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SIX HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS

IS ADDED TO PAYROLLS OF RAILROAD EMPLOYEES— INCREASE IS RETROACTIVE TO MAY FIRST OF THIS YEAR; TWO MILLION RAILROAD WORKERS BENEFIT BY RAISE

Chicago, July 20.—Six hundred million dollars was added to the pay envelopes of the nation's 2,000,000 railroad workers today in the first award handed down by the United States Railway Labor Board. Rejecting the demands of the organized rail unions for increases totalling approximately one billion dollars, the board decided approximately sixty per cent of that sum would be a just increase to meet present living conditions.

The award adds approximately 21 per cent to the present pay schedules. Railroad officials have declared that any pay increase awarded the men must be followed by a corresponding increase in rates and they plan, it is said, to file new tariffs with the Interstate Commerce Commission as soon as they can be prepared.

Whether the award as given will stave off the threat of a general railroad strike remains to be seen. The leaders of practically every one of the sixteen big railroad unions were present this morning when Judge R. M. Barson, chairman of the board, handed down the decision. They left immediately to present the award to 1,000 general chairmen, who had gathered here to pass on its acceptability. The union presidents refused to make any comment before the meeting. The approximate terms of the decision had been known to them yesterday and they believed then their men would stay in line, at least until a referendum vote can be taken. Nearly a month will be needed for the referendum.

The board's decision is retroactive to May 1. As the maximum increase granted any class was 18 cents an hour, or \$36.72 per month, the biggest back pay check when the settlement is made August will \$110.16. The board provided that the back pay checks shall be made out separately so that each man will know the amount he received from that source.

Seven things were taken into consideration in arriving at the award, the preamble of the boards announcement says. They were: The scale paid for similar kinds of work in other industries; the relation between wages and the cost of living; the hazards of the employment; training and skill required; degree of responsibility; character and regularity of the employment, and inequalities in increases and treatment resulting from previous wage orders.

"Those persons who consider the rates determined on here too high should reflect on the abnormal conditions resulting from the high rates now being paid in other industries," the board said. "The employees who may believe these rates too low should consider the increased burden these rates will place on their fellow countrymen, many of whom are less favorably situated than themselves.

"The board has endeavored to fix such wages as will provide a decent living and secure for the children of the wage earners' opportunity for education, and yet to remember that no class of Americans should receive preferred treatment and that the great mass of the people ultimately pay a great part of the increased cost of operation entailed by the increase in wages determined herein."

The decision, Chairman Barton explained, was not a unanimous one, some members dissenting on nearly every section. The awards

PROPERTY DAMAGE AT ANDERSON LARGE

Cotton Mills Flooded, New Roads And Bridges Suffer From Cloudburst—Traffic Blocked

Anderson, July 20.—Thousands of dollars damages was done to new roads and bridges in Anderson County last night by a rainstorm which at times reached the proportions of a cloudburst.

The engine and the tender of a Blue Ridge passenger train was overturned at Watson's Crossing near Anderson, killing the negro firemen and shaking up a number of passengers. The mishap is thought to have been due to the rails spreading on account of the water-soaked condition of the road bed. Traffic on the road will be blocked throughout the day.

Piedmont and Northern Electric Railways line into this city is out of commission on account of damage to trestles between Anderson and Belton. Several cotton mills and other manufacturing enterprises located near streams were flooded. Damage to crops was extensive.

The storm was accompanied by a brilliant electrical display and considerable damage was done to telephone and power lines in the city.

BRYAN MAY ACCEPT DRY NOMINATION FRIENDS SAY

Lincoln, Nebr., July 20.—Early arrivals among the delegates to the prohibition party's national convention today were discussing chiefly the attitude of William J. Bryan, should the convention offer him the leadership of the prohibition ticket next fall.

Frequent mention of Reverend William A. ("Billy") Sunday as his running mate brought the statement from Mr. Sunday that he would be willing to accept the nomination if chosen.

"Mr. Bryan's recent statement in The Commoner that a man must accept such an honor if it is offered," said W. G. Calderwood, vice-chairman of the national committee, "looked upon by us as tantamount to a declaration that he will accept. We are preparing to go to the mat in this campaign and we are going to nominate a ticket that will draw hundreds of thousands of votes."

