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## RAILROADS PRESENT SOLID FRONT

They Will Help Each Other to Overcome Strike Conditions.

New York, Aug. 5.—As proof to President Harding that the railroads are united in a determination to keep trains moving regardless of the shop craft strike, several roads today pledged themselves to send crews of mechanics to the rescue of four Southern roads whose shops have been hard hit by the strike, it was announced by L. F. Loree, chairman of the Eastern presidents' conference.

Crews of "picked" men, recruited in shops or roads in the Metropolitan district of New York are already on the way south, Mr. Loree asserted. The first detail was said to be on route to Richmond, Va., where it was expected to arrive tomorrow morning.

Although they subscribed to the rejection of President Harding's peace plan when it came before the American Association of Railway Executives last Tuesday the four roads to whom other lines are now contributing mechanics "fancily disclosed their condition," said Mr. Loree. They were the Chesapeake & Ohio, Norfolk & Western, Virginian and the Louisville & Nashville, it was disclosed.

Shipments of men were "assumed" by the Eastern leaders to be en route also from Chicago and other Western labor centers to locomotive and car shops at division points of the Southern railroads. The present plan, it was said, was to send men to Richmond and Roanoke and Russellville, Ravenna, Covington and Corinth, Ky., and Portsmouth, Ohio.

Union leaders at the Eastern strike committee headquarters tonight characterized this latest move of the roads as "another bluff to keep the president from interfering with their policy."

Chicago, Aug. 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—Western railroads with headquarters in Chicago added 15,239 shopmen to their forces between July 23 and August 3, a statement issued today by the Western presidents' committee on public relations, the Association of Railway Executives said.

On July 25, according to the statement, Western roads had 44,501 men in their shops and on August 2 the number was 59,740. The daily increase of men returning to work or being hired, the statement indicated, ranged between 1,600 and 2,900 men.

"Despite widespread rumors of a settlement of the railway shopmen's strike prior to the action of the executives at New York and on basis which would ignore the rights of loyal employees and involve the discharge of the new men who have been hired to take the place of strikers," the statement said, "all of the roads whose headquarters are in Chicago today reported a steady increase in the number of men at work in their shops during the first two days of August when these rumors were being circulated.

"The fact that practically all of the western roads have been able to meet their traffic demands has resulted in the careful selection of new employees, the roads accepting only those men who give satisfactory indications of becoming permanent and useful employees."

Railroad executives of Western roads returning from the executives' meeting in New York, which on Tuesday rejected President Harding's proposal to restore seniority to striking shopmen, said that the president's suggestions were impossible of acceptance.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Aug. 3.—The Brotherhood of Clerks will go along with any plan for a conference of the leaders of 12 railroad unions not on strike, E. H. Fitzgerald, president of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Station and Express Employees, announced today.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated in all probability the conference, if sufficient acceptances were received to attend it, would be held in Chicago.

## SOUTHERN SHOPMEN SILENT

Decision of Locals, If Any Has Been Reached, Not Reported to Company

Washington, Aug. 3.—Headquarters of the Southern railway here had received no reply up to a late hour tonight to the invitation of that system that its shopmen return to work on the basis of President Harding's plan for settlement of the strike. It was reported that officials of the locals, representing the Southern's employees, had called a meeting to consider the offer but the decision of this conference, if any was reached, was not announced.

The Association of Railway Executives, in a statement issued today, formally announced that the action of the Southern "does not in any way indicate a change in the position taken by the railroads in the meeting of August 1." The Southern, the statement said, was not a member of the association, had not voted on the president's plan at the New York meeting and "unlike the great majority of railroads of the country, had employed no new men."

Richmond, Va., Aug. 3.—Striking shopmen of the Southern Railway shops in this city will meet tomorrow at 2 o'clock to discuss the company's proposition to take back the strikers without prejudice to their seniority rights. No action will be taken, however, until word is received from headquarters in Chicago.

"We came out in a body and none will return until we all return," said W. C. Burke, vice president of the City Federation of Shopcrafts, this afternoon.

There is no change in the situation as to the Chesapeake & Ohio and the Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac railways.

