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EXPECTS SETTLEMENT BY NIGHT

WILSON CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS IN ARBITRATION OF RAILROAD STRIKE.

Committee of Presidents Agree on Basis for Settlement and Will Submit to Other Road Presidents for Approval—Provides for Eight Hour Day and Increase of Freight Rates—To Legislate for Future Strike Situations.

Washington, Aug. 24.—A basis for settlement of the threatened strike was reached by the committee of railway presidents after several conferences. The committee of eight is preparing an agreement in writing to submit it to the entire number of presidents. It is believed that it will be accepted by all without general discussion.

The White House announces that President Wilson expects a full settlement before nightfall. It is learned that the proposed agreement provides an eight hour day which will be put into effect by all the railroads immediately. Some federal board, probably the interstate commerce commission, is to take charge of all collateral issues. It also provides that the government will look favorably on an application later for increased freight rates. The application for increased rates will be made soon.

Commissioner Chambers of the federal mediation board went to the White House today and was sent from there by President Wilson to the railway presidents and brotherhoods with a message. All parties were more cheerful after his visit and messages were delivered. The agreement will contain a promise that legislation will be passed for dealing with future questions.

REPORT DEFEAT OF BULGARS.

French and Serbian Forces Victorious on Struma.

Paris, Aug. 24.—The French and Serbian forces have been victorious over the Bulgarians, it is announced. The French drove the Bulgarians back to the Struma river. The Serbians captured the Bulgarians on the Struma.

WILL GUIDE BREMEN.

German Steamer Goes Out to Meet Incoming Submarine.

Boston, Aug. 24.—The steamer Wilhelm slipped out in a heavy fog for New London, Conn., where she will serve as a tender for the Bremen. The Wilhelm is a German merchant ship. She has been tied up since the war began and was suddenly fitted out this week.

ATTACKS WITH HAND GRENADES

Germans Repulsed in Savage Attacks—Bombardment of Fleury.

Paris, Aug. 24.—The Germans delivered a hand grenade attack against the Sevécourt sector on the extreme southern end of the Somme front, but were repulsed. The Germans are violently cannonading the positions recently captured by the French in the Fleury sector.

DEUTSCHLAND SAFE IN PORT.

Orewell and Captain Koenig Summoned to Receive Honors From the Kaiser.

London, Aug. 24.—Zeppelin raids were made on the British east coast, but no damage resulted. No casualties occurred, although a number of bombs were dropped.

The Deutschland was slightly damaged when it arrived in the Weser river. The Hague reports the crew all well, at the end of their 23 day trip. Captain Koenig was summoned by the Kaiser to receive honors.

POSTAL RECEIPTS INCREASE.

Amount for 1916 Greater Than Ever Before in History of Office.

Figures prepared at the Sumter post office show that the postal receipts are gradually increasing, and this year they are larger than ever before in the history of the local office. This is healthy sign and indicates that the city is growing and its business increasing, as the postal receipts always a good indication of amount of business done.

The records for the past three years show that up to the end of the fiscal year on June 30, the receipts were as follows:

June 30, 1914,	\$37,231.95
June 30, 1915,	35,008.08
June 30, 1916,	37,462.52

CONFERENCE LATE TODAY.

Wilson and Railroad Presidents to Discuss Strike Settlement Again.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Commissioner Chambers returned to the White House after conferring with the brotherhoods and presidents of the railroads. It was then announced that the committee of presidents was coming to the White House. The committee arrived and reported arranging a conference late today between all the presidents and President Wilson when their decision will be given Wilson.

TRANSPORT GOES AGROUND.

Hancock Hits Bottom at Mouth of the Mississippi.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Commandant of the New Orleans navy yard reports that the navy department transport Hancock en route from New Orleans to Vera Cruz went aground in 24 feet of water at the mouth of the Mississippi river during the night. No casualties were reported.

ROUMANIA READY TO ENTER.

Wants to Know Her Position in Peace Conclave at End.

Amsterdam, Aug. 24.—It is reported that Roumania is ready to enter the war with the allies. The only point not agreed on is what part Roumania will have in the peace convention at the war's end.

MANY TURKS CAPTURED.

Four Divisions Defeated in Armenia and Two Regiments Taken.

Petrograd, Aug. 24.—The German assaults on Wednesday in an effort to force the Russians back to the eastern bank of the Stokhod were all repulsed, it is announced. Numbers of Turks fighting with the Austrians in Galicia were captured. Two regiments of Turks were captured in Armenia south of Lake Van where four divisions of Turks were defeated.

RAILROAD DELEGATES IMPASSIONED.

Want to Leave Matter in Hand of Four Representatives—Attacks on Revenue Bill.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Leaders of the brotherhoods attempted to pacify the insurgent delegates, who are clamoring for action. Some want to go home, leaving the strike orders in the hands of four chiefs.