The auditorium where the convention will open tomorrow was receiving its final touches today.

PICNIC AT RAPLEY SHOALS

Mrs. Joe Warren, Mrs. G. T. Tate and Mrs. Ira Sprouse chaperoned a crowd of the younger set on a most delightful all day picnic at Rapley Shoals yesterday. Miss Alice Presscott was the guest of honor. The young people went in trucks early in the morning and returned about seven o'clock. They report a most enjoyable time.

ENJOYING LIFE.

Mrs. Fred Cason is in Hendersonville for a summer vacation. She is shopping at the Marlboro House and is enjoying all the pleasures offered by a lively resort. Mrs. Bailey, a sister from Columbia, is with Mrs. Cason.

OFF TO HENDERSONVILLE

Miss Mamie Devlin and Miss Mildred Cochran left Tuesday for Hendersonville where they will spend some time. They were joined in Greenwood by Mrs. Walter Devlin and Miss Ruby Hill Devlin and they will spend their time at the "Kentucky Home."

REV. BRISTOW AT MIDWAY

Rev. L. J. Bristow will preach a Midway Sunday afternoon, August 1st at 4 o'clock.

given were by a majority vote on each section, with at least one member of the public group voting for each award.

"ABBEVILLE SLEEPIEST TOWN IN THE STATE"

E. C. Seifert, Head of Marketing Bureau Made Above Statement At Big Farmers' Meeting Yesterday and Adds "It's The Hardest Town To Get Started Doing Anything."—Two Other Speakers Address Large Crowd

Yesterday was a big day for the farmers and business and professional men of the county who are interested in the growing and marketing of cotton. Some plain talk was handed them about just how backward they were in the matter of marketing their cotton.

T. M. Mills, county farm demonstrator of Newberry County presided over the meeting which opened yesterday morning at 11:30 in the court house and also made the first address of the morning outlining the purposes for which the meeting was being held and extolling the farmers to the skies for the golden heritage handed them by the Almighty and censuring them for burying their talent and letting the middle men do the doubling of the talent.

Mr. Mills is a forceful speaker and commanded the close attention of his audience.

He stated that he was born on a farm, had lived on a farm up to the present time and that he hoped when the hearse did call for his remains that it would have to drive up to the door of a farm house to find them. He outlined the three purposes for which the meeting had been called and stated them as, first, to discuss the question of whether it was beneficial for every county in the state to employ an impartial cotton classifier as supplied by the department of agriculture through the extension department of Clemson College. Mr. Mills was informed that so far as Abbeville County was concerned that this question had already been settled and that sufficient guarantors had been secured to make the employment and payment of a government cotton classifier certain.

The second question to be discussed would be the erection of sufficient warehouses to store at least fifty per cent of the cotton grown in this county. Mr. Mills proceeded to show his audience where this was absolutely necessary if the farmer intended to get the true value that his cotton is worth. He gave figures to show that the erection of warehouses costing \$150,000 would save the farmers \$2,850,000 on each crop of cotton at the prevailing prices.

The last question to be taken up was the affiliation of a sufficient majority of the farmers of the South with the American Cotton association to enable it to become a potential power in the economic life of the farmer.

Mr. Mills then introduced Mr. E. C. Seifert, a native of Georgia and until recently in the employ of the farmers of Orangeburg County as their official cotton grader. Mr. Seifert is now at the head of the bureau of markets in this state and it is one of his duties to assign cotton classifiers to counties which wish them.