## RAIL STRIKE IS NEARING REAL CRISIS

Other Unions, Including Big Brotherhoods, Now Evincing Interest in Shopmen's Walkout

Chicago, Aug. 5.—The comparative claim that was prevalent in the rail strike situation today gave way to renewed activities on both sides for ending the walkout and making it more effective. New peace conferences are pending in Washington and new strike threats came from maintenance of way men and other union workers for the purpose of presenting their views of the strike. Eastern roads have sent detachments of shopmen to relieve the roads in the mining district of Virginia, West Virginia, and Kentucky. New outbreaks and violence have been reported.

## NEW ELEMENTS IN RAIL STRIKE SITUATION

Brotherhoods Send Representatives to Washington to Confer With President Harding

Washington, Aug. 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—Negotiations to end the strike of railroad shopcraftsmen were resumed today by President Harding and B. M. Jewell, president of the railroad employees' department of the American Federation of Labor; W. H. Johnston, president of the machinists, and J. P. Noonan, head of the electrical brotherhood, left the White House after an hour's conference with the chief executive, expecting to be recalled Monday.

It was not disclosed whether the president had communicated again with railroad heads, where refusal to grant his proposal to give returning strikers back seniority status terminated the first settlement attempt, but the strike leaders in cheerful mood, said after the conference that the proposals, as originally outlined by the president constituted their "irreducible minimum in seeking honorable settlement."

Likewise, H. E. Willis, J. Paul Stephens and Arthur J. Lovel, representing respectively the engineers, trainmen and engine men and firemen, three of the four brotherhood organizations, saw the president at the instance of the national chief of these orders and of the switchmen's union and presented the possibility that grave prospects of further rail unsettlement were in sight unless the shop situation was straightened out.

May Refuse to Work.

It was understood that while they did not set up a possibility of sympathetic strikes by their membership, they declared that the condition of railroad equipment, locomotives particularly on many roads, was growing to be such that train crews might refuse service. No public statement of their report was made, other than that contained in the message from the brotherhood heads under which they acted in going to the White House and nothing was given out officially. They made it plain, however, that they made no request of the president for a conference with the brotherhood chiefs.

## TERRIBLE WRECK ON RAILROAD

Thirty-Eight Killed in Rear-End Collision on Missouri-Pacific

Sulphur Springs, Mo., Aug. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Failure of an engineer to heed a block signal caused the rear end collision on the Missouri-Pacific here last night in which 38 persons were killed and 137 injured. 25 seriously, according to John Cannon, assistant general manager of the road.

Train No. 4, a fast passenger vestibule steel train, running at full speed, crashed into No. 32, a local, composed of five wooden day coaches, a baggage and an express car, as the engine was taking on water with the coaches stretching back on a trestle over Glaze creek.

The impact hurled two of the local coaches down a 50 foot embankment edging the Mississippi and telescoped four other coaches, crushing a number of passengers to death in their seats. Both trains were behind time, the fast passenger, running from Fort Worth, Texas, to St. Louis, carrying 180 passengers, and the local 100 persons.

According to Mr. Cannon, Matt ("Ginger") Glenn of St. Louis, engineer of the fast passenger, failed to heed a block signal warning him the track was not clear ahead. Glenn, 57 years old, an engineer for 35 years, without a black mark against his record, was killed when he jumped from his cab just before the crash. Edward Lindley, also of St. Louis, fireman of No. 4 remained at his post and was injured seriously.

Engineer Glenn, shortly before arriving in Sulphur Springs, received orders "on the run" to pull over on a siding at Cliff Cave, ten miles north of here, to allow "Sunshine Special No. 1," en route from St. Louis to Texas, a route from No. 4, to pass, and Mr. Cannon explained, the engineer failed to heed the signal because he apparently was reading these orders when he passed the block. The orders were found near his body.

Deaths appeared on the scene shortly after the crash and robbed the dead and dying. Only one was arrested and he said he was William Hall of St. Louis. Several pieces of wearing apparel taken from the unfortunates were found on his person and a Bible was in his waist. The Bible, it was said, had been the property of the Rev. V. O. Penseley of De Soto, one of those killed.

The dead and injured were spread over an area of several city blocks. This little village of 150 inhabitants was unable to care for the injured and they along with the dead were taken to St. Louis and De Soto. Dr. W. W. Hull was the only physician administering to the injured for several hours until relief trains arrived.

