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That charity which long to publish itself ceases to be charity.—Hutton.

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FURTHER CUTS IN WAGES OF RAILWAY WORKERS ORDERED

Boards of Unions Register Protest, But to No Avail

AFFECTS 400,000 MEN

By Associated Press
Chicago, June 6.—Over the strong protest of the three labor representatives on the United States railroad board, a new wage cut of 7 cents an hour for railway shop mechanics and 9 cents for freight car men, cutting 400,000 shopmen approximately \$60,000,000 a year, was ordered by the board today.

The new wage reduction brought estimated added saving of \$59,347 annually to the railroads, following on the heels of a \$50,000 in wages of maintenance of way men last week. The shop crafts union becomes effective July 1, same date as last week's order.

The minority report of the labor board pointedly stated that the majority decision was made "with no regard to human needs" and that it fails to carry out the intention of the board to set a "just, reasonable" wage.

The tendency of this decision is to create the propaganda of the railroads and consequently condemn such elements as the employees have been able to bring to public attention, the minority opinion said.

The supervisory forces of the railroad were not decreased. After due deliberation, the decision said, it felt that the duties and responsibilities of such forces warranted maintenance of the present rates.

The reduction for the mechanics is a little more than 8 per cent. All machinists, boilermakers, electricians, sheet metal workers, electrical workers, car men (except light car men), moulders, cupola men and core makers and the reg- ular helper apprentices receiving 7 cents an hour. Freight car men commonly known as "car men," and the object of some of the heaviest assaults by the roads in their battle for lower wages, were cut 9 cents.

The larger cut was ordered for the "knockers" because, the board believed that their work did not require the same skilled service as other branches of car men's work. Heavier reduction for the freight men came under especially se- vere criticism in the minority report, labor members declaring there no justification for discrimina- tion in car work.

Volusia County Is Holding Center of Stage Today's Vote

(By Associated Press)
Jacksonville, June 6.—Aside from the senatorial and congressional contests the battle in Volusia county in today's primary is attracting the most attention throughout the state. It is openly charged in Volusia that the Ku Klux Klan has placed a ticket in the field for various county offices, including members of the legisla- ture and the campaign for the last ten days has been heated and bitter.

Weather will be generally fair over the state and a large proportion of the registered voters are expected to go to the polls in spite of the fact that there is little interest in the primary.

CITIZENS WATCH JAIL ALL NIGHT TO SAVE A NEGRO

Had Attacked a Young Woman on Nearby Highway

(By Associated Press)
High Point, N. C., June 6.—Every- thing was quiet here early today following a night of intense excitement during which a mob estimated to number 150 men armed with rifles, revolvers and pitchforks surrounded the High Point city jail bent on lynching a negro arrested in connection with an attempted assault upon an 18 year old white girl six miles west of this city late yesterday. More than thirty citizens aided the police in guarding the jail throughout the night.

The attack on the young woman was made by a negro as she was walking along a road on her way from a brother-in-law's to her home. The girl told the officers that the negro spoke to her as she passed him, then turned, grabbed her by the throat and dragged her into the woods and set her down beside a tree. She dropped her parasol as she was being pulled into the woods and the negro started to get it, warning her if she gave an outcry he would kill her. An automobile containing four white men passed about this time, the girl screamed and the negro disappeared into the woods. The occupants of the car carried the girl to her home about a mile away and gave the alarm.

In less than an hour hundreds of farmers and others began to gather at the scene of the attack and open threats were made that the negro would be lynched if captured. Mean- time, Chief of Police Blackwelder of High Point had arrested a negro at Thomasville who answered in many respects the description of the one sought. He started for the home of the young woman for the purpose of identification, but changed his course when he learned of the mob. The negro was brought to High Point.

The news of the negro's arrest spread rapidly and about 7 o'clock hundreds of men began to arrive in High Point and collect around the jail. Chief of Police Blackwelder addressed the mob, urging them not to resort to violence and assuring the crowd that he was not certain he had the right negro.

"The savings to the railroads far exceed anything justified by the sav- ings to the public in reduced rates," the dissenters said, adding that pay roll slashes during the last six months of 1921 had been made, in- cluding layoffs, at the annual rate of \$1,300,000,000, "in strong contrast to the increasing prosperity of the roads."

Means Strike Vote.

Cincinnati, June 6.—The new wage reductions for shopmen ordered by the railway labor board today can only intensify the present feeling of dissatisfaction with the railway labor conditions and will at least re- sult in an immediate strike vote, re- sulting June 20, according to B. M. Jewell, head of the shop crafts union, who is here today for the railroad strike conference.

