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# WILSON TO REVEAL FOOD PLAN FRIDAY

## JOHNSTON STILL MAINTAINS LEAD IN PRIMARY VOTE

### Only 30,000 Ballots Counted at Noon--Claims Made That Fuller Returns May Alter Standing of Candidates.

BULLETIN.

JACKSON, Miss., Aug. 6. (Spl.)—A tabulation of partial returns from 61 counties, a majority of them complete, made at the Johnston headquarters at 1 o'clock this afternoon showed 81,000 votes apportioned between the candidates approximately as follows: Johnston, 30,000; Russell, 25,000; Longino, 15,000; Collins, 11,000. On the face of these figures Johnston leads Russell 5,000 and is 15,000 ahead of Longino. At Russell headquarters the claim was made that a plurality of between 5,000 and 10,000 will be shown for the lieutenant-governor.

JACKSON, Miss., Aug. 6. (Spl.)—With not more than 10 per cent of the votes counted that were cast in yesterday's primary election and returns coming in as slowly as they did Tuesday night, it seemed certain at noon that an official count might be necessary to determine the two gubernatorial candidates who are to enter the second or run-off primary.

The report of the vote is the slowest in the political history of the state. This is attributed to length of the ballot and general lack of interest.

On the face of returns thus far received the vote was light and is not expected to exceed 130,000. This much is conceded at all campaign headquarters.

The singular slowness of the count is illustrated by fact that at 11 o'clock this morning not more than 30,000 votes had been heard from.

There is a possibility that the result may remain in doubt for several days, or at least that the relative standings of the two highest candidates cannot be determined within less than 48 hours.

At the noon hour today the race for governor was still "up in the air." While the returns in hand indicate a nip-and-tuck race between Johnston and Russell for first place, Longino headquarters insist that their candidate is still in the running, and that he will show heavy gains when complete returns are received.

At Johnston headquarters the statement was issued that the second primary will be between Johnston and Russell.

A similar statement was issued at Russell headquarters, the latter claiming that their candidate is leading by a good plurality, which will be increased as returns from remote precincts are received.

The Democratic state executive committee meets here Aug. 13 to canvass the returns. The second primary will be held Aug. 26.

## JOHNSTON CLAIMS VICTORY BY OVER 5,000

JACKSON, Miss., Aug. 6. (Spl.)—The following statement was issued by Secretary Prude at the Johnston headquarters at noon: "Reports from our county campaign managers up to 11 o'clock this morning show that Johnston is leading Russell by over 5,000 votes.

"The second primary will unquestionably be between Johnston and Russell. Longino and Collins are now fighting for third place. Our estimates made several days ago are being borne out in practically every county.

Johnston will receive from 45,000 to 50,000 votes when all the returns are tabulated.

"The vote is light. I doubt whether the total for the state is in excess of 130,000."

## MINOR STATE OFFICERS ARE ALSO IN DOUBT

JACKSON, Miss., Aug. 6. (Spl.) — Results in yesterday's primary are even more in doubt concerning the minor state offices, owing to the fact that many counties, in reporting the vote, send in returns for governor only and ignore all other offices.

Figures in hand indicate a second primary between H. H. Casteel and John F. Frierson for lieutenant-governor. Mott made a rather poor third but has apparently gained enough votes to make a second primary necessary.

Joseph W. Power and Robert Wilson are running a close race for secretary of state, with chances in favor of Powers.

Dee L. S. Rogers has apparently been elected state treasurer over L. A. Guess.

T. M. Henry, present incumbent, has defeated F. A. Scott for insurance commissioner.

Stokes Robertson will retain the office of state revenue agent, having defeated George S. Beall, Jr., of Lexington.

The race for attorney-general between Robertson and Earl Floyd is apparently close, and may require the official count to determine.

A second primary between George R. Edwards, Jr., present incumbent and Icey W. Day is indicated in the race for railroad commissioner for the middle district.

Prospects also seem good for a second primary between George C. Myers and W. J. Buck of the supreme court, with Myers leading.