Whether Mr. Seifert was cognizant of a sleepy attitude on the part of his audience or whether he had been hearing things about the City of Abbeville from possibly the jealous citizens of some Sleepy Hollow somewhere in the state is not known, but without any reservation on his part at all the speaker stated that "you have the sleepest town in the State and the hardest town in which to get anything started." We don't know what the gentleman has ever before tried to start in the City of Abbeville and we are doubtful if he ever has been in the city more than once before in his life. At any rate his audience evidently didn't consider his statement regarding the apathy of the town, as he called our city, worthy even of receiving an expression either one way or another on

their part for it was received passively except for a snicker from several sections of the court house. It must have been a surprise to Mr. Seifert that by one speech from him the business men and farmers of the county were induced to raise almost immediately sufficient funds to provide for the employment of the cotton grader. Mr. Seifert proceeded to show the farmers where they were losing millions of dollars by not knowing what their cotton was worth. He stated that if his conscience would permit him he could enter almost any one of the numerous cotton markets in the state and become a buyer of cotton for one season at the end of which he would have sufficient money to support him the rest of his life. He stated that he had known of one buyer of cotton who made \$300 profit on one bale of cotton bought from a farmer who didn't know what grade it was. Mr. Seifert defined the difference between a cotton buyer and a buyer of cotton. The buyer of cotton worked from 9 a. m. till 3 p. m. and at that time sold out his day's purchases to a cotton buyer making a good profit on a few bales of cotton which some farmers had bid off to him.

Mr. Mills next introduced Mr. G. F. Honeycutt of the state warehouse commission who spoke on the workings of the warehouse system and the advantages which the farmers would obtain by having sufficient warehousing facilities in the country. At the conclusion of his address Mr. time in a quarter of a century a Honeycutt called for any questions the Court of Common Pleas for York County without wearing his system and evidenced considerable interest in this phase of the meeting.

The third and last speaker of the meeting was Miss Lois Ervin, who has been working throughout the county for the past ten days holding township meetings and urging the people to join the American Cotton association. Miss Ervin is the efficient field secretary of the South Carolina division of the association and a young lady of splendid ability. She made a timely address to the farmers and it was really surprising to know just how much information the secretary has regarding the marketing of cotton and which she gives in a forceful way to her audience.

At the conclusion of this speaker's address the meeting entered into a business session and proceeded to organize. Capt. G. N. Nickles was elected president of the Abbeville County branch of the American cotton association; R. S. Link, vice-president, and E. C. Horton, secretary and treasurer. Membership fees of about \$400 have already been received by the treasurer. The membership fee is 25c per bale for every bale of cotton you raise on an average yield.

The compilation of township committees had not been completed when this paper went to press but will be announced in the issue of Friday.

AFTER THE VOTES

Senator Howard Moore, candidate for election as solicitor of this district left today with an empty hand bag to garner the promises about Clinton and Whitmire. Senator Moore says it's mighty hard on the candidates, this political apathy prevalent throughout the state.

Miss Margaret Stalsworth of Greenwood and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hester and children, of Calhoun Falls, spent Tuesday in the city with Mr. and Mrs. R. S. McCombs.

JAS. M. COX BUYS BUSINESS IN TROY

Young Business Man of City Purchases Stock of J. S. Horn Co. Take Possession Aug. 1st.

James M. Cox, our fellow townsman, not the presidential nominee of the democratic party, made his first big business deal by buying yesterday the stock and goodwill of the J. S. Horn Co. at Troy.

Mr. Cox who was recently married to Miss Carolyn Bradley of Troy, will take charge of the business the first of next month and states that he will add sufficient stock to the business to be able to satisfy the wants of his customers for everything carried in a first class general merchandise store.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox will make their home with the parents of the latter, Rev. and Foster Bradley. The numerous friends of the young couple in Abbeville regret that they have decided to leave the city but wish for "Jim" unlimited success in his new enterprise.

WRONG BODY FOUND ON OPENING COFFIN

Remains of South Carolina Soldier Sent To Family of Same Name in Ohio

Columbus, Ohio, July 20.—When M. L. Walker opened a coffin sent him by the war department today he found the body not that of his son, J. Walker, but instead that of James Walker, consigned to Mrs. Margaret Walker, Sandy Springs, S. C. The death certificates had been transposed from one box to other, causing the mistake, both being on the same ship coming from Brest, France. The body of the Columbus boy is being tracked. It probably has been sent to South Carolina instead of Columbus.