COMMISSIONERS ARE URGED TO HIRE ENGINEER

Committee From Civic Bodies Present Tax- payers' Views

NO INCREASE IN COST

Would Mean More Judi- cious Expenditure of Road Funds

A committee representing the Putnam County Auto club and back- ed up by the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs, the Chamber of Commerce and the American Legion, appeared be- fore the county commissioners yester- day and urged the appointment of a competent road engineer to take charge of the roads and bridges of the county, giving him entire control and holding him responsible for the results attained. Chairman Glynn promised that the board will give the matter serious consideration and de- cide at one of the meetings to be held this week.

Spokesmen for the committee were Goode Guerry, Howell Davis, Ed Earnest and Frank Waymer, in an endeavor to indicate to the commis- sioners the sentiment of a very great majority of the taxpayers of the county. It was pointed out that the commissioners are not asked to in- crease the amount of expenditure on the county roads, but are asked to turn over the expending of funds usually available to one man, answer- able to the board, eliminating politics from alleged road repairing, and de- manding a dollar's worth of roads for a dollar in money. Necessity for taking a stitch in time to save nine on roads already constructed was also pointed out to the commis- sioners.

While the committee was waiting to be heard the board was listening for a half hour to the discussion of details of a bridge to cost about \$300, and finally had to refer it back to someone for further plans and fig- ures. This was pointed to as one of the many vexations the board would be relieved of, and as indicative of the money that might be saved.

Socialist Leader Target of Acid- Throwing Youth

(By Associated Press)
Kassel, Germany, June 6.—Philipp Scheidemann, German socialist leader and former secretary for foreign affairs, who was attacked by a youth yesterday while on a holiday near Wilhelmshohe, had fully recovered today. His assailant employed prussic acid, and the escape of the socialist leader from death is attributed to the fact that the acid, which is highly volatile, was discharged at long range and in the open air, there- by making it partially ineffective.

Nevertheless, Scheidemann was rendered unconscious after he had fired two random shots at the man, who, reading the railway station through the woods, took a train in the direction of Wabern.

Forty Buried in Ruins of Ancient Lemberg Building

(By Associated Press)
Lemberg, Poland, June 6.—More than forty persons were buried in the debris and many killed today when two ancient three-story buildings col- lapsed. It was believed that the build- ings were shaken down by the vibra- tions caused by passing motor trucks.

FLORAHOME BONDS ORDERED ISSUED AND PUT ON SALE

Issue Voted Last Year, But Was Withheld From Market

\$80,000 FOR ROADS

Means That County-wide Plans Will Be Seriously Affected

Issuance of \$80,000 worth of bonds for the Florahome special road dis- trict, in accordance with the election held last year, was ordered by resolu- tion of the board of county commis- sioners yesterday, and the clerk in- structed to prepare the necessary bonds and to advertise their sale, bids for same to be opened on July 12.

Announcement of the action of the board set at least any discussion as to whether or not it would be pos- sible to get the Florahome district to come in on the general bond issue for the county, and also seriously dis- rupts tentative plans which the special committee has been working on. It is known that the Florahome dis- trict has been opposed, at least by some taxpayers, to entering into a general county program, unless the road into the western part of the county went out that way to Melrose. This was impracticable, in the view of the committee, as it did not give the county connection with state highway No. 2, which is most vital to the county's road scheme.

G. C. Hardy, Mr. Bohannon and Mr. Baldwin, of the Florahome dis- trict, are made trustees for the bonds, and will have the disbursement of the funds in charge as soon as the bonds are sold. It is believed that they will bring par, as this is a prosper- ous section of the county, and embraces some of the best land in Putnam's boundaries.

Metropolis to Change Name to Journal at Once

(By Associated Press)
Jacksonville, June 6.—The Florida Metropolis, Jacksonville's afternoon newspaper, ceased to exist as such after yesterday's issue, according to editorial announcement today. The name is changed to The Jacksonville Journal on the ground that the "Flori- da Metropolis," as a name for a newspaper, is confusing.

The editorial asserts that the words, "Florida Metropolis," are taken outside the state to mean that Jacksonville is the largest city. In announcing the change in the name of the paper it is also suggested that the "ville," be dropped from Jacksonville so that the name of the city will be Jackson, it no longer being a vil- lage.

Union Labor Is Liable Under the Anti-Trust Law

(By Associated Press)
Washington, June 5.—Labor or- ganizations are not exempt from prosecution under the Sherman anti- trust law, the supreme court yester- day announced.

The court delivered such an opinion in the celebrated Coronado coal case, one of the most important pieces of labor litigation ever to come before the nation's highest tribu- nal.

