

## RAILWAY UNIONS MAY WORK ALONE

Back to System of Former Years  
NO LONGER BIG FOUR  
Plan Now Being Worked Out Under-  
stood to Be Favorably  
Regarded

Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 10.—Methods of settling wage and working agreements between the "Big Four" transportation brotherhoods and the railroads has entered a new era and if the present course of negotiations is continued the country for several years at least will not be threatened with a complete tie up of railroad transportation through a concerted strike of these brotherhoods on all lines of the nation, W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, said today.

The situation which developed in 1915 as a result of the eight hour fight and again last fall, when trainmen, conductors, engineers and firemen's brotherhoods sent out nationwide strike orders probably will not again occur.

Decentralization of all wages, rules and working negotiations and return to the system prevailing for 20 years prior to the time when the four train service brotherhoods were forced by the "eight hour fight" to pool their strength into what has since become famous as the "Big Four" railroad brotherhoods has already set in, in the view of Mr. Lee.

The new alignment of the transportation brotherhoods probably will find the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Order of Railway Conductors in one group and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen and the Switchmen of North America in another.

"I feel that I am able to handle my organization to better advantage, to get more for my men and to work more effectively all around if the train men and conductors go it alone so far as wages and working rules are concerned," Mr. Lee said.

This whole business, with all railroad labor unions on one side and all railroads on the other, with the railroad labor board in between got too big for any one man or a few men to handle. It was loaded with dynamite for the country as well as for ourselves and the executives. No sane government would permit any faction or class to paralyze the transportation of the country and thereby punish the innocent, who are always in the majority. The only way out was to separate."

So far as strikes, wages and working rules negotiations are concerned, the "Big Four" no longer exists. The brotherhoods will continue to work together on legislative, non-partisan, political and purely organization matters.

Mr. Lee pointed out today that the trainmen and conductors dealing individually with railroads in the Eastern regional district and by regional conferences for the Western and Southeastern region, have just completed contracts with virtually all roads in the United States continuing present wages and working rules for a period of a year and continuously thereafter except on 30 days' notice from either party.

These agreements were obtained without consulting or working with the engineers or firemen's brotherhoods.

