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## 6,000 ROANOKE SHOPMEN WENT ON STRIKE OF SYMPATHY NOON TODAY

STRIKE CALLED IN SYMPATHY WITH CLERKS WHO ARE OUT BECAUSE TWO NON-UNION WORKMEN EMPLOYED

(By Associated Press.)  
Roanoke, March 31.—Six thousand organized workers of the Roanoke shops of the Norfolk and Western Railway were ordered to strike at noon today in sympathy with clerks who walked out after the company refused to discharge to non-union workers accused by the clerks of insulting a woman employee.

### LIBERTY BONDS AS CURRENCY

Senator Frelinghuysen proposes an issue of up to thirty billion dollars worth of bonds to be exchanged for liberty bonds of the first, second, third and fourth issues, at the option of the holders of the liberty bonds. The proposed issue would bear interest at 3 1/2 per cent, be payable in fifty years and be exempt from all national and local taxes, except estate and inheritance tax.

The Tribune believes that the suggestion made a year ago by Samuel Rogers of Washington to be far superior to the Frelinghuysen plan. We have published this plan, before, have commented on it, and have recommended it for the consideration of congress. The need is great for a stabilizing of the values of national indebtedness certificates, and until the promise of the government made today is redeemed in values promised, even if redeemed a hundred years after, there is going to be unrest and distrust in many circles.

The Rogers plan can best be presented by republishing a letter printed in The Tribune last May, after it had been sent to Secretary of the Treasury Hon. Carter Glass. It reads as follows:

"When the government of the United States gives assurances that all of its financial obligations will be protected, then the last dollar of every loyal citizen will be at the command of the government. Should congress authorize an issue of liberty bond certificates with a currency value like the old silver certificates, the face value of all bonds would be maintained. The liberty bond certificates, the representatives of the liberty now in existence, should have a date for redemption and bear 2 per cent. interest and payable at maturity of certificates would be equal to any other form of currency, with an increasing interest value until redeemed.—Tribune.

### AMALGAMATING DEPARTMENT STORES

Washington, March 31.—Amalgamation of department stores in England is noted in official trade reports received here as the latest development of a tendency toward combination in such branch of England's national industries. Big stores, especially those in the more important cities, are combining through purchase or consolidation and already it has become apparent to some observers that the business soon will be concentrated in the control of a few big interests.

The American Chamber of Commerce in London reports that one of the largest department stores of that country recently absorbed three competitors and has branched out in South America through the opening of a large establishment in Buenos Aires. "The value of advertising as a selling force is becoming more realized in England," the report said. "This movement towards amalgamation is not expected to destroy competition, though it may tend to narrow its scope."

The oldest work on Freemasonry in the United States was written by Benjamin Franklin and published as "The Book of Constitutions."

## PRESIDENT SOON TO LEAVE FOR WOODS HOLE, MASS.

(By Associated Press.)

Woods Hole, Mass., March 31.—Members of the White House staff here are arranging for the arrival of the President and his official family about June 1st.

Send Ultimatum (By Associated Press.)

Berlin, March 31.—Socialist leaders have sent an ultimatum to the government demanding the immediate suspension of military measures in the Ruhr district under threat of renewing a general strike. Three o'clock Thursday was the time-limit set.

Attack Police Barracks (By Associated Press.)

Skibberren, County Cork, Ireland, March 31.—Over one hundred armed men attacked the police barracks at Durrus with rifles and petrol bombs last night and a portion of the building was destroyed. Two policemen were wounded before the attack was repulsed.

Forest Fires Menace Property (By Associated Press.)

Cumberland, Md., March 31.—Haystack, Polish and Knobley mountains are ablaze from forest fires which is a difficult fight on account of the high winds.

To Consider High Rentals in Ohio (By Associated Press.)

Columbus, O., March 31.—Governor Cox called the city solicitors of the State and the State Attorney General to meet him Thursday to consider the rental situation as a result of complaints of excessive rent increases over the state.

## KANSAS SOON TO HAVE FIRST LEGAL HANGING IN 50 YEARS

(By Associated Press.)

Leavenworth, Kan., March 31.—Robert P. Stroud, of Juneau, Alaska, will be the first man legally hanged in Kansas in almost 50 years unless President Wilson saves him by exercise of executive clemency.

The last legal hanging in this state took place in 1870 and the death penalty was abolished in Kansas in 1907; but Stroud was tried and convicted in federal courts for a murder committed in the federal penitentiary here and sentenced under federal law to be hanged.

Another unusual feature of the case is the fact that he would have escaped with life imprisonment if he had not insisted upon a third trial which resulted in a death sentence. If it is carried out, he will be the first man to be executed in Leavenworth prison.

Stroud was serving a 12-year sentence in the penitentiary for the killing of a man in Alaska in a quarrel over a dance hall girl, when in 1916 he attacked Andrew E. Turner, a prison guard, and stabbed him to death with a dagger which he had made from a table knife, and carried in a concealed pocket in his coat. Stroud asserted subsequently that Turner had called him a name.