The court held that labor organiza- tions can be held liable for property and other damages caused by the acts of members during strikes. The decision was delivered by Chief Justice Taft. The case was brought against the United Mine Workers of Ameri- ca against the Coronado and other coal companies, arising out of the Arkansas strikes of 1914.

BOY HELD FOR KILLING

(By Associated Press)
Miami, June 6.—William Lester, 13, who killed his playmate, Philip Heslington, Jr., 13, Sunday with a .22-calibre rifle as the latter was riding away on a bicycle, attempting,

SHORTER TERM AND SALARY CUT OF 10 P. C. SCHOOL PLAN

Grammar School to Run Eight Months, Which Is Regulation

HIGH SCHOOL FULL TIME

Committee Here Follows Plans Adopted in Other Counties

Approving a plan to cut the sala- ries of teachers only 10 per cent in- stead of 25, shortening the grammar school term to eight months, and the retention of the home economics and music departments, the special com- mittee from various civic organiza- tions, working in connection with the school trustees, plan to raise the dif- ference between the amount appro- priated by the county school board for this district and the sum required to carry out the proposed plan. This was decided at a meeting held last night in the office of Chairman E. W. Warren, of the board of trust- ees for the Palatka district.

The amount necessary to be raised is \$8,598, as the total cost of the plan considered will be \$27,298. To continue the grammar school nine months and maintain present sala- ries, with the addition of three more teachers, would mean that the dis- trict would have to raise something over \$13,000. This is considered im- probable, if not impossible.

During the discussion of the prob- lem last night several members of the committee favored temporary elimi- nation of the home economics and music departments. Superintendent Cassells strongly opposed any such action, although he had included such eliminations in his plan, as he said, under protest. It was pointed out by County Superintendent Price that the county board positively declined to eliminate the home economics de- partment, and if that department were eliminated the board would not pay the \$18,700 appropriated, but would deduct the amount in the budget set aside for the home econ- omics department, which would be \$1,125. The cost of the music de- partment is \$675. Under this circum- stance the committee decided to re- commend the retention of both de- partments.

Some Teachers Will Leave.

In reply to the question of whether or no the thought many of the teach- ers would leave if the 10 per cent cut were made, Superintendent Cassells said that he thought some of them would—two or three—and that at least one intends leaving anyway, which would be only a normal chang- ing in the faculty. He pointed out that Pinellas, Volusia, Marion, Ala- chua and other counties of the state have been conducting or are just be- ginning to conduct eight-month grammar schools. The course pro- vided many years ago for grammar schools provides only for eight months. Mr. Cassells said that while it is possible to do the work in eight months it is not nearly so satisfac- tory. The provision of the state school department was made when there were only one or two large schools in the state carrying on a nine months' term.

Wage cuts for teachers in other counties are being figured at from 15 to 25 per cent, and in some instances the term is to be shortened to seven months, so it is believed that the in- ducements held out to teachers in this county are as good as those in any other county in the state, even with the 10 per cent cut.

Superintendent Cassells impressed the committee with the necessity for some definite assurance that the teachers would receive the 15 per cent additional over that appropriat- ed by the county board, and asked that the Rotary, Kiwanis, and Wom- an's club and Chamber of Commerce and American Legion pledge that they would give their support to the program before it is finally put up to the teachers. This will be done.

It was said, to shoot an object out of his victim's hand, was held by a cor- oner's jury yesterday afternoon on a charge of manslaughter.

I. C. C. Refuses to Increase Rate on Strawberries

(By Associated Press)
Washington, June 6.—Attempts of the Southern railway to increase strawberry freight rates from sta- tions in Virginia along the Norfolk division by about 15 per cent were in- validated today by the interstate commerce commission which sus- pended the operation of the new sched- ules from June 6 until October 4 to await investigation. Present rates from Boone, Wilroy and Beamon, Va., typ- ical points on the division, are 84 cents per crate for 48 quarts destined to New York, and the new schedules would have made the charges run from 94.5 cents to 98 cents per crate.

ONCE QUEEN OF COMIC OPERA IS DEAD FROM FALL

Lillian Russell Passes Away at Home of Her Fourth Husband

Pittsburg, June 6.—Mr. Lillian Russell Moore, whose death was an- nounced early today at her home in this city, had been ill for several weeks, following an accident suffered while on shipboard when she was returning to this country from Europe. It was believed, however, by her physicians last Saturday, that she had passed the crisis and that she would recover. She was conscious until the end, which came at 2:20 o'clock.

Mrs. Moore, who was the wife of Alexander P. Moore, publisher of The Pittsburg Leader, later suffered a re- lapse and yesterday afternoon was so ill that members of the family were summoned to the bedside. Her phy- sicians, however, refused to give up hope and early in the evening were so confident that she would survive that they arranged for a conference to be held here this morning with Dr. John B. Deaver, of Philadelphia.