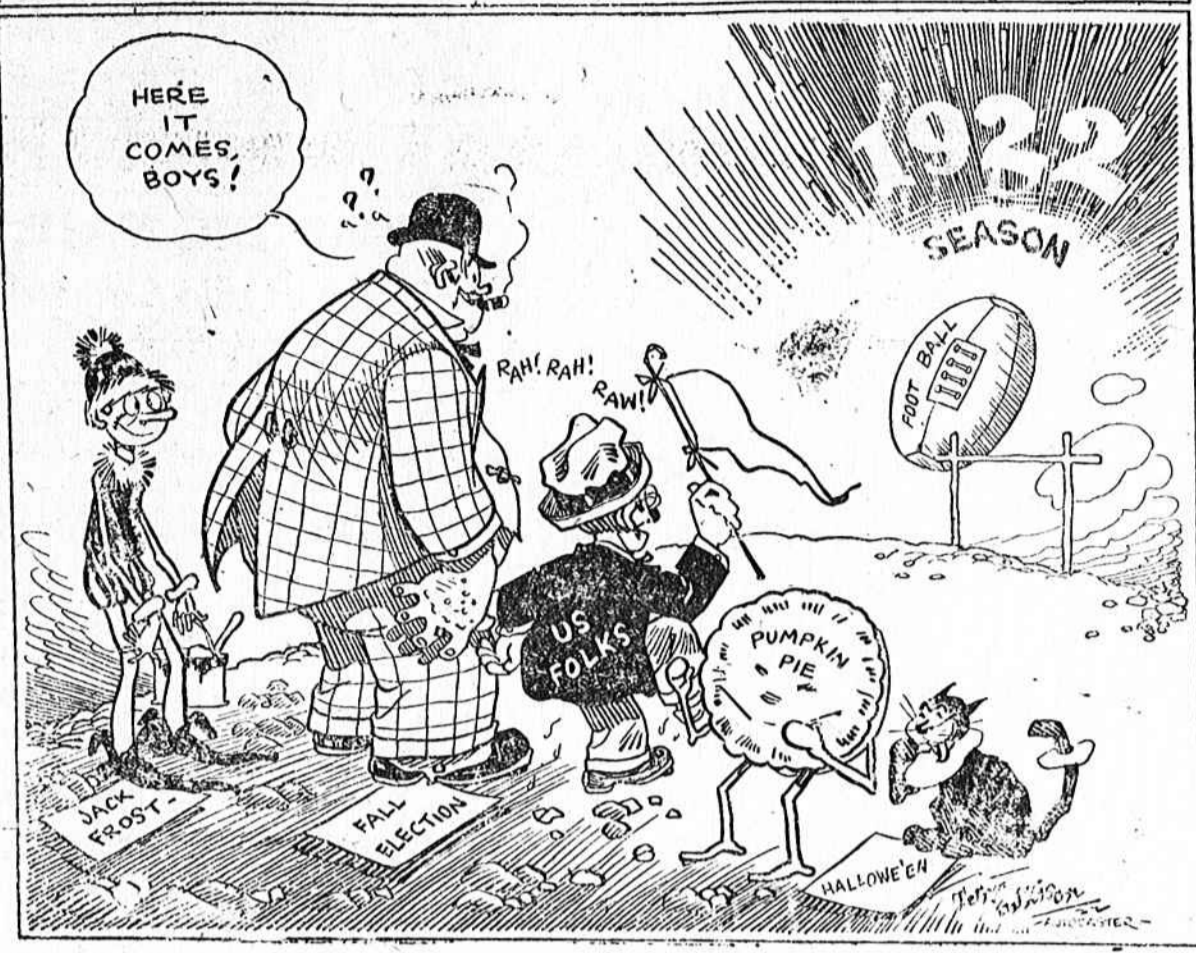
Asked a few days ago if the switchmen's union joining the engineers and firemen in negotiations with the New York Central meant an intention to work with the switchmen hereafter, Warren S. Stone, president of the engineers, said:

"No, it means only that since the trainmen and conductors already have settled, the switchmen, firemen and ourselves are all that is left."

With negotiations carried on with individual roads or at most with regional groups, the consequences of a railroad strike will be much less dangerous. A strike on one road would probably not lead to government interference, it was pointed out.

Mrs. W. C. Davis entertained with a bridge party last Friday. The following guests were present: Mesdames Lucius and Scott Harvin, John Breedin, Mitch Wells, Semon Richardson, H. L. Bomar, L. B. McCord, Marion Williams, Amanda Cole, and Miss Lou Huggins. A salad course, fruit punch and cake were served during the afternoon.

## Fall Friends



### \$100.00 FINE TO USE CUT-OUTS

For the benefit and information of the general public and officers as well we print the following law on cut-outs and spot-lights on automobiles, both being nuisances. Here is the law made by the general assembly of South Carolina in 1922, and approved the 10th day of March, 1922:

An Act to prevent use of cut-outs and to regulate the use of spot-lights on motor driven vehicles upon public highways.

Section 1. Use of cut-outs and spot-lights on motor vehicles prohibited—Proviso—Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina: Hereafter it shall be unlawful for any person driving any motor vehicle upon the public highways in this State to use cut-outs and spot-lights thereon when driven upon any such highway; Provided spot-lights may be used if the same shall be extinguished by the person using the same when within two hundred yards of an approaching vehicle.

Section 2. Penalty for violation—any violation of the provisions of this act shall subject the offender, upon conviction, to a fine of not exceeding one hundred dollars or imprisonment of not exceeding thirty days.

Section 3. Disposition of Fines—All fines and forfeitures collected under the provisions of this act shall be paid into the County treasurer to be expended upon the highways of the county.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved the 10th day of March, A. D. 1922.  
This law was made by the General Assembly, and it is just as important for the officers to enforce it as any other law on the statute books. It is now up to you Mr. Officer.