For this killing Stroud had three trials. In the first he was found guilty of murder and sentenced to death, but the court of appeals remanded the case on the ground that the trial judge had failed to inform the jury of its privilege of bringing in a "qualified verdict" limiting his punishment to life imprisonment. In the second trial the jury availed itself of this legal provision and sentenced him for life. Stroud's lawyers felt that they had gained a victory, but at the prisoner's insistence the case was again appealed, and at his third trial Stroud was once more found guilty and sentenced to death. The case was carried to the United States Supreme Court which affirmed the sentence.

Stroud has been aided by his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Stroud, who came from Alaska in an effort to save his life. She appealed to President Wilson to commute the death sentence.

## CENSUS ENUMERATION GIVES LAKELAND POPULATION OF ONLY 7,062: RECOUNT PROBABLY BE DEMANDED

DESPITE CITY'S TREMENDOUS GROWTH, PRESENT FIGURES GIVE LESS POPULATION THAN TOWN HAD FIVE YEARS AGO

## CONGRESSMAN DRANE IS TAKING MATTER UP TO SECURE RECOUNT

Preposterous to Believe That With Large Influx of New Residents, That Town Has Decreased in Population During Past 5 Years

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, March 31.—Lakeland census 7,062; increase 3,343, or 89.9 per cent.

The first news of Lakeland's census figures came in a special wire to the Evening Telegram from the Associated Press. The count was finished at Washington at 11 o'clock and the message was delivered at this office at 11:36.

We were somewhat prepared for disappointment, knowing the tendency of census figures to be lower than anticipated; but we were shocked when it was discovered that the count showed only 7,062 persons in Lakeland, an increase over the Federal census of 1910 of 3,343, or 89.9 per cent.

What were regarded as conservative estimates have been placing our population at 10,000. We have doubted that the count would show that figure, but firmly believed that the 9,000 mark would have been passed. It will be a great disappointment to Lakeland people to know that we are on record as having from two to three thousand fewer inhabitants than had been estimated.

No one will believe these figures are right. We do not pretend to say where the error or errors were made. We do not criticize the enumerators, whose work was conscientiously done so far as we know. There may have been errors in tabulation, or in some of the several processes through which such figures reach the final count. That there has been a very grave error seems patent; and the most convincing proof of this is the fact that the State census of 1915 gave Lakeland a population of 7,287. In other words the present figures show that Lakeland has less population by 225 now than in 1915. There is not a man, woman or child in the community who does not know that such a claim is preposterous. The

growth of Lakeland in the past five years has been a matter of State-wide notoriety. The Chamber of Commerce has a list of 500 new people brought here during the past year through its agency alone.

Everybody who has lived here the past five years knows the city has grown steadily, and since the close of the war this growth has been marvelous.

Congressman H. J. Drane was seen in relation to the matter, and declared that it is manifest an error has been made. He received a telegram this afternoon confirming the figures sent out by the Associated Press, and immediately wired his secretary as follows:

"George W. Safford, Secretary, Room 309 House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

"Your wire giving census figures. Manifestly a serious error committed, as figures show less than state census of 1915, and growth since State census is notorious. Please ask Director of Census for re-checking, and to advise you under what conditions recount may be had.

HERBERT J. DRANE, M. C."

It is possible that a recount may be granted, but, of course, it is impossible to give a recount to every community that may think it has been slighted, and good grounds for such action must be submitted. We will have the aid of Mr. Drane and Mr. Trammell in any effort to give us justice, and we know we may count on Mr. Fletcher's assistance also.

Whether an official recount is granted or not, we believe the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club should combine in an effort to rectify this matter, as far as it can be done, and if nothing else is accomplished, we can have the satisfaction of knowing what our population really is. We believe 100 men will be willing to volunteer for this work, and in that event the census may be taken in a couple of hours, on a designated day.

## MOTHER AND FIVE CHILDREN FOUND WITH THROATS CUT

(By Associated Press.)

Elk City, Okla., March 31.—Five children and their mother, Mrs. Elmer Cowart, were found dead with their throats cut and heads crushed, in a tent in which they lived near here today. A bloody axe and razor were found nearby.

### LOOTING FREIGHT TRAINS IN AUSTRIA

(By Associated Press.)

Vienna, March 31.—Looting of freight trains particularly of foodstuffs and wearing apparel goes on unchecked throughout Austria. Unless conveyed, it is said, a shipment stands little chance of coming through intact. The robbers seem well organized and armed and often so numerous as to resist arrest.

Gift cargoes from other European states seem the favorite plunder, and according to report much of the stolen goods has been found for sale in the open market.

A large consignment of this character from Sweden arrived this week

## GEORGIA WANTS WILSON FOR THIRD TERM

(By Associated Press.)