Col. W. A. Montgomery, the only Confederate veteran on the state ticket, has been again elected, defeating Rev. J. S. Gunn.

## LONGINO AND JOHNSTON ARE EARLY LEADERS

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 6.—Early but meager returns from the Mississippi state primary held Tuesday indicate

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## ENGLAND TO ESTABLISH ANTIPROFITEER BOARD

LONDON, Aug. 6—Great Britain proposes establishing a central authority to deal with profiteering, it was announced by Sir Auckland Geddes, minister of reconstruction, at the resumption today of the hearings by the house of commons sitting as a select committee to inquire into the high cost of living and profiteering.

## EMBARGO SOON TO BECOME GENERAL IS OFFICIALS' FEAR

A general tie-up of all railway traffic threatens Memphis hourly, local railway officials were free to admit Wednesday noon. Partial or complete embargo orders were anticipated at any moment by officials of all the roads. The embargoes may come during the day or possibly some roads may continue partial service another day, but if the striking shopmen stand firm, a complete tie-up of freight transportation is only a matter of hours, for every branch of railway transportation felt the effect of the strike Wednesday.

A complete freight embargo grips the Frisco. Partial embargoes were declared by the Missouri Pacific and Cotton Belt Wednesday noon. The Rock Island officials expected to stop receiving freight before night, as did the N., C. & St. L. and L. & N. The Illinois Central and Y. & M. V. are possibly in better shape to continue service because out of the large number of men they employ at the local shops a few men have been retained competent to do some repair work, where other roads are practically stripped of men, and what work is being done is by officials.

The Missouri Pacific and Cotton Belt lines will not receive any freight from connecting lines, but will receive merchandise from the city and carload shipments originating on the Union railway only.

All freight trains on the Frisco railroad were annulled Tuesday night, and no attempt will be made to run freight trains out of Memphis Wednesday on account of the local shops being unable to keep the engine equipment in condition to operate the trains. Only 30 men, mostly laborers, were on duty at the Frisco shops Wednesday morning. Officials expected to be compelled to pull off two local passenger trains during the day, the plug run to Hayti, Mo., and to Tupelo, Miss. These trains will be sent out for another trip if the inspectors will O. K. the engines.

**Strikers Are Firm.**

From the strikers' standpoint the situation continues to improve. Locally the organized crafts are out 100 per cent and the laborers at the local shops also out almost as a unit. Most of the laborers at work are new men, unfamiliar with the work, it is claimed. There is no thought of receding from their demands on the part of any of the shopmen, so far as it can be learned, in fact the efforts of the national organization of railway crafts to get the men to return to work has seemed to strengthen their determination to continue the strike. The men at the Rock Island shops at Little Rock were reported to have joined the strike Wednesday morning.

Horace Baker, of Cincinnati, general manager of the Southern railway arrived here Wednesday morning to get in personal touch with the local situation. Mr. Cameron, of Sheffield, Ala., division superintendent of the Southern, is also here.

**Officials as Laborers.**

A. E. Walker, superintendent of the Rock Island, Kepler Johnson, trainmaster, and B. B. Shaw, division engineer, of Little Rock, are at the Rock Island yards at Hulbert and are assisting personally in the inspection of trains and other work necessary to continue service. F. C. Johnson, division freight agent, and S. L. James, traveling freight agent, expected to report for duty at Hulbert Wednesday afternoon.

Harry D. Wilson, general passenger agent for the Missouri Pacific, was personally assisting in the work of getting out the Missouri Pacific passenger trains.

Practically all of the Frisco officials took off their coats and are doing their best to maintain the passenger service on the Frisco. Through their combined efforts two freight engines were gotten in shape Wednesday morning and one through freight train and one local freight train were sent out of Memphis. The local passenger plug run to Hayti, Mo., will get out, officials said, but the local passenger train to Tupelo, Miss., would be annulled, it was believed.

Twenty-six bad order locomotives, unfit for further service until skilled mechanics can be obtained to make repairs, block the side tracks of the Frisco yards, according to an official of the Frisco Wednesday morning. Other tracks are filled with bad order freight cars, the number of which could not be definitely learned. Even the car repairers in the passenger department are out, and under the present condition the officials will be compelled to take out of service such passenger coaches as do not pass inspection.