"Had I had some assistance we might have saved some of the dying," Dr. Hull told a representative of the Associated Press. "At one time I was trying to treat 25 persons simultaneously."

## CONFERENCE OF ALLIES IN LONDON

Representatives of Powers Assemble to Discuss War Debts and Reparations

London, Aug. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Allied statesmen are gathering in London tonight for the opening tomorrow of what seems universally regarded as the most momentous conference since peace was concluded.

The immediate concern of the conference is the question of reparations and Germany's request for a moratorium; but since the delivery last week of the note of Earl Balfour it is assumed that the question of interrelated indebtedness cannot be excluded from the discussions, especially as Raymond Poincaré, the French premier, is created with bringing to London a plan for the extinction of the German reparations bonds in exchange for a cancellation of the French debt to Great Britain.

This plan meets with little sympathy in England, because it is contended these German bonds, being admittedly worthless, Great Britain would gain nothing, but by forgiving the French debt, would lose the last weapon she possesses for bringing pressure to bear upon France on the question of armaments, or on any policy in which France might run counter to British ideas.

The situation is further complicated by the ultimatum France delivered to Germany concerning Germany's payments on account of clearing her debts and the measures which France already has ordered taken in this connection.

Little hope seems to be entertained here that the conference will be a successful one, although it is fully recognized that in view of the swift fall in the value of the mark, which threatens to bring Germany in the wake of Austria and Russia financially, a situation has been reached in which half-way measures no longer will be of avail.

Paris, Aug. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—The reparations commission by a vote of 3 to 1 last Thursday rejected a resolution which would have accorded a moratorium to Germany for the remainder of the calendar year on reparations. It also rejected Germany's offer of payments of 500,000 pounds monthly on balance of her pre-war debt.

A communication to this effect was issued tonight by the reparations commission. The resolution, which would have accorded a moratorium to Germany and acceptance of Germany's offer of the payment of 500,000 pounds monthly on her pre-war debt, was offered by Sir John Bradbury, the British delegate.

The announcement says the commission has decided to postpone further action until after the London conference.

## NO AGREEMENT IN SENATE ON TARIFF

Effort to Bring the Bill to a Final Vote Defeated by Senator Lenroot

Washington, Aug. 3.—Upsetting plans of Republican and Democratic leaders for a final vote on the administration tariff bill on August 17, Senator Lenroot (Republican) of Wisconsin gave notice today in the senate there would be no unanimous agreement for a final vote at least until all important committee amendments to the measure had been discussed and acted upon. The Wisconsin senator said he was anxious to limit debate and proposed arrangement under which beginning today discussion would have been confined exclusively to the tariff with each senator limited to ten minutes' talk on amendments to the bill after August 11. Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, Republican leader, objected to this, however, and the effort to come to an understanding in the open senate ended.

Subsequently, however, private negotiations looking to at least a curtailment of discussion were reopened and some Republicans were of the opinion that these might lead to results. Certain Democratic senators, however, were represented as objecting to limitation of debate until after votes on the sections dealing with duties on sugar and hides.

The Democratic proposal for a final vote on August 19 and the Republican counter proposition for a vote August 17 led to a long discussion during the first "morning hour" the senate has had since the tariff bill was taken up. In the midst of the debate Senator Gooding of Idaho, chairman of the Republican agricultural tariff bloc introduced his resolution directing a special committee of five senators to inquire into and report to the senate on:

"The financial interests of senators in the wool and sheep industries."

"The financial interest of Frank A. Munsey in European industries; the amount and percentage of his income derived from advertisements placed in his newspapers by the importing department stores which have financed a campaign of defamation against the pending tariff bill and which will profit by the defeat of the bill."

"The number of senators owning or controlling or financially interested in newspapers, the amount of revenue obtained by the newspapers from importing department stores which will benefit financially by the defeat of the pending tariff bill."

"The financial interests of all members of the senate or their immediate relatives in any American industry or in any property in any community in the United States which may be affected directly or indirectly either by the passage or defeat of any proposed schedule in the pending tariff bill."

Senator Gooding's resolution was referred to the committee on contingent expenses. Members of the committee said a report would be made tomorrow but indicated the resolution would be modified.