### MISSIONARY MEETING

The Missionary Society of the Methodist Church will hold its regular meeting for October, Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Notice the change from Monday to Tuesday. Let's have a large attendance as this is the beginning of the last quarter and there is much to be done before the end of the year. As the needs grow greater we must put forth extra efforts to meet these needs.

### ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Mrs. C. A. McFaddin and Mr. Allen Sauls visited Winston-Salem this week.

Mr. Frank Clark of Charleston, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Clark.

### JOHN BULL'S LAST WORD

Constantinople, Oct. 10.—The signing of the protocol for the armistice at Mudania is expected to take place this afternoon, according to an announcement by the Havas agency. General Harrington, the British commander, declared the "convention we have submitted to the Nationalist Turks is Great Britain's last word. It now rests with Angora whether the world shall have peace or war."

### REAL WAR IN CHINA

Amoy, China, Oct. 10.—Real war is growing out of the tense military situation in this province invading forces seeking to supplant the provincial government are nearing Foochow, the capital.

### MAY DOUBLE STOCK

New York, Oct. 10.—Directors of the National Biscuit company today voted to submit to the stockholders a proposal to double the authorized stock and to change its par value from \$100 to \$25 a share.

### NO ACTION TAKEN

Liverpool, Oct. 10.—The North Atlantic Shipping conference took no action today on Attorney General Daugherty's liquor ultimatum. The discussion of the latter was entirely informal. It was stated, however that all the liners scheduled to sail from Liverpool this week would carry their usual supplies of liquor.

### MRS. JENNIE K. BALL SMITH

Mrs. Jennie K. Ball Smith, wife of Charles B. Smith, a newspaper man of South Carolina, died in a Norfolk hospital last night at 6:15 o'clock after an illness of several months. Besides her husband she is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James K. Ball of Irvington, Va., Mrs. Smith lived prior to her marriage on the famous Butley estate in Virginia. She was a direct descendant of Mary Ball, mother of George Washington. The Butley estate was destroyed by fire some time ago. It was located on the Rappahannock River. Mrs. Smith formerly was connected with Miller, Rhodes & Swartz of Norfolk as the head of the millinery department. The body will be taken to Irvington for funeral and interment later in the week.—Ledger-Dispatch, Norfolk, Va.

### CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS BUILD

Charleston, Oct. 10.—The first Christian Scientist church in Charleston has been definitely assured, its cost to be \$2,500. The local Christian Scientists have been renting a room in the past number of years.

### SHERIFFS WILL MEET

Greenville, Oct. 10.—Carlos A. Rector, sheriff of Greenville county and president of the South Carolina Sheriffs' association, tonight announced that the annual convention of that body would be held at Columbia October 25 during the state fair week. The programme includes an address by Gov. Wilson G. Harvey.

There will be an important open meeting of the Executive Committee of the local Red Cross Chapter tomorrow, (Thursday), afternoon at 5 o'clock in the Red Cross room over The Bank of Manning. Not only members of the committee but all others interested in the work of the Chapter are urged to be present.  
J. A. Easley, Chairman.

## RED CROSS CALLS TO MANY NURSES

Washington, Oct. 10.—Carrying forward its program to meet the emergency and relieve suffering among the refugees in the Near East, the American Red Cross has cabled to all of its nurses now on duty in Vienna, Budapest, Paris and Constantinople to hasten to Athens for service in the relief operations. Announcement of the second step of the organization in furtherance of its efforts in the Near East was made tonight by Chairman John Barton Payne at the convention of the Red Cross here.

Chairman Payne told the convention that while there would be a joint appeal for funds for the Red Cross and the Near East relief, control of the funds is to be vested generally in the Red Cross. It will take the "entire responsibility of dealing with the situation in Europe; that is, in Greece and on the islands and at Constantinople," he said.

"I have been advised by the secretary of state," Chairman Payne continued, "that the refugees have been driven onto the European side so that the emergency exists in Europe and not in Smyrna."