The situation was not so critical at the Illinois Central shops. About 300 men, mostly laborers, were on duty Wednesday morning, and officials at the shops believed that they could keep the equipment in shape for another day

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## NO EMBARGOES PLACED UPON ATLANTA LINES

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 6.—Despite the fact that engines and other rolling stock gradually are being put out of commission because of lack of attention due to the strike of railroad shopmen, no embargoes on freight have been announced as yet by the railroad lines entering Atlanta.

Reports from several of the roads today stated that comparatively few freight trains have been moved in the past 36 hours and indications were that passenger train service would be curtailed by Saturday unless some settlement of the strike is announced before that time.

## STRIKERS REFUSE TO CALL IT OFF

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—With reports still coming in that striking shopmen refused to return to work, and that the strike was spreading despite efforts of officers of the union to hold the men at work until an authorized strike vote is taken late this month, and the subsequent curtailment of train service and its effect on industry, the railroad strike situation and its related subject, the high cost of living, continued today to take precedence in importance over all matters in congressional and administration circles.

Already more than 200,000 cars are reported to be out of commission, and unless railroad rolling stock can be kept in running order, it was pointed out, a majority of mills, mines and factories and food product plants will be threatened with closing.

Locally, interest centered in the meeting of the house interstate commerce committee, before which representatives of all the organized railroad employes were expected to appear in support of the Plumb plan, which would eliminate private capital from railroad ownership and operation. The Plumb plan now is before the house in the form of a bill providing a tripartite control of the roads. The bill was introduced several days ago by Representative Sims, of Tennessee.

Those who were expected to appear before the committee during the day to urge the Sims bill's adoption were Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, and Glenn H. Plumb, attorney for all the railroad brotherhoods, who prepared the Plumb plan. Each had prepared a lengthy statement in support of the measure.

## *Jawn D. Knocks Cent Off The Price Of Gas*

For no definitely assigned reason—could it be charity to more or less crippled purses of auto owners?—the Standard Oil company announced Wednesday morning that the price of gasoline had been reduced to 24 cents a gallon. The price from wagons, filling stations and other modes of delivery up to Wednesday had been 25 cents a gallon.

Market conditions generally permit of the reduction, according to information received at the local offices of the company.

So far as could be learned Wednesday the Indian Refining company and the Gulf Refining company still are holding to the 25 cents a gallon price from wagons and filling stations. No word has been received at the local offices Wednesday authorizing any reduction such as the Standard has made.

## RATIONS ARE ON HAND FOR 10 DAYS

With a complete cessation of railway transportation no remote possibility, if a speedy settlement of the present labor trouble is not effected, considerable concern in regard to the food supply on hand in the city was manifested by the public Wednesday.

There is enough food in the city to last about ten days under normal conditions, according to the opinion of wholesale grocers and packers. If the supply of food is threatened by the strike, the wholesalers propose to ration their sales, allowing no dealer to obtain more than actually required to supply his trade. No advance in prices on account of any condition brought about the strike will be tolerated, a local packer said Wednesday. There is enough meat in the hands of the local packing houses to supply the trade easily for ten days, it is said.

The situation in the smaller towns where there are no wholesale houses might become more critical, but motor trucks could be put into service to meet the actual needs of such communities for such a period as the strike might continue.

## WASHINGTON COUNTY.

GREENVILLE, Miss., Aug. 6. (Spl.)—Complete returns from Washington county give for governor, Johnston 735, Longino 197, Russell 199, Collins 56.

## U. S. CONSUL QUITS.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—Consul-General Chamberlain, at Mexico City, has resigned to pursue his literary work, the state department announced today.

## BRIEF NEWS OF WALKOUT

BUTLER, Pa., Aug. 6.—Between 5,000 and 6,000 men went on strike at the plant of the Standard Steel Car company here at noon today to enforce their demands for higher wages.