Sensors Harrison of Mississippi and Simmons of North Carolina (Democrats) contended that the Gooding resolution seemed to propose an investigation of no public relation other than the Munsey newspapers and suggested that the inquiry be extended to all Republican dailies attacking the tariff. Mr. Gooding replied it was intended to apply to all newspapers.

Senator Harrison introduced a resolution declaring that senators interested personally in tariff and other legislation should not participate in senate proceedings on such legislation. He asked for its immediate consideration, but at the request of Senator McCumber (Republican) of North Dakota, in charge of the tariff bill, it went over and the senate returned to discussion of the unanimous consent agree arrangement.

Objection by Senator Lenroot to the fixing of a date for a final vote was made after Senator Simmons, for the minority, had agreed to accept the Republican substitute date of August 17. Mr. Lenroot explained that while he was anxious to see an end to the consideration of the tariff bill he could not consent to any arrangement under which important amendments might be acted upon without any discussion at all. He referred particularly to the proposed flexible tariff provision giving the president broad authority over customs not participating in the proposition to grant a subsidy to potato producers for five years in lieu of tariff protection.

## CO-OP. TOBACCO MARKETS OPEN MONDAY NEXT

Arrangements Perfect to Finance Crop—Cash Advances to Be Made on All Tobacco Delivered by Members

Raleigh, Aug. 3.—The tobacco growers' cooperative association will open its warehouses to receive the tobacco of its members next Monday, August 7th, at every South Carolina market, according to today's announcement from association headquarters at Raleigh.

Cash advances for all tobacco delivered will be paid the growers' members at the 65 warehouses of the co-operative association.

The sales committee of the tobacco growers co-operative association has arranged with a committee of South Carolina bankers, representing the banks which have offered loans to the association, for cash advances on each grade of tobacco at figures satisfactory to the association officials.

These advances which the association will pay its members for each grade, will be posted at every association warehouse next Monday, when deliveries begin.

That it is freely predicted that the association will secure better prices for its members than those indicated by the loan values placed upon the product by the bankers, for the big co-operative has the advantage of almost unlimited storage and redrying plants to prepare a well graded product in quantities to meet the demands of the trade.

A full force of warehousemen, graders and book-keepers will be at each association warehouse in the South Carolina belt to commence receiving the first deliveries of new tobacco Monday. Receiving points of the association will open only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays of each week, in order that proper attention may be given to each pile of tobacco, and all members be assured of uniform grading.

Over 200 applications to join the marketing association, and requests to open the membership books to tobacco growers from all parts of South Carolina followed the first day of auction sales which proved unsatisfactory to many growers throughout the belt.

Although no active campaign of mass meetings like that which recently brought in 3,000 members to the association will be held, every market in the belt will continue to receive new signers during this week.

No contracts for this year's crop will be accepted by the association after the opening of its warehouses next Monday. Farmers are strongly urged not to rush their deliveries to the co-operative markets and not to bring tobacco in soft order.

Dissatisfaction with the opening sales on the auction floors and the application of hundreds of growers to join the marketing association indicates another landslide to the co-operatives during the next two days like that which took place on July 31st when the active campaign for signers closed.

President George A. Norwood of the association, who came directly from South Carolina to Raleigh headquarters today, predicted that close to a thousand more tobacco growers would join the association during the two days which remain for them to sign.

## Permanent Injunction Against Strikers

Judge H. A. M. Smith Will Not Tolerate Unlawful Interference With Workers

Charleston, Aug. 4.—Judge H. A. M. Smith of the federal court today issued an order, following the return of federated shopmen, defendants, to show cause, continuing the temporary injunction he issued July 24, on petition of the Atlantic Coast Line, and concerning the petitioner's premises and employees at Charleston and Florence. This afternoon he issued an order of temporary injunction along similar lines, on petition of the Seaboard Air Line company, and set August 11 as the date for the return by the defendants. The Seaboard alleged the same general grounds in their petition for a restraining order against striking shopmen as those in the petition of the Atlantic Coast Line, and named Andrews, Charleston, Hartsville and Cayce as points in this state, where they asked that the order apply. The main effect of both orders is to restrain striking shopmen from "picketing" or otherwise interfering with employees of the complainants. In his order on the Atlantic Coast Line petition and the defendants' return, Judge Smith stressed the fact that in refraining from work, the former railroad employees were acting within their rights, but that in attempting to force arguments upon others who were unwilling to hear them they were invading the rights of the others. He stated that in issuing an injunction he was not determining that any man was guilty of an infraction of the law, but that he was acting upon the general circumstances, and upon representations of the attorneys for the defense he inserted in his restraining order the words, "in any manner forbidden by law," in that portion where the defendants were restrained from "willfully and knowingly" persuading others to quit work, etc.