Senator Penrose renewed his assault against the administration's emergency revenue bill in the senate. Senator Simmons, who is in charge of the bill, predicts its passage before Saturday.

GREEK SENTIMENT FOR ALLIES.

Wave of Popular Feeling Favors Entente.

London, Aug. 24.—Artillery actions along the allies' centre and right wing on the Balkan front are announced. The Bulgarians entrenched on the Struma river were dispersed. Greek troops are still fighting the Bulgarians near Struma. A fresh wave of popular sentiment in favor of the allies is sweeping Greece.

The Germans on the Somme front delivered a strong assault against Guillemont station and other positions in the same region. All were repulsed with heavy losses.

GUARDSMEN KEEP HEALTHY.

Show Lower Sick Rate Than Regular Troops.

Washington, Aug. 23.—National Guardsmen showed a lower sick rate than the regulars (again this week. War department records published today show two deaths from appendicitis and one from scarlet fever among the Guardsmen on the border.

STORM WARNINGS UP.

Disturbance Off Bahamas Moving Northwest Toward the Straits.

Washington, Aug. 23.—Storm warnings were ordered by the weather bureau tonight for Miami and Key West. The tropical storm that struck near Rico Tuesday apparently was near Great Inagua at 2 p. m. today, moving northwest. Moderate easterly gales in the next 24 hours were indicated for the Bahamas and the extreme south coast of Florida.

The disturbance was believed to be shaping its course towards the Florida straits.

TO ADVERTISE SOUTH.

The Southern Railway to Show Its Ideal Farming Section at Fairs in North.

Washington, Aug. 24.—The South will be advertised as the ideal farming country at more than 25 fairs and expositions in the Northern States this fall by the Southern Railway company and affiliated lines, including the Mobile and Ohio railroad and the Georgia Southern and Florida railway.

Exhibits containing a full representation of the grains, grasses and forage crops, fruits, vegetables and miscellaneous farm and orchard products of the Southern States, will be displayed, and literature about the South distributed. A special exhibit will be moved from place to place where the county and district fairs are held, but larger exhibits will be made at Rochester, N. Y., Exposition, Sept. 4-9; the New York State Fair at Syracuse, Sept. 11-16, and at the National Dairy Show, Springfield, Mass., Oct. 12-21.

These fairs and expositions will be visited by several hundred thousand farmers of the type desired in the South as settlers, and it is with the view of aiding in the development of the territory they serve that the Southern and affiliated lines are making the exhibits, the expense of which will be borne entirely by them.

TWENTY-SIX STATES FOR WILSON.

Judge Mendel Smith, Returning From Trip Through Western and Pacific Sections, Says Democratic Victory is Confidently Expected.

Columbia, Aug. 23.—Judge Mendel L. Smith has returned from an extended tour of the far West and Pacific coast States, having attended the national convention of the Knights of Pythias as a delegate from South Carolina. Judge Smith speaks with enthusiasm and returns sanguine of the reelection of President Wilson.

"I traveled through 26 States," he said, "and believe the Democratic ticket will carry each and every one of them."

ment, but I can not make it too strong. Everywhere one hears the expression: 'President Wilson has kept us out of war,' and it is said with emphasis and feeling. That is the keynote of American opinion in all of the 26 States and it is impossible for the Republicans to make any headway against it. Whatever they say is met with and silenced by it."

Plant Crimson Clover to Improve Your Land.

Clemson, College, Aug. 23.—This is a crop that you can't afford to pass up. It is hardy and does well on most of our Southern soil. It is used extensively for grazing. The vines turned under makes one of the best soil improvers you can get. It adds much humus and nitrogen to the soil, and therefore increases the yield of corn, cotton or any other crop that may be planted after the clover is turned under. It can be grazed in the fall and spring and then the stubble turned under, and excellent results are obtained as a fertilizer for the following crop. The price of seed is small considering what a great crop it is. You simply can't afford to pass up this crop. How many acres are you going to plant?

TO STUDY FARM LIFE.

D. B. Johnson Calls on President to Emphasize Value of Such a Body.

Washington, Aug. 23.—Dr. D. B. Johnson, president of the National Education association, today called to see President Wilson as chairman of a committee recently named for this purpose to urge the appointment of a commission to study farm life. After leaving the White House, Dr. Johnson said that he and other members of the committee had been most cordially received and that they felt much encouraged in the efforts being made to have a commission appointed to study farm life conditions.

"It is our belief," Dr. Johnson said, "that much may be done toward making the farm life of the people generally, but most especially the women who live on the farms, better in many ways. What we want to do is to make the farm so much liked that hereafter there will be no problem involved in making it attractive. This could be accomplished through the medium of a commission such as is proposed by the National Education association and we hope to be successful in our efforts."

CAN SEE END OF WAR.

Lloyd-George Thinks It in Sight Now.