PINE BLUFF, Ark., Aug. 6. (Spl.)—According to Roy Hammond, secretary of the Machinists' union, there will be no strike here until orders from Acting President B. M. Jewell, of the railway division of the American Labor Federation, are received. Cotton Belt railway officials are complimenting the shopmen in their action in remaining aloof from the strike until it is called by higher authorities.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 6.—A complete tie-up in railroad repair work here resulted today in the spread of the shopmen's strike to include federated craft employes of the Burlington and the Kansas City Southern, whose 1,000 shopmen, after reporting for work this morning, walked out before noon.

ROANOKE, Va., Aug. 6.—Fifteen hundred carmen of the local Norfolk & Western shops joined the strike of railroad shopmen this morning in disregard of orders from their respresentatives in Washington.

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 6.—Approximately 4,000 men went on strike at 9 o'clock this morning at the Pennsylvania and Norfolk & Western railroad shops.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Aug. 6.—Service on the St. Louis & San Francisco lines is badly handicapped as a result of the strike of shopmen. Car inspectors and air men yesterday joined in the walkout.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Aug. 6.—The Chesapeake & Ohio shops here were completely closed down last night following a meeting at which the men voted to go on a strike. Three thousand men are affected.

COLUMBUS, Ga., Aug. 6.—Five hundred shopmen employed at the Central of Georgia, Seaboard Air Line and Southern railway shops went on strike here yesterday.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 6.—Forty machinists employed at the Bessemer plant of the United States Cast Iron Pipe company are on strike, asking for higher wages.

TUSCALOOSA, Ala., Aug. 6.—Between 75 and [illegible] shopmen at the Mobile and Ohio shops here went out on strike at 9 o'clock this morning. The men began taking the strike vote Monday.

## MARTINELLI HELD BY $3,000 BONDS IN BRAY CASE

### Judge Fitzhugh Firm in Case. Myers Says He Left South, Rogers, Patton and Wells in the Car.

BULLETIN.

Police picked up the trail of at least two of the men implicated in the assault on Miss Bray at an early hour Wednesday afternoon, it is understood. The men are not in Memphis.

Detectives refused to give out any information as to the whereabouts of the men. They said, however, that arrests of one or more of the assailants were hoped for in the next 24 hours.

Eugene Martinelli was held to the state in connection with the assault on Miss Hazel Bray on charges of assault to commit murder, attempted criminal assault and abduction, when preliminary hearing the case came before Judge L. T. Futzhugh Wednesday morning.

Hearing of identical charges against John Myers, alias "Sugar Lump," was postponed until next Tuesday morning.

Robert H. Haman, lodger at the home of Miss Bray, who was with her at the time she was hailed from the automobile occupied by the young ruffians, identified Martinelli as one of the men in the machine when he viewed Martinelli in a city prison cell Monday. But when he confronted Martinelli in city court Wednesday he reversed on his identification and stated that Martinelli was not one of the men in the machine. The scar-faced man who applied a vile epithet to the little Bray girl was darker of complexion than Martinelli, Haman said.

Judge Fitzhugh advised Ralph Davis, attorney for Martinelli, that he might put on proof which he said would establish a perfect alibi for Martinelli, but that it would avail him nothing as he (the judge) was going to hold Martinelli for grand jury investigation. Davis stated that he had witnesses to prove beyond doubt that Martinelli was not in the car.

John Myers identified the four men who were in the car when he claimed took him to his home, 1132 North Second street, on Sunday about 15 minutes before the assault on Miss Bray. The men he named are the four for whom detectives are searching. They are Bennie South, "Sleepy John" Rogers, Walter Patton and "Little Red" Wells.

W. T. McLain, assistant attorney-general, took personal charge of the search for the four men Wednesday morning following hearing of the case in city court. Through funds placed at his disposal by the Chamber of Commerce, he offered a reward of $500—$125 for the arrest and conviction of each of the four men implicated in the assault on Miss Bray.

Bond for Rogers was fixed at $2,000

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## TUTWILER FOR JOHNSON,

Tutweiler voted for governor—Johnson 53, Russell 9, Longino 13, Collins 13. Frierson is leading for lieutenant-governor, with a vote of 61 to 17.

