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## Railroad Strike To Tie Up The Country

### Managers Counter Proposition Refused

Four Hundred Thousand Members of Brotherhood Called out Saturday at Six O'clock

### PRESIDENT STUDYING SITUATION

(BY UNITED PRESS)

NEW YORK, March 16.—Indications today are that President Wilson will be asked to mediate the threatened railroad strike.

The railroad managers have been in continued conference since President Lee, of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, suggested such a step.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—President Wilson will accept any offer the brotherhood, or the managers may make, provided it is made with a determination to mediate, said a high authority today.

NEW YORK, March 15.—A "progressive strike" of the 400,000 members of the four great railroad brotherhoods to begin at 6 o'clock (Central time) Saturday on Eastern Roads, was ordered here today. The walkout will extend to all the railroads in the country within five days. Chiefs of the workmen's organizations set the strike machinery in motion within a few minutes after an ultimatum delivered to the conference committee of all railroad managers had been rejected. A compromise proposal offered by the managers was declined without debate.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—President Wilson was notified immediately of the calling of the strike and he began consideration of the steps which might be taken to avert it.

Although the President had been watching the situation closely he had not abandoned hope that a compromise would be reached and so far as revealed had made no definite plans for intervening. No statement was forthcoming from the White House, but it was well understood that some move would be made as soon as officials were fully advised.

The general belief in official circles is that the president will make an appeal to the patriotism of the men, urging them not to tie up transportation facilities with the country facing a great international crisis.

There was every indication that the President would not call the representatives of the two sides to Washington again as he did last year when the strike was threatened.

### JAPANESE AMBASSADORS TO ADDRESS PITTSBURGH PRESS

PITTSBURGH, March 16.—Ambassador Sato arrived here from Washington today to attend the banquet of the Pittsburgh Press Club, at which he will be the guest of honor. Whether the Japanese diplomat will touch upon Japanese-American relations is not known.

Sir Gilbert Parker, the Canadian novelist, Roy W. Howard, president of the United Press, and Senator Warren Harding have accepted invitations to deliver after dinner speeches. About 600 are expected to attend the dinner.

### LADY OF CONGRESS IS TO SPEAK IN N. C.

Rocky Mount, March 16.—That Miss Janette Rankin, the first woman in Congress, is to speak in this city on May 30—and that she will make a tour of nine North Carolina cities during that month became known here today. Miss Rankin is to come here under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., and a chautauqua concern. Other North Carolina cities which Miss Rankin is to visit include Durham, Wilmington, Goldsboro, Raleigh, Fayetteville, Greensboro, Salisbury, Monroe and Winston-Salem.

### CRITICIZE SPANISH AMBASSADOR TO ARGENTINA FOR DISCOURAGING IMMIGRATION

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 25.—(By Mail)—Ambassador Solery Guardiola of Spain has been under violent attack by a section of the Argentine press today because of his message to the Madrid government advising that immigration to the republic be discouraged for the present. The Ambassador says he thinks he was doing right by his own countrymen to warn them of existing hard times here. La Nacion defends him, agreeing that Argentina is not in a position to take care of immigrants just now.

### LIVESTOCK EXHIBIT AT WILMINGTON ON MARCH 28th.

A meeting which is expected to increase interest in livestock in Eastern North Carolina and serve, also, to break down the old time prejudice against the stock law, will be held in Wilmington March 28-29 when there will be a gathering of those interested in stock raising to witness an exhibition of breeding stock.

This meeting has been arranged co-operatively between the North Carolina Experiment Station, the Extension Service, the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, and the Southern Settlement and Development Company.

Among the speakers will be Major W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture; Prof. Dan. T. Gray, Director B. W. Kilgore, Prof. C. B. Williams, Mr. T. B. Parker, Mr. R. S. Curtis, Mr. A. J. Reed, and Dr. F. D. Owen.

The feeding and pasturage of livestock will be discussed by Prof. C. B. Williams and Prof. Dan. T. Gray. A system of feeding will be discussed which has been found to do away with the softness in the bodies of the hogs caused by feeding on peanuts and soy beans, and yet to retain the gain that the soy bean can give.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—(By Mail)—A teacher in the Harrow district asked a class of boys and girls whose ages average 7 years to write essays on Lloyd George. The results included these paragraphs:

Lloyd George is a very brave soldier. He is King of Parliament. They are trying to poison him.

He has won many battles. He has thousands of soldiers.

King George is King of England, but Lloyd George is King for the war. He is a Welshman but speaks English.

He has lots of soldiers and he tells them what to do so as to win the war. He only lets the people have 4 pounds of bread.

Lloyd George is a good King and the Germans have tried to poison him.

### Russian Revolution Deposits Czar

Grand Duke Michael Named as Regent and Ends The Monarchy.

### PRINCE LVOFF HEADS CABINET

(BY UNITED PRESS)

PETROGRAD, March 16.—The Minister of Justice of the New Provisional Government decided to extend amnesty to the political offenders.

Fifteen Assemblies of the Russian nobility endorsed the revolution.

Grand Duke Nicholas, in command of the Russian armies in the Caucasus, the most popular man in Russia, telegraphed the Duma that he had advised the Czar to abdicate.

Grand Duke Nicholas will in all probability be appointed army dictator.

Democracy is now in control of the Duma. The Czar has abdicated. Grand Duke Alexanderovitch has been appointed regent until the Czarevitch come of age.

Assassination of former premier Sturmer and Minister of the Interior Protopoff is still unconfirmed.

STOCKHOLM, March 16.—Latest details of the fighting at Petrograd gives the killed as numbering twenty and the wounded at one hundred and twenty.