## DR. CLARENCE POE TO SPEAK

Four Speeches to Be Made For Cooperative Marketing Association

Columbia, Aug. 7.—Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, will make four speeches in South Carolina this week on the cooperative marketing of cotton. Harold C. Booker, secretary of the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association announced today.

Friday morning at 11 o'clock he will speak at Bishopville, Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock he will speak at Camden; Saturday morning at 11 o'clock at Bennettsville and Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at Chesterfield. Large crowds are expected to hear him at all of these points.

Plans for a state-wide speaking campaign extending into every county in the state will be mapped out Tuesday at a conference between association officials and officials of the extension forces of Clemson College. It is planned to hold at least one big county-wide meeting in every county in the state during the month of August.

Douglas McKay, state counsel for the association, returned to Columbia Saturday from Dillon where he spoke at a big meeting Friday. Other speakers at the meeting were Harold Jeter of the field service department of the association and A. Victor Bertha of Dillon, member of the board of directors. Senator P. L. Bertha, county chairman, presided. Mr. McKay said that the attendance on the meeting was good and genuine interest was manifested in the doings of the association. Dillon is expected to furnish a heavy sign-up in the new drive.

New contracts were received during the past week from Orangeburg, Edgefield and Darlington counties. While the campaign does not actively begin until August 10, the canvass has begun in some of the counties already. Confidence that 100,000 additional bales will be signed up, giving the association a total of 500,000 bales was expressed today by association officials.

The association is now established in the new headquarters in the "Cotton Cooperative Building," 1425 Main street, having moved last week from its temporary headquarters in the Liberty Bank building.

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## RAIL WORKERS BADLY BEATEN

Seaboard Employes Kidnaped by Masked Men

Raleigh, Aug. 4.—Twenty-five masked men kidnaped five Seaboard Air Line shop employees and one guard at Manly, near Southern Pines at dusk today, carried them two miles from that point and severely beat them, one, it was believed, fatally, according to reports to the Seaboard office here.

The Seaboard workmen had been sent from Raleigh to take down the rods of a disabled locomotive preparatory to bringing the engine to Raleigh. The party consisted of five workmen and two guards. Part of the work had been completed when the attacking force arrived in eight automobiles, kidnapping the entire party with the exception of one of the guards who was not present at the time. All of them were severely beaten. They received medical attention at the hospital in Southern Pines and late tonight will be brought to Raleigh.

Sheriff Blue, who had just returned to Southern Pines after a wild ride to the Raleigh prison with three negroes to escape a crowd bent on lynching them, immediately started an investigation and late tonight stated the identity of some of the masked men were known. According to Sheriff Blue, they are striking shopmen of the Seaboard shops at Hamlet.

## GOOD CROPS IN RUSSIA

Moscow, Aug. 5.—The soviet government announced today that owing to excellent crop prospects the foreign trade department is instructing its agents abroad to cease buying flour and sugar. Americans who recently arrived from Constantinople contend that Moscow is now the most expensive of the larger European cities in which to live.

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## R. R. Commission To Regulate Coal

Columbia, Aug. 4.—Governor Harvey and Chairman Frank Shea, of the railroad commission, held a conference Friday afternoon, and they talked on the telephone with E. G. Geer, of Greenville, chairman of the governor's fuel emergency committee, and following the conference the governor issued a statement in which he announced that the fuel situation, regarded as serious, is to be handled entirely by the railroad commission. Mr. Geer's committee will handle the question of profitable profiteering but all matters pertaining to the supply of fuel and the public's demand, will be handled by Mr. Shea's board. The statement was repeated Friday that there is not more than two weeks' supply of coal in the state, according to reports gathered by the railroad commission.