The accident, which Dr. Schildecker, one of her physicians, said was the primary cause of her illness and death, occurred when she was violently thrown on the ship during a storm. The effects of the injury were not immediately serious, never- theless, and although she steadily failed in health after her arrival home, even those most closely asso- ciated with her were not aware of the decline. Mrs. Moore's trip to Europe was undertaken at the request of Secretary of Labor James J. Davis for the purpose of making an in- tensive study among prospective em- igrants to the United States.

Mrs. Moore, who was very well known throughout the country for her interest in civic matters, was in great demand as a public speaker and only a short time prior to her death filled a number of such en- gagements. She was actively inter- ested in civic affairs in this city and was a leader in women's movements. In addition to her husband there were present at her bedside during her last moments her daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Calbit and her niece, Mrs. Mildred A. Martin. She is also sur- vived by two sisters, Mrs. Suzanne Westford Allen, of New York city, and Mrs. Hattie Leonard Colburn, of Schenectady, N. Y. The funeral will probably be held Thursday at Trinity church, with burial in this city.

Lillian Russell, "the queen of American opera," in private life Mrs. Alexander P. Moore, wife of the editor and publisher of The Pittsburg (Pa.) Leader, for more than thirty years starred in various operatic roles in the United States and Eng- land. She was one of the most popu- lar singing actresses on the Ameri- can stage. Still famed for youthfulness and beauty after she retired from the stage, she toured her native land with a lecture on "how to live a hundred years."

Mrs. Russell had been thrice mar- ried before becoming Mrs. Moore, first to Harry Braham, musical di- rector of Rice's "H. M. S. Pinafore" company, from whom she was di- vorced in 1884; second, to Edward Solomon, conductor of the Casino Theater orchestra, New York, whose marriage she had annulled in 1894,

FIVE KILLED IN TWO WRECKS OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Train Strikes Truck at a Hospital Crossing, Kill- ing Three

SOLDIERS DIED ON ROAD

Truck With Ten Aboard Goes Over Embank- ment With Party

(By Associated Press)
Binghamton, N. Y., June 6.—Three persons were killed and three injured when a Pacific express on the Erie railroad hit a truck at the Bingham- ton State Hospital waterworks cross- ing near here today. The dead were inmates of the asylum.

The engineer of the train is believ- ed fatally scalded and the fireman was seriously injured. The locomotive was derailed.

Two Soldiers Killed.

(By Associated Press)
Baltimore, June 6.—Two soldiers were instantly killed, two probably fatally injured and six others hurt when a truck carrying ten soldiers from Camp Holabird went over an embankment near Westminster, Md., today.

Hinkle Says Too Rough for Him in Columbus, Ga.

(By Associated Press)
Altoona, Pa., June 6.—H. Gordon Hinkle, former city manager of Col- umbus, Ga., yesterday stated that the reason he was forced to leave that city recently was because he was handicapped by the police depart- ment over which he had no control and that politicians and bootleggers were against him.

Hinkle arrived at his home here last night. He said that when he assumed the city management of Col- umbus he found an overdraft in the general fund of \$149,000 and \$54,000 of unpaid bills. He added that owing to lax bookkeeping some of the bills were paid two and three times.

All forces were combined against him, Hinkle declared, and he could not obtain support from the commis- sion. He said he left when the commis- sion decided to oust him, although he had told the mayor of Columbus previously that he was intending to leave.

Rotarians Pledge Support of Plans to Help Schools

At today's luncheon the Rotary club pledged its support of the gen- eral school committee to raise the difference between the amount of money appropriated by the county school board for this district and that which will be required to carry on the school.

Claire Hedger was in charge of the regular program, which was devoted to experiences of Rotarians in visit- ing other clubs. Mr. Hedger, J. W. Hart and F. E. Waymer spoke in- terestingly of what they had seen at these meetings in different parts of the country.

Clifton Loveland, president of the Kiwanis club, spoke for some time on the Palatka Building and Loan association.

The Rotarians accepted a challenge from the Kiwanis club for a cham- pionship baseball game for some time soon, and named Fred Merrill to se- lect and drill a club to represent Rotary.

MORE SURVIVORS FOUND

(By Associated Press)
Buenos Aires, June 6.—Discovery of additional survivors from the wreck of the steamship Villa Franca in the Parana river brought the estimated death list down to 34 from 80, the first estimate, according to advices re- ceived here today.

and, third, to Signor Perugini, in private life John Chatterton, an operat- ing technician, who died a number of years ago. She was married to Mr. Moore in 1912.