## LEAGUE PLAN OF U. S. NOT GIVEN FULL CONFERENCE

### Lansing Tells Senate Probers American Scheme to Prevent War "Not Pressed" at Versailles Hearing.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—Secretary Lansing told the senate foreign relations committee today that the American plan for a league of nations was "not pressed" at Versailles and never was presented to the full peace conference.

The secretary, appearing at a public hearing of the committee, said he did not know whether a copy of the American draft still was in existence. He presumed, he said, that the draft was made by President Wilson and added that a copy might still be in the president's possession.

Discussing the Shantung provision of the treaty, Secretary Lansing said the Lansing-Ishii agreement made to obtain reaffirmation by Japan of the open-door policy in China, was entered into by the American government without knowledge of the secret treaty between Japan and the allies for a transfer of German concessions in Shantung to Japan.

Mr. Lansing said it was true that President Wilson had cabled to the peace commission requesting that the confidential minutes of the proceedings of the commission on the league of nations be not furnished to the French senate.

Senator Brandegee asked regarding press reports that the president had cabled Premier Clemenceau, of France, disapproving a request of the French senate for the minutes.

**Denies Its Truth.**

"That isn't a true statement of the facts," said Mr. Lansing. "The senate chamber in Paris asked Mr. Clemenceau to lay before it the minutes of the commission on the league of nations and Mr. Clemenceau said as that was a matter pertaining to other governments as well as the French government he must make inquiry. He inquired of me and I said my impression was that, because of the great freedom of debate, it might cause irritation and would be unwise to lay the minutes before the senate, and that I would communicate with the president. The president agreed with me and cabled the peace commission."

Mr. Borah then took up the report

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## AUSTRIAN COUNTER PROPOSALS DELIVERED

PARIS, Aug. 6.—The Austrian counter-proposals to the peace terms were handed to the allied mission at St. Germain-en-Laye at 12:15 o'clock today. The counter-proposals were brought at once to Paris and delivered to the supreme council of the peace conference.

## ALLIES STILL PLAN TO TRY KAISER IN LONDON

LONDON, Aug. 6.—The allies have not altered their decision to hold the trial of the former German emperor in London, Andrew Bonar Law, government leader, announced in the house of commons today.

He said no action in the matter could be taken until the German peace treaty is ratified.

## BROOKLYN CAR LINES TIED UP BY WALKOUT

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—Service on the subways, elevated and trolley lines of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit system was demoralized at the rush hour early today by a strike of part of the company's 13,000 employes.

The walkout, set for 5 a. m., did not assume serious proportions until 8 a. m., when thousands on their way to work in New York from various boroughs across the river waited in vain for cars. The East river bridges soon were crowded with automobiles, motor trucks and other vehicles pressed into service. Congestion in the subway trains which were operated on a limited scale was most marked. Trains on the "L" roads ran desultorily and the surface cars gave only part service.

## PRUSSIA TO ESTABLISH PROFITEER REGULATIONS

BERLIN, Aug. 6. (By the Associated Press).—"Profiteer regulation bureaus," are to be established throughout Prussia, according to a plan of the Prussian state commissioner of food in an attempt to regulate illicit trade, a task which the socalled price examination board have been unable to accomplish.

## THE WEATHER

### MEMPHIS METEOROLOGY.

24 hours to noon Aug. 6, 1919:

| | Temperature | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hour. | Dry Bulb. | Wet Bulb. | Humid'y |
| 7 p.m. yes'day | 93 | 78 | 51 |
| 7 a.m. today.. | 80 | 72 | 68 |
| Noon today.. | 93 | 76 | 44 |

Maximum temperature 95; minimum 79. Sun sets today 7:58; rises tomorrow 6:14. Moon sets 2:20 tonight. Precipitation 0 inches.

Tennessee—Fair in west, probably showers and thunderstorms in east.

Mississippi—Partly cloudy; probable showers and thunderstorms Thursday.

Arkansas—Generally fair.

Alabama—Partly cloudy, probable showers Thursday.