"The Near East relief has a large task in dealing with orphans, I think it has something like 100,000 orphans, which forms for it a definite and permanent task. But if there is an emergency, that is, if there are people in Smyrna or at any other point in Asia Minor who require emergent attention it will be given by the Near East relief."

The Red Cross is sending a commission to Greece, which will have complete charge of its activities in that part of the world, the chairman announced. The personnel of the commission or the program it is to follow were not disclosed.

The convention today heard, in addition to Chairman Payne's outline of the emergency program, addresses by Miss Mabel T. Boardman, national secretary of the Red Cross, and Dr. Livingston Farrand, former chairman of the organization and now president of Cornell university.

Several other resolutions were adopted, among them one calling for closer cooperation with the veterans' bureau in the handling of claims of disabled former service men. The work of the organization in peace time served as a mooted question, there being a difference of opinion as to the length the Red Cross should go with as a program outside of meeting emergency demands such as is presented in the Near Eastern situation. Dr. Farrand said the essence of vitality in the American Red Cross was its activity and no quiescence. It must not, however, he added, become a great charities society. At the same time he declared that the organization should continue a peace time work, referring to the problems raised by floods, fire and other disasters. It also, he said, could do much toward lessening infant mortality and preventing diseases like tuberculosis.

## GREENWOOD NEGRO ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Greenwood, Oct. 10.—Because he owed money which he could not pay, he said, Lewis, Ware, a negro, attempted suicide by drowning at Blakedale in this county, early yesterday morning. This is one of the few cases on record in this section of even an attempted suicide by a negro.

Ware told his wife that he saw no chance of paying his debts and he intended ending his life. When his wife went for help to prevent his carrying out his purpose, Ware hurried to the bank of a small pool near his house, and after taking off his shoes and hat plunged in head first. His wife, with a rescue party, pulled him out and forced him to go to bed. Later yesterday morning, Ware again attempted suicide by drowning. He is believed to have contracted pneumonia from exposure and is being treated by a physician today.

## TOPSY IN TOILS

Wilmington, N. C., Oct. 10.—Topsy, the giant elephant that escaped from a circus train here early today and terrorized the community for 36 hours besides damaging property to the extent of several thousand of dollars, was captured late today when she became bogged in ten feet of water in Greenfield lake, in the southern end of the city.

## SILVER FIGHTING FOR FORD OFFER

Would Make Issue in Campaign  
WRITES TO FARMERS

Representative of American Farm Bureau Federation Very Active in Effort.

Washington, Oct. 10.—Gray Silver, Washington representative of the American Farm Bureau federation, attempts today to make the Ford offer for Muscle Shoals an issue in the pending congressional campaign. He has addressed communications to every farmer in the United States whose address could be obtained, an urgent insistence that friends of the Ford offer be elected to congress.

He quotes an alleged statement of the National Fertilizer association to the effect that the Ford offer will not be accepted the next session of congress, and advises that to prevent the materialization of the boast, Ford men be sent to Washington.

In his communication, Silver declares that in every instance those who stand for the Ford offer are organizations having nothing at heart save the interest of the people, whereas those opposing the offer are invariably corporations which might be effected by the acceptance of the Ford offer.

He makes the fertilizer corporation a special object of attention, because he believes, it is said, that all farmers "cuss" the people from whom they buy fertilizer because of the prices they are required to pay.

It is understood that Silver has compiled a list of representatives and senators favoring and opposing the Ford offer, and that this information has been sent to voters throughout the country.

There is sharp difference of opinion as to whether the Ford offer will be stronger or weaker in the next session of congress, Mr. Ford has made it plain, however, that he has not retired from the field. He is alleged to have characterized those who are said to have implied that he would "quit because of disgust incident to the long delay in action on his offer," as "liars."

## LATE SENATOR'S WILL OFFERED FOR PROOF

Thomson, Ga., Oct. 10.—The will of the late United States Senator Thomas E. Watson has been offered for probate and the hearing set for November 13. The estate, variously estimated to be worth from \$50,000 to \$200,000, is said to be divided among the widow, Miss Georgia Lee and Miss Georgia Watson, the senator's two granddaughters, Mrs. Julia Clift, his sister, and Mrs. Alice Lytle, long associated with the senator in the publication of The Columbia Sentinel.