London, Aug. 22.—"The French and British have captured positions on the Somme front whence the course of the campaign is visible," said David Lloyd-George in the house of commons today, "and I think in the dim distance we can see the end."

"France is equipped and Russia is rapidly becoming equipped," said the munitions minister, and "Italy's equipment has amazed her best friends. Germany has missed her chance and she knows it."

Mr. Lloyd-George contrasted what he termed the extraordinary change in two months in the relative positions of the entente allies and the central powers on all fronts except Mesopotamia, where climatic conditions had hindered the British. He denounced as unjustified criticisms of British operations in France on the ground of their failure to break through the German lines.

"The Germans, having two alternatives, chose that of bringing troops and guns from Verdun to prevent the allies breaking through," he said. "That suited our purposes. It relieved the pressure on Verdun and prevented the enemy pouring forces into the Russian theatre to use against Gen. Brussiloff's thrust."

APOLOGY TO HOLLAND.

Germany Admits Misdeed by Submarine.

The Hague (via London), Aug. 20.—It is officially announced that Germany has admitted that the Dutch steamer Rijndijk was struck by a German torpedo and has apologized and offered to compensate the owners. The Rijndijk was beached.

The Rijndijk was torpedoed off the Scilly Islands last April while bound for Rotterdam from Portland with a cargo for the Belgian relief commission.

ALLIES DRIVEN BACK.

In Decisive Fight With Roumanians They are Forced Across River.

Sofia, Aug. 24.—It is announced that a decisive engagement was fought between the Bulgarians and entente troops on the Struma river Monday, when the allies were driven across the stream.

FARMER'S FINE DEFENSE.

Tells Editor Why He Gets Goods From a Mail Order House.

Recently a merchant of Natchez happened to see a farmer receive a box at the depot and noticed that it was from a mail order house. He also noticed that the goods were right in his line and the same as he carried for years. He immediately approached the farmer and said:

"I could have sold you the goods you have here for less money than the Chicago house and saved you the freight."

"Then why didn't you do so?" said the farmer. "I have taken the local paper for a year and have not seen a line about your selling these or any other goods. This mail order house sends advertising matter to me asking for my trade, and gets it. If you have any bargains, why don't you put them in the paper so we can see what they are?"—Natchez (Miss.) Democrat.

Boys Ran Away With Car.

Arthur Johnson, colored, and Adair Player, white, two boys, yesterday borrowed a car from Dr. Walter J. Bristow without asking his permission and went for a joy ride, expecting probably to return the car before its absence was noted. However, misfortune overtook them for the car was run into a fire hydrant on Calhoun street and considerably damaged, and they then could not take it back. The boys promised to pay for the repairs on the machine and the matter was dropped.

MANNING IN PIEDMONT.

Last Week of Campaign Begins at Union Today.

Columbia, Aug. 21.—Richard I. Manning, governor of South Carolina, is making a tour of Spartanburg county today in the interest of his race for reelection.

The last week of the county-to-county canvass commences tomorrow at Union and will continue with meetings at Gaffney, York, Chester and Winnsboro, where the campaign ends next Saturday. The first primary will be held Tuesday, Aug. 29, one week from tomorrow.

DEUTSCHLAND ANCHORS IN WESER.

Merchant Submarine Reaches German Port Safely After 23 Days—Left Baltimore With Valuable Cargo and Evaded Sharp British Patrol.

Berlin, Aug. 23.—(By Wireless.)—The merchant submarine Deutschland arrived at the mouth of the Weser on August 23, according to the Overseas News Agency. The agency says that the Deutschland arrived on the afternoon of August 23 and anchored before the mouth of the Weser. All on board were well.

The Deutschland, a German super-chandise, arrived at Baltimore from Bremen on July 9, with a cargo of dycestuffs and malls. Her arrival was hailed in Germany as the beginning of a regular submarine merchant service between the United States and Germany, which would be able to defy the British blockade. It was announced that she would be followed shortly by the Bremen, a sister ship.

The Deutschland left Baltimore on her return journey on August 1, with a cargo of rubber and metal, and passed out the Virginia Capes on the night of August 2.

SHUBRICK IN SERVICE.

Charleston, Aug. 23.—The torpedo boat Shubrick, which, with several others of her class, has been lying in ordinary at the navy yard, will be put in service and handled by a crew made up of men from the Panther and other craft at the yard to ply between the naval station and the wreck of the collier Hector in accordance with orders from Washington received at the yard today. The Shubrick will make the run from time to time as is found necessary for the purposes of inspecting the progress being made in the salvaging of the wreck by a New York wrecking company. The salvaging will begin soon.

WILL GET FORMER JOBS.

Postoffice Employees Will Return to Offices When Displaced From the Militia.