## Hit by Automobile

Aged Man Run Down by Unknown Driver

Spartanburg, Aug. 3.—An aged white man whose home is said to be Brevard, N. C., was run over by a speeding automobile at Duncan yesterday afternoon. The driver, keeping on, the man said, not even investigating to see what damage was done to the man. His name is McGahey, and he has a daughter living at Tucupau. He was on his way from Duncan to Tucupau and had got in front of the home of Dr. J. C. Moore at Duncan when he was run down. His body was dragged for some distance by the car. He was rushed to the Spartanburg general hospital, where surgical aid was given him. He is doing as well as could be expected, according to the report today from the hospital.

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## PRIMARY IN OHIO

Administration on Trial Before Ohio Republicans

Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 7.—Whether the national administration is to receive the endorsement of Ohio voters will be determined largely in the success of Thompson of Cleveland, in tomorrow's primary. Thompson, a former United States treasurer, who has been closely identified with the Harding administration is one of nine Republicans running for the gubernatorial nomination. All the present congressmen, except Charles L. Knight, of the Fourteenth district, and S. D. Fees of the Eighth, candidates respectively, for Republican gubernatorial and senatorial nominations, are seeking re-nomination.

## MAY MAKE TEST CASE IN STRIKE

100 Men Would Return and Ask Seniority Rights

Chicago, Aug. 4.—(By the Associated Press.)—Despite reports from Washington that the government would take no further action in the strike of railway shopmen at the present time, union leaders and rail executives tonight reiterated former assertions that the next move so far as peace is concerned will be up to the government authorities.

B. M. Jewell, head of the striking shopmen, said tonight he had no reply to the message to President Harding in which the union's accepted the President's proposals for ending the strike after placing their own interpretation on the propositions. In union circles most interest seemed to center in the President's reply to the acceptance of the shop crafts leaders.

The railroads with headquarters centering in Chicago maintained that transportation conditions were nearly normal and that new men were being hired and former employees were returning to work. The fifth week of the strike ended tonight with each side apparently prepared to stand firm on the issues involved for an indefinite period.

There were reports today that the shop crafts leaders might order 100 shopmen back to work and then have them appeal to the Railroad Labor Board to retain their former seniority rights in order to make a test case, it being pointed out that these shopmen could not make such an appeal so long as they were on strike and therefore not employes of the road.

Mr. Jewell would not comment on this report.

## Clansmen on Trial

Los Angeles, Aug. 7.—Thirty-seven Ku Klux Klansmen charged with assault with a deadly weapon, with intent to commit murder, kidnaping and false imprisonment, growing out of the raid, on April 22, on the home and bonded winery, of Fidel & Mathias Elduayn, at Inglewood, were docketed for trial today. The defendants, who were set free under forty-five thousand bonds, include William S. Coburn, of Georgia, formerly grand goblin of the Klans of the Pacific domain.

## Coal Distribution Plans Perfected

Washington, Aug. 5.—The governors of various states were asked today by Federal Fuel Distributor Spencer to concur in the steps outlined by the federal government for emergency distribution of coal. The letters sent to the governors today carried the central committee's plans and forms to be used by state committees in applying for emergency coal.

## COLUMBIA NOW INTERESTED IN STATE FAIR

(Columbia State, Aug. 5.)—Decision to call a general meeting for next Tuesday night at the Columbia theater in an effort to raise sufficient funds to guarantee the state fair association support in its plan for a greater fair was reached at a meeting of representatives of all the civic bodies of Columbia last night at the chamber of commerce.

The meeting will be held at 8:30 o'clock and the 50 odd men present last night pledged themselves each to have five additional men present Tuesday, which alone will guarantee a crowd of nearly 300, but many more are expected, for the call is urgent. It means either the state fair will remain in Columbia or will go to some other town. This was brought out forcibly last night. The fair association is not pulling a joker, but on the other hand has a royal flush and will go to Sumter, Greenville or some other city that has made an attractive offer for the fair. R. M. Cooper, Jr., president of the association, frankly told the meeting last night that Columbia was behind the fair as the city should be and several other speakers handled the matter with gloves off, pointing to the fact that Columbia had never done anything for the fair, and now when only \$25,000 is asked the city talks fair.

Hong Kong, Aug. 7.—The casualties in the typhoon and tidal wave which last Wednesday swept Swatow, 250 miles north of here, are now estimated at ten thousand.