No mention is made in the will, it is stated, as to the disposition of the Watson library, considered to be one of the finest private collections in the South.

A long special bequests named in the will. Mrs. Lytle is to get two farms totalling 250 acres, the life use of a cottage near the Watson home and \$30 per week during her unmarried lifetime.

After bequests to Mrs. Clift and his granddaughters, the residue of the estate is left to Mrs. Watson during her lifetime and at her death to be divided between the two granddaughters.

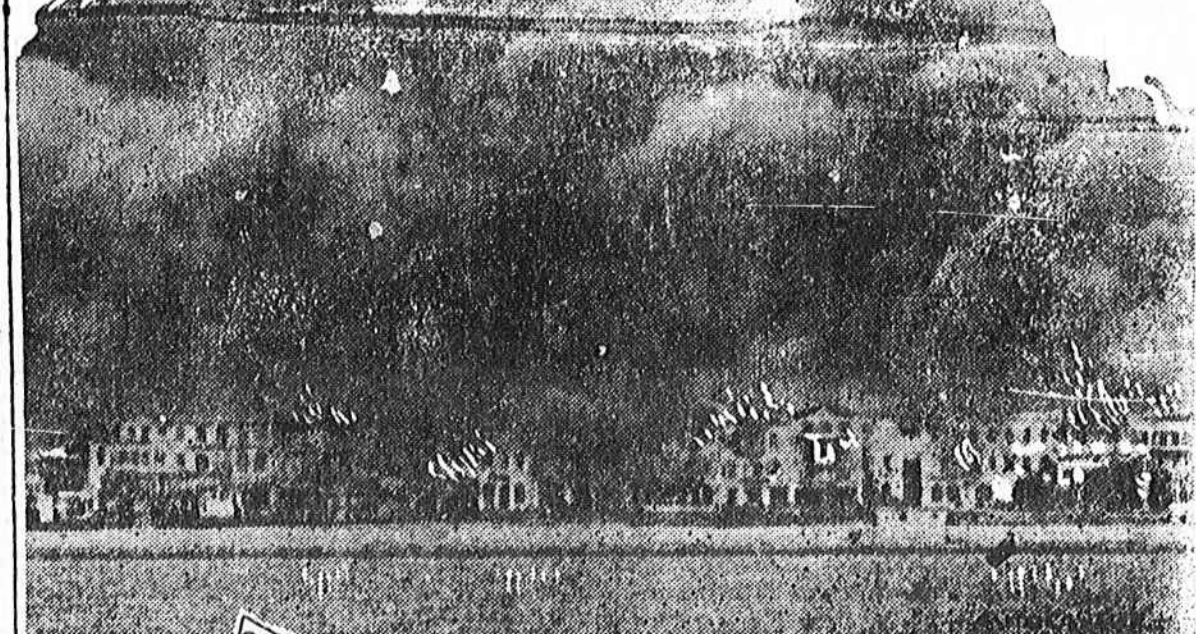
## MASONIC TEMPLE OPEN

Charleston, Oct. 10.—The remodeled home of the grand lodge of Masons in South Carolina, the Masonic temple, was thrown open tonight for public inspection, a great number of Charlestonians attending. James Campbell Bissell, of Charleston, is grand master.

## RESTORATION BY JAPAN

Tsingtao, Shantung, Oct. 10 (By the Associated Press).—Japan has decided to restore the lease held on Kiaochow to China, December 2. On that date Japanese troops will withdraw, civil and military authority in the Kiaochow district will be handed over to China and the Chinese flag will be hoisted for the first time since Germany acquired the territory in 1898.

## Smyrna Burning As Turks Massacre Christians.



First picture to reach America showing Smyrna in flames from torches of the triumphant Turks under Kemal Pasha. Thousands are believed to have perished in the flames and from swords of the Turks.