Notice has been given by Postmaster General A. S. Burleson, in view of the many misleading statements which have been circulated, that all postoffice employees who are members of the militia and called away from their postoffice duties by the mobilization of the militia will be reassigned to their former positions in the post-offices as soon as they are discharged from their military duty. The assignment to their former position will be made as soon as they are ready to enter upon such service and at the same salary as before they entered the military service, and it will not be necessary even to secure the approval of the postoffice department.

CLEMSON COLLEGE NOTES.

The bursting of the Lake Toxaway dam occasioned considerable loss to the college by causing the Seneca River to overflow a large tract of bottom land belonging to the college. However, the flood was less serious in this immediate section than was generally expected it would be.

Indications are that there will be a normal attendance at the college next year. Already a full number of applications for the regular four courses have been received.

This is Horticulture Week at the Summer School. Interesting instructions are being given about the different kinds of fruits and vegetables growing on the college grounds and at the Experiment Station; and both field and class-room work is being done.

Manning Strong Everywhere.

One Sumter man has received these expressions among his mail within the last 24 hours.

From Barnwell—The former supporters of Gov. Manning who are against him now are men who have not much weight. In going over the precincts of this county I figure that Mr. Manning will get about 1,100; Blaise 850; Cooper 450.

From Oconee—Things are looking up for "Richard I." in this county. I predict he will get two to three-fifths of the votes here.

From Union—Friends were delighted with the governor's reception in this heretofore doubtful county. Remember, our people are not found standing on the street corners.

Have The Daily Item Follow You on Your Vacation.

FIRST TRAIN OVER ASHLEY RIVER.

Edisto Bridge Finished—Ashpepo Open in 10 Days.

Charleston, Aug. 23.—Pushing nine large gondolas loaded with crushed granite, a heavy load of the Sea-board Air Line crossed yesterday over the new Ashley river bridge. It was the first train to pass over the drawn-span. The bridge was completed some time ago and has been in daily use since section foremen's lever cars.

The crushed granite hauled yesterday will be used on the ballast decks of the tristle on the west side of the stream. This work is being carried steadily forward so that when the line is open all the way to Savannah all the permanent trestles will have ballast decks, an innovation in rail-roading in this section of the country.

The drawbridge on the Edisto river has been completed and the drawbridge at "Second Stono" will be ready in the course of a few days. Soon after the drawbridge for "Second Stono" will be placed. Within ten days, it is expected, the line will be open as far as the Ashpepo river. Work trains will then be constantly operated over the Ashley, Stono and Edisto river drawbridges.

Good progress is reported on the trestle and bridge for the Broad river for Beaufort. Indications are that the whole of the Charleston-Savannah link will be open before the first of October. This does not mean, however, that passenger service will begin so early in the fall.

It is expected that freight trains will be operated over the Charleston-Savannah link for several weeks before passenger service is arranged. For a time, of course, only accommodation passenger trains will be run, the service to be similar to the Charleston-Hamlet service.

"Beware of Mail-Order Catalogues"—Spend Your Money at Home.

Citizens of Sumter County:

"Beware of mail-order catalogues." However we recognize the right of every man to spend his money where he pleases; we cannot hold that people ought to trade at home simply because our people are home folks. Your merchant's goods are in competition with the open market, if the mail-order houses can and do sell cheaper than them; you have a right to send away for your goods. But do they?

For several years the mail order houses have thrown out the suggestion that your home merchants are robbing you and as we swallow this bait the mail-order people, in proportion, inflate their prices while reducing at the same time the quality of their goods. It is our desire for every man to figure this out for himself. Do not take one particular article only but go through their catalogues and figure your daily needs. Figure the final cost delivered in your home. Figure the worth of your money cash in advance. Figure the lack of service. "We are out of this, will ship later, or we have substituted." Figure the annoyance through delayed arrival and you like others will figure from 10 to 35 per cent cash in your pocket by giving your home merchant the opportunity to supply you every want.

In a few days we will mail to every box in the county a copy of The Home Builder in which we give absolute proof as to the method of mail order humbuggery by destroying through comparison their great offer of 33 1-3 pounds of best granulated sugar for one dollar. Be sure you get your copy; convince your self of the truth, then be a good fellow and join the ranks of Home Boosters. With best wishes, M. O'Riley.

COTTON CONDITION POOR.

Dry Weather Has Further Injured the Crop—Corn Doing Well.

Columbia, Aug. 23.—The weather during the past week has been too dry, and all crops outside of the recently main flooded districts need rain. Cotton continues generally in unsatisfactory condition, with shedding and rust in large areas and slow fruiting; the picking of the early crop has become more general; the late crop needs rain to develop squares. Corn on the whole is doing well, but copious rains would greatly improve the late crop. Much hay and fodder were saved during the week, which was especially favorable for curing. Forage peas, sweet potatoes and corn are in good condition.

Richard H. Sullivan, Meteorologist.