NO COAT FOR THIS JUROR

York, July 20.—For the first time in a quarter of a century a juror was allowed to sit in a case in and a number of the farmers asked the Court of Common Pleas for York County without wearing his system and evidenced considerable interest in this phase of the meeting. The third and last speaker of the meeting was Miss Lois Ervin, who has been working throughout the county for the past ten days holding township meetings and urging the people to join the American Cotton association. Miss Ervin is the efficient field secretary of the South Carolina division of the association and a young lady of splendid ability. She made a timely address to the farmers and it was really surprising to know just how much information the secretary has regarding the marketing of cotton and which she gives in a forceful way to her audience.

COUNTY TO GET ADDITIONAL FEE

More than \$80,000 will be paid to the various county treasurers on account of the additional license fees on premiums collected by insurance companies for the semi-annual period ending December 31, 1919, according to an announcement made yesterday at the office of the state insurance commissioner. Abbeville County will get \$1,117, 80 of the additional license fees.

RETURN FROM AUTO TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Barnwell returned Saturday from an automobile trip to Hartsville, where they spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Caldwell. Mrs. Caldwell returned with them and will visit Mrs. Barnwell for a month at the end of which she will be joined by Mr. Caldwell on his return from the Northern markets.

SELLS FLATWOODS LAND

J. S. Stark sold his Glowing Springs tract of land in the Flatwoods to R. S. Link Tuesday, the price paid being \$110.00 per acre. The tract contains about 30 acres.

HOME AGAIN

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Peebles are at home again after a three week's visit to their home people in Greensboro, N. C. and Richmond, Va.

G. O. P. RAISING IMMENSE FUNDS

"SUFFICIENT TO SHOCK SENSIBILITIES," DECLARES GOVERNOR COX IN ADDRESS TO NATIONAL COMMITTEE AT COLUMBUS—WHITE OF OHIO SUCCEEDS CUMMINGS

Columbus, Ohio, July 20.—Charges that the Republicans were raising a campaign fund "sufficient to shock the sensibilities" were made tonight by Governor Cox, Democratic presidential candidate in an address to the national committee which perfected organization for the campaign.

The Democrats, Governor Cox declared, will insist upon continuance of the senatorial investigation of campaign expenditures and also will make frequent and detailed accounting of their finances. The Democratic platform he declared is "a promissory note" which will be paid in full, closing his address with a prediction for a November victory.

Governor Cox's address together with brief supporting remarks by Franklin D. Roosevelt, his running mate, followed election of George H. White, former congressman of Marietta, Ohio, as chairman of the Democratic national committee and manager of the party campaign. He succeeded Homer S. Cummings of Connecticut, who has served for 18 months, and who desired to be relieved of further campaign duties.

Much of the campaign details were left to Chairman White. He was authorized to appoint a special campaign subcommittee, probably of 15 members and to arrange other details.

The committee did not fix the dates for notifying Governor Cox and Mr. Roosevelt of their nomination but the candidates and the new chairman tentatively chose Saturday, August 7, for that of Governor Cox at his home, Trail's End, at Dayton.

Governor Cox's statements regarding Republican campaign funds and his pledge of Democratic conduct were made in a half hour address upon the retirement of former Chairman Cummings and induction of Chairman White.

"I know full well," Governor Cox continued, "that a campaign fund sufficient to stagger the sensibilities of the nation is now being formed. If they believe that is proper, God speed them in their enterprise. It will be one of our chief assets in the campaign."

Governor Cox asked the national committee members to take assurance to all local organization leaders and also "the men in the front trench that the platform of the Democratic party is a promissory note." "I shall see," he said, "that it is paid in full, every dollar and every cent."

"When enter the campaign not hopefully," he continued, "but in the absolute confidence of victory because we deserve to win. We are confident because we have fought for progress before, and we have met and conquered reaction before. The stronghold before us is not new to us. Nor is there anything new in the antagonist before us (Senator Harding, the Republican candidate), magnificent gentleman that he is, our friend and neighbor. In 1912 he fought for the cause of reaction. We won because we stood for progress. And we shall win again."

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Darracotte and Olin Darracotte spent Tuesday in Abbeville.

COTTON MARKET	
January	32.20
March	31.20
May	30.54
July	42.50
October	34.66
December	32.95