan, the comptroller general, Wednesday extended the time for the payment of 1921 state and county taxes from September 15 to October 1. The extension was approved by the governor and orders were sent out to all the counties Thursday morning, Mr. Duncan said.

Recently the comptroller general extended the time from September 1, to September 15 and within the last few days the demand for a further extension has been so great that Mr. Duncan decided to make October 1 the date rather than September 15. The extension affects executions largely, the time for the payment of taxes having expired June 1. Executions will go in the hands of the sheriffs on the morning of October 1 under the new extension, Mr. Duncan said Wednesday.

No further time will be granted, the comptroller general declared. Mr. Duncan said he had received many letters and telegrams from all sections of the state urging him to grant more time on account of the slowness in moving the crops of the state. He said he hoped the people would take advantage of this 15 days as it will be impossible to make further extension.

1,000 Officers for Mesopotamia.

London, Sept. 14.—A thousand officers and men of the Royal Air Force embarked today at Southampton for service in Mesopotamia.

RAILWAY MEET WITH SHOPMEN

CONFERENCES HELD LATE THIS WEEK—BELIEVED THAT DETAILS WILL BE WORKED OUT SOON AT WASHINGTON AND NORFOLK.

Richmond, Va., Sept. 14.—While striking railway shopmen in Richmond have received no official instructions from B. M. Jewell, head of the federated shop workers, it was said here tonight, both the Southern and the Seaboard Air Line will hold conferences with representatives of the shopcrafts Saturday and belief was expressed that details upon which the employees will return to work will be successfully worked out.

The Southern will hold its conference at Washington and the Seaboard at its general offices in Norfolk. Both lines, it was said, were preparing to take the strikers back.

That the Chesapeake & Ohio was not one of the roads to participate in the separate pacts decided upon at Chicago was due, it was said to the demand that the striking clerks of that system also be taken back. It was said that the positions of practically all of the clerks who walked out on July 10 have been filled and that a large percentage of the normal shop force also is at work.

The following statement was given out at the general offices of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad late today: "Press dispatches this morning mention certain roads as having entered into a compromise agreement looking to return of shop employees who went out on strike July 1 last. The Atlantic Coast Line railroad was not a party to these negotiations or this reported agreement. The positions of the former shopmen of the Atlantic Coast Line were held open until July 10 and after that date, we began employing new men who were taken into the service to fill the positions made vacant by the striking men.

"There have been 4,431 new men employed and they are now at work in our shops which, together with the men who did not strike and the strikers who have returned since July 10, brings the total now at work to 5,311 men, or 92 per cent. of the force employed on June 30, the day prior to the strike.

"The Atlantic Coast Line has not changed its position with respect to taking back to its service such of its former shop employees as we may find place for from time to time."

WINTHROP GIRLS LEAVE

Misses Ada Faulkner, Hilda Syfan, Celia Chalmers, Gladys Edwards, Gladys Brazeale and Addie Bowen leave for Winthrop today. They are all new students, and graduates of the High School last June. Other Abbeville girls will leave for Winthrop next Tuesday.

VISITORS FROM CHARLOTTE

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Cruse came down from Charlotte Wednesday and stayed until this morning with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. S. Cochran. They made the trip by automobile.

MRS. McMURRAY ARRIVES

Mrs. John A. McMurray and daughter, Miss Beauford McMurray, arrived yesterday and are at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Morse for a few days.

IN THE MAYOR'S COURT.

There were two cases in the Mayor's court this morning. One drunk and disorderly was fined \$7.50 and one for speeding was fined \$5.00.

Miss Stasia Wideman Sick.

Miss Stasia Wideman, who makes her home with her niece Mrs. J. C. Klugh is quite sick and friends of the family are anxious about her.

HOUSE REJECT PLANS TO FIX TARIFF DUTIES

ACTION OF CONFEREES ON BILL BRING UNEXPECTED REVOLT. SOME REPUBLICAN LEADERS SURPRISED AND DISAPPOINTED—DEMOCRATS PLEASED.

Washington, Sept. 14.—Revolting against the action of the conferees in writing back into the administration tariff bill a dye embargo licensing provision and a duty on potash, the house late today sent that measure back to conference. Its managers were instructed to accept the senate amendment repealing the existing dye embargo and placing potash on the free list.

Some Republican house leaders, plainly surprised and disappointed, were pessimistic as to what the ultimate result of the house action would be. Representative Mondell of Wyoming, the floor leader, said he did not know what the outcome would be, while Chairman Fordney of the ways and means committee said it looked doubtful whether there would be a bill at this session of congress. Chairman McCumber of the senate managers took a more optimistic view, however, stating that the senate would agree to another conference and that the difference would be adjusted speedily.

The vote in the house was 177 to 130, with 102 Republicans, 74 Democrats and the one Socialist voting in support of the motion by Representative Garner (Democrat) of Texas to recommit and 126 Republicans and four Democrats voting against it. The vote followed a day of parliamentary wrangling and sharp debate and announcement of the result by Speaker Gillett was greeted by applause on both sides of the chamber and with loud cheers from many of the Democrats.

Republicans supporting the Garner motion included Scott and Taylor, both of Tennessee.

Democrats voting against the Garner motion were Campbell of Pennsylvania and Favrot, Lizaro and Martin, all of Louisiana.

Apparently the move by Representative Garner, who is the ranking Democrat on the committee which framed the original tariff, to include potash in his motion to recommit took the managers of the bill by surprise.

Both the house and senate voted out the dye embargo provision but the conferees, in considering the specific section of the senate bill for repeal of the existing embargo licensing law, voted to continue the present act for one year with authority for the president to continue it for an additional year should he find that to be necessary for the protection which grew up in this country during the World War.

DRUGGISTS GO TO BOIS-TERRE

The Druggists Association of this judicial district which is composed of Laurens, Greenwood, Newberry and Abbeville counties, met at the Bois-Terre Club between Clinton and Laurens yesterday. Dr. and Mrs. C. H. McMurray attended from Abbeville. They were joined in Greenwood by Dr. and Mrs. T. B. Meacham Dr. and Mrs. Hodges, Dr. A. A. Coleman and Dr. Pope Younig. Dr. L. E. Bishop, Dr. C. W. Miller and Dr. J. H. Pope of Laurens and Dr. E. L. Kellers and Dr. Sadler of Clinton.

A fine dinner was served about 1 o'clock and in the afternoon after business hours swimming and a general good time was had.

COTTON MARKET.

Cotton brought 22 cents on the local market today. Futures closed:
Oct. --- --- --- 21.33
Dec. --- --- --- 21.63
Jan. --- --- --- 21.50
March --- --- --- 21.57