Kentucky — Probable showers and thunderstorms.

Louisiana — Fair except scattered showers Thursday in southeast.

Oklahoma—Partly cloudy.

East Texas—Generally fair.

West Texas—Partly cloudy, probably showers in Panhandle and extreme west.

North and South Carolina and Georgia—Probable showers and thunderstorms.

Florida — Partly cloudy, probable showers Thursday.

## PRESIDENT GOING BEFORE CONGRESS TO URGE ACTION

BULLETIN.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—All district attorneys in the United States were ordered today by Attorney-General Palmer to proceed immediately in the prosecution of all persons guilty of hoarding foodstuffs and to libel the foodstuffs for condemnation.

"This is the most important business before the country today," Mr. Palmer said in announcing his action. "I propose to have the law enforcing machinery of the government sidetrack everything to this job."

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—President Wilson will address congress in person Friday to make recommendations for legislation designed to aid in reducing the cost of living. This was learned today at the White House.

That one of the president's recommendations will be "more teeth" to make existing laws effective to adequately cope with profiteering is the general belief of officials in the absence of definite information from the White House.

The president, it was suggested, also might ask congress for a modified licensing system under which margins of profit could be controlled so as to bring an immediate reduction in prices.

Representatives of 14 different railroad unions now have joined in a communication to Director-General Hines asking immediate increases in wages.

So far as is known this the first instance on record in which all the railroad unions, representing two million employes, have acted as a unit.

Mr. Hines said today he had not had time to analyze the communication, but it seemed a formal presentation of wage demands already made public.

## BAKER ORDERS ARMY'S FOOD SENT TO CITIES

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 6—Large quantities of tinned food now stored in the huge army reserve depot here will be shipped immediately to ten of the larger cities in the country for sale through the postoffice department to consumers, according to orders received today from Newton D. Baker, secretary of war.

## BULK OF GARBAGE CREW STILL OUT

### Only One-Third at Work. Homes Complain of Stinch. Wagons Guarded.

The garbage situation in Memphis is somewhat improved Wednesday with the addition of eight more carts, but the situation is still crtical and many complaints are received by the city health department of stench from unmoved garbage especially in the residential sections.

Dr. J. L. Andrews stated Wednesday morning that he was much encouraged over the situation and hoped that within a few days many of the striking drivers would return to work. Most of the new men employed are not strikers and Dr. Andrews believes he can fill every man's place if they do not return to work shortly. The total garbage force consists of about 50 negroes. The city is now running 16 carts or nearly one-third of normal.

The 16 carts are guarded by a sanitary officer on each cart with power to arrest and the officers are instructed to make arrests if any person interferes with the workmen in any way. A number of the striking negroes have asked to be given their jobs back if protection is accorded them, and most of them are expected to return to work soon. The present force is being paid the regular wage of $2.40 a day.

Dr. Andrews said that the crematory forces have returned to work and no further trouble is expected in that department.

The three big trucks with three men each are working the uptown districts and the 16 carts are working rapidly over the residential sections, Dr. Andrews reports.

The street department under the city engineer and in the department of streets, bridges and sewers, is the heaviest sufferer from the strike. The normal force in this department, 170 men, only 20 now being at work. These men are being paid 30 cents an hour for an eight-hour day. The strikers are demanding $3.50 a day. The Contractors' association is paying only 30 cents an hour, the department says, and the only persons paying $3.50 for common labor are persons who have time contracts and persons who do not guarantee the workmen permanent work. Dr. Andrews stated Wednesday that the police were investigating the strike with a view to ascertaining who is behind the trouble. It is reported that the negroes are victims of organized propaganda with possibly white persons in the background.

## *Four Killed And Crops Ruined By North Ohio Storm*

CLEVELAND, Aug. 6—Four persons known to be dead, probably six seriously injured, property and crop damage estimated at more than $2,000,000 and 200 families driven from their homes, was the toll today of the electrical storm which swept Northern Ohio late yesterday.

Three deaths occurred in Youngstown, where two persons were killed instantly by lightning and another electrocuted by coming into contact with a live wire. At Bellevue a boy was drowned when he was drawn into a sinkhole while bathing in a flooded street.