PETROGRAD, March 15.—The Emperor of Russia has abdicated, and Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch, his younger brother, has been named as regent. The Russian ministry, charged with corruption and incompetence, has been swept out of office. One minister Alexander Protopopoff, head of the interior department, is reported to have been killed, and the other ministers, as well as the president of the imperial council, are under arrest.

A new national cabinet is announced, with Prince Lvoff as president of the council and premier, and other offices held by the men who are close to the Russian people.

### Trouble Began Week Ago

PETROGRAD, March 15.—Events leading up to the revolution began a week ago with street demonstrations of workmen who quit work as a protest against the shortage of bread. The first two days mounted patrols kept the crowds moving without resorting to violence. When ordered to fire on the people, they refused. Police were substituted and a battle occurred between them and the troops. Regiment after regiment joined the revolters and seized arsenals and other strategic points.

The Duma joined hands with the revolution, on being dissolved by the Emperor, and declared that the existing government had been overthrown. The Duma resumed its sittings after it had sent the notification to the Emperor of these developments, warning him that the fate of the dynasty depended on his acceptance of the new order of affairs.

### Plot Against Ambassador Gerard

HAVANA, March 15.—Secret Agents of Germany trailed J. W. Gerard from the moment he landed at Havana until the time of his leaving here on board the steamship Governor Cobb, of the Peninsular and Occidental service.

While talking in the lobby of the Plaza Hotel, Mr. Gerard saw one of the German agents, who had been most obtrusive and persistent in his efforts to shadow him. Mr. Gerard hastened up to the man, who was a typical German. The spy, taking alarm, fled.

Mr. Gerard's trail was taken up immediately by another German, who followed him to the steamship, aboard which the spy had reserved a stateroom.

Persistent efforts have been made by Germany to stop the American diplomat from reaching Washington. Mr. Gerard carries papers containing information which will place Germany in a most unfavorable position.

Important developments are expected in the German situation soon after his conference with President Wilson.

When he left here Mr. Gerard was closely guarded against danger by government detectives.

### Officials Seize Four Men

KEY WEST, Fla., March 15.—James W. Gerard arrived here

### News From The State Capitol

Vice-President Marshall Spent Secluded Day In Raleigh Hotel This Week

### NEGROES ARE TALKING POLITICS

RALEIGH, N. C., March 15.—Raleigh is arranging for the glorification of its returning soldier boys from the Mexican border, who are expected to reach the State in the course of the next few days. One of the practical measures under way is an effort to find jobs for about fifty members of the Raleigh company (B) and the Third Regiment band. A large proportion of the men enlisted in these organizations are not natives or residents of Raleigh, and some of them "joined the army" largely to secure jobs. But they have served their country at pretty hard labor and very small pay and if they are capable they deserve to be given consideration in filling positions suitable to them.

Some people are criticizing Vice-President Marshall, who turned up suddenly in a Raleigh hotel this week and spent the best portion of the day here, for not having heralded his coming, so we could have given him a "blow-out." But there are others who are disposed to look upon the incident in just the reverse light. Mr. Marshall is very democratic in his habits. He is not afflicted with an overgrown "personal ego" and has no penchant for advertising himself—a fact that should be commended and not condemned. Gentlemen who know him will say there is a good deal more to him and in him than appears on the surface. Gov. Bickett and Mrs. Bickett made a formal call on the ex-governor of Indiana and would have tendered Mr. and Mrs. Marshall a reception at the executive mansion, but the distinguished visitor preferred the quiet for a restful day.

Public school children, in the rural communities especially, will learn with interest that they are to become beneficiaries of an enlarged moving-picture scheme which is now being arranged under the direction of the State Board of Health, which has been doing considerable along this line lately. By the terms of a law just passed means are provided for the development of the scheme and work whereby a wider scope of instruction and entertainments is to be provided.

A new weekly newspaper owned and edited by negroes, which has just made its appearance in Raleigh, gives evidence in its first issue that one of the objects of the publication is to get the negroes of Raleigh and North Carolina back into politics. Considering the remarkable good fortune that has attended the physical, moral and financial progress of this section since they ceased to "take an active interest in politics," it is hard to convince of anything worse that could befall the race than their proposed return to politics.

As the sap begins to rise in the limbs of the human youngsters the call for the ball is heard in the land and the diamond will be again the centre of attraction. Raleigh will be in the State League circuit again this year—although it came near to passing up the professional game—and the manager is now enlisting players. The lease on the athletic ball park near the Soldiers Home has been renewed and will be put in good shape at once. Several of the Big League teams will play exhibition games here soon.

### Trail Blazer For Costal Highway

Did you see the mud-bespattered gray little car in town yesterday, and if so, did you inquire about it? Probably not, but the dirty as it was as it passed through town, is of considerable importance to the touring public, for it is the National Boundary Highway Trail Blazer, which is to extend around the entire border of the United States, and marks the longest highway in the world.

Starting from Washington on the day of the inauguration the little Saxon roadster, stock model, in battleship gray color, walloped through mud, that it was difficult for a buggy to navigate, all the way to Norfolk, and from there to this town it was none too good, though the driver said it was much better in this country than farther north.

From here it traveled to Rocky Mount, thence to Wilson and from there a B line to the coast down as far as lower Florida, and then keep as close to the coast as possible.

this evening aboard the Governor Cobb. He refused to talk except to say that he was glad to return.

F. C. Boutte, with passports showing that he is a Dutch subject and in the army of Holland, was taken from the Governor Cobb by immigration officials, who has been instructed to watch for German spies trailing Mr. Gerard. Boutte said he was a tobacco merchant and was making a business trip to the United States.

Three other passengers, who were said to have been armed were detained. One was a Spaniard and the other two Portuguese.

La Noche, a Havana newspaper, last night published a report of a plot to assassinate Mr. Gerard before he left Germany.