In Tiffin more than 200 homes in the Rock creek basin were flooded and abandoned.

## JONES COUNTY VOTE.

LAUREL, Miss., Aug. 6. (Spl.)—Eighteen out of 29 precincts in Jones county, including the city of Laurel, give, for governor, Johnston 309, Longino 716, Collins 312, Russell 1,009.

## PHONE BILLS GO OUT FOR AUGUST AT HIGH RATES

All bills for telephone service for the month of August by the Cumberland company have been mailed out based upon the high war rate, 50 cents on residence and $1 on business phones.

These bills are for service to Aug. 31 and are payable at these rates on or before Aug 10. If payment is not made by that date, your phone will cost you 50 cents more.

Memphians had hoped to escape the August raise, because the raise for July was put in by the government while it was in control. That control ceased on July 31 and the state utilities commission made a public announcement that no government increase would be maintained by its automatically, but that with the termination of government control old rates went into effect and should remain in effect until the commission, after a hearing, ordered to the contrary.

It was expected that if the company attempted to collect for August service at the high rates, the city commission would direct the city attorney to enjoin the company from demanding the high rates and so far no such injunction seems to have been directed. H. J. Livingston, the city attorney, has been very active in trying to hold the rates down to the old contract basis and doubtless would file a vigorous bill if the city commission directed such action.

C. M. Bryan, counsel for the two companies in the proposed absorption of the Memphis company by the Cumberland company, states that the pending ordinance providing for the absorption does not purport to be the complete basis for operation after the Memphis company shall have been taken over. He says that the plan of operation and regulations will be imbodied in a contract to be made by the Cumberland company and the city at the same time that the absorption ordinance is passed.

He and Frank Flournoy, local manager for the company, state that the present contract under which the Cumberland company operates in Memphis provides for the city to have a free duct in each conduit now existing or to be added to the system and a free arm on each pole now up or to be erected or controlled by the Cumberland company, and hence the city's police and fire alarm systems are free from any danger of disturbance either with or without absorption of the Memphis company.

## COTTONSEED MEN FACE HIGH PRICES

In view of the knotty problems which face the Tennessee cottonseed crushers during the reconstruction period of the coming season and the price and handling of the 1919 product, especial significance was attached to the annual meeting and election of officers which was held at the Hotel Gayoso Tuesday afternoon.

The price levels of the 1918 season, when the government fixed the price around $70 per ton f. o. b. shipping point, are likely to go even higher during 1919. A price of as high as $83 a ton is possible for the opening of the season, according to prominent seed crushers, although at present from $70 to $80 seems to be the more likely figure. However, if the prices of cottonseed products and competing products continue at present levels, it is admitted by seed men that even as high a figure as $85 a ton f. o. b. shipping points is a possibility.

Men chosen to conduct the association's affairs during the coming season was selected with the aim of putting men in charge thoroughly capable of handling the grave questions of the coming season.

Officers were elected as follows: L. C. Barton, of the Valley Cotton Oil Co. Memphis, president; E. E. Clark, district manager of the Southern Cotton Oil Co., vice-president, and Albert G. Perkins, secretary and treasurer (re-elected).

The newly elected vice-president, E. E. Clark, is district manager of the Southern Cotton Oil Co., having risen to that position from the assistant's place by dint of hard work and ability.

Committees were chosen at Tuesday's meeting to grapple with the numberous questions confronting the trade on the eve of what is expected to be an eventful season

## ULTIMATUM SERVED BY RUMANIANS

BULLETIN.

BASLE, Aug. 6. (Havas.)—Czecho-Slovak and British troops are on their way to Budapest to participate in the occupation of the city with the Rumanians, according to a dispatch from the Hungarian capital. French troops also will take part in the occupation.

PARIS, Aug. 6.—The Rumanians have served an ultimatum on the Hungarian government, according to messages reaching the peace conference. The ultimatum, it is stated, makes demands far in excess of the armistice terms and gives the Hungarians until 8 p.m. today to comply with them.

It is greatly feared in conference circles that the Rumanian action will result in the overthrow of the new Hungarian government. French circles state that the Rumanian army is not under the command of Marshal Foch, the allied commander-in-chief, the Rumanian general refusing to accept orders from the French. The Rumanians have not been actively participating in the peace conference since premier Bratiano some time ago took exception to the decision of the conference upon the principle guaranteeing the rights of minorities within national borders.

In their ultimatum the Rumanians demand the reduction of the Hungarian army to 15,000 men and the surrender of 50 per cent of the harvest animals and farm machinery and 50 per cent of the railway supplies. The ultimatum also demands a large proportion of the Danube shipping and equipment and supplies for an army of 300,000 men, together with rations for the Rumanian forces pending a peace settlement.

The supreme council devoted most of its time yesterday to the Hungarian situation. Instructions were framed for the interallied military mission in Budapest, which is ordered to effect a withdrawal of the Rumanians from the Hungarian capital as soon as the Hungarian red guard is disarmed.

The Intransigeant's Geneva correspondent says that according to a Budapest dispatch, King Ferdinand is with his army in Hungary.

The new Hungarian government, through Lieut.-Col. Romanelli, chief of the Italian mission in Budapest, has sent Premier Clemenceau, as president of the peace conference, a communication saying it is willing to observe the terms of an armistice and asking that each of the great powers send a regiment to Budapest.

It is impossible to comply with this request, as troops are not available. Small detachments, however, will probably be sent with the generals composing the interallied commission to arrange the armistice to give an international complexion to the military forces as a guarantee that the Rumanians are not directing affairs. British monitors in the Danube, it is believed, will be sent to Budapest.

## RUMANIANS TAKE OVER ALL AUTOS IN CITY

BUDAPEST, Aug. 6. (By the Associated Press.)—Rumanian military authorities have requisitioned all automobiles here, including those of the Hungarian ministers. Gen. Holban, of the Rumanian army, has been appointed commander of the city and has ordered that the red guard police be disarmed. Tram cars are stopped at 8 o'clock in the evening.

A few workmen who were unable to return home at night have been shot while attempting to pass a Rumanian patrol. A French regiment arrived here yesterday. There is a food shortage, due to the necessity of feeding Rumanian soldiers quartered here.

## CZECHO-SLOVAK FORCE MARCHES ON BUDAPEST

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 6.—A dispatch from Budapest says a small force from the Czecho-Slovak army crossed the line of demarkation Monday and is marching toward Budapest.

## DAUGHTERS SEEK TO BREAK WILL OF JEROME B. YORK

Contest proceedings against the probate of what is purported to be the last will and testament of the late Jerome B. York, millionaire lumberman of Memphis and Valliant, Okla., were begun Wednesday morning in the little town of Ida Bell, McCurtain county, Okla.

The contestants are Mrs. Minnie York Anderson, of Memphis, and Mrs. Grace York Nelson, of Louisville, Ky., daughters. The beneficiaries are Robert York, of Memphis, president of the York Lumber company, and Mary York Trigg, of Valliant, Okla., other children of Jerome B. York.

The contestants claim that undue influence of the beneficiaries, coupled with the great age of the benefactor, caused the great majority of the $1,600,000 estate to be bequeathed to Robert York and Mrs. Trigg, while the contestants were practically disinherited.

According to the immediate history of the case, given by Caruthers Ewing, leader of council for the complainants, Ewing, King & King, the will decreed that Mrs. Anderson should receive $500 and Mrs. Nelson $100, while the remainder of the large estate should be equally divided between Robert York and Mrs. Trigg.

Besides the York Lumber company, of Memphis, of which the late Jerome B. York was president, the estate is said by Mr. Ewing to consist of property in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and Tennessee. The property is chiefly in the form of timber lands, saw mills, stores, farms and oil lands.

Jerome B. York died in Valliant, Okla., during July of this year, where he resided with Mrs. Trigg. The will was filed for probate at Ida Bell, Okla., on July 25.

Mrs. Nelson, who is the most vigor-

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