Atlanta, March 31.—President Wilson's name has been filed with the State Democratic committee as a candidate at the preferential primaries. A petition with 118 names was filed by H. B. Baylor, of Atlanta. Robert Lansing and Senator Reed have been asked if they desire their names to go on the ballot. The petition was filed without the President's knowledge.

and when the well-arranged food parcels, containing flour, fats and other staples, were opened it was found that a portion of the fat and flour had been skillfully removed from each package and a sack of Austrian salt substituted to make up the requisite weight.

One of the most remarkable boundaries in the world is that between Alaska and Canada. The line follows the meridian without the slightest deviation, regardless of mountains, swamps, and forests, and markers have been set up, at points, visible from each other over the whole 600 miles length of the boundary.

## EDW. WARFIELD EX-GOV. OF MARYLAND DIED TODAY

(By Associated Press.)

Baltimore, March 31.—Edwin Warfield, governor of Maryland from 1904 to 1908, died here today aged 72. He had been ill three months.

## INTEREST IN SUFFRAGE HAS SHIFTED TO MISSISSIPPI

(By Associated Press.)

Jackson, Miss., March 31.—Interest in the woman suffrage fight has shifted from Delaware to Mississippi today with Governor Russell appearing before the House to urge that body to concur in the Senate's action yesterday in ratifying the Anthony amendment. Suffragists are confident that Mississippi will reverse the previous rejection, but antis point to the former overwhelming defeat of the measure by the House, which they say can not be overturned.

Democratic leaders, including Secretary Daniels, Wm. J. Bryan, and Chairman Cummings deluged the legislators with telegrams urging ratification in order that the Democratic legislature might cast the deciding vote. A vote is expected late today.

## AURORA NOTED MARCH 22ND EXPLAINED BY ASTRONOMER

(By Associated Press.)

Philadelphia, March 31.—The earth was passing through the outer confines of the corona or exterior envelope of the sun on the night of March 22 when the inhabitants of the northern portion of the United States witnessed the great aurora in the skies, says Professor Monroe B. Snyder, director of the Philadelphia Observatory.

The astronomer declared in a statement to the Associated Press that the "universal force of radio-action" on the sun "hurled the final atoms of an explosion, namely, electrified hydrogen and probably helium, straight to earth."

Professor Snyder's observations follow:

"The recent aurora is a fine indication of the explosive atomic disintegration which takes place at the surface of the sun and is responsible for its prominences, spots, and corona. Our discovery of the magnitude and precise atomic order of the explosion of the chemical elements in the sun, and in the stars generally, leads to conceptions of the aurora and the accompanying magnetic and electric storms, which are beyond any doubt as to their validity.

"During the hours of Monday night last, the earth was, in a very true sense, and to the delight of us all, passing through the outer confines of the solar corona. The same universal force of radio-action which disintegrates the atoms in stupendous localized Krakatoas, or Mont Pelees, on the sun, and produces the hydrogen of the coronal streamers, then also hurled the final atoms of that explosion, namely, electrified hydrogen, and probably helium, straight to the earth.

"Only within about a month of the equinox, vernal or autumnal, is the earth in an orbital position to be thus successfully bombarded. The moving electric hydrogen is, of course, an electric current, and is therefore carried toward the poles of the earth and round them by the earth's magnetic forces. The fascinating colors of the aurora are due to the changing electric excitation of the hydrogen and other gases. The theory of Ve-gard, the Swedish physicist, which has explained the wonderful curtailed

## FRANCE DENIES REQUEST OF GERMANY FOR TROOPS IN RUHR DIST.

INSURGENTS REFUSE TO DISARM AND ATTACKS ON NORTHERN FRONT ARE CONTINUING

(By Associated Press.)

Paris, March 31.—The German request to be allowed to send troops to the Ruhr district in the neutral zone near the German border has been denied by France.

(By Associated Press.)

The Hague, March 31.—Rebellious German workmen resumed their attack on Wesel, according to a dispatch to the Nieuwe Courant at Rotterdam. Hamm, in West Phalia, and several other places are reported to have been plundered. A general strike has been proclaimed in Essen, advises say, and is being carried out in full force.

(By Associated Press.)

Paris, March 31.—A revolution has broke out all over Turkey except in Constantinople, Pester Lloyd, of Budapest, says according to a Basle dispatch to the Fournier Agency here.

### CHURCHES MAY FORM BOARD OF ENSORSHIP

(By Associated Press.)

Knoxville, Tenn., March 31.—The Holston conference of the Methodist church has decided to present at the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church at Des Moines in May, a memorial for a Christian board of censorship of moving pictures. All Protestant churches are asked to co-operate.

Disregard Order (By Associated Press.)

Berlin, March 31.—A report from the rebel military headquarters at Muenster says the government's ultimatum to insurgents to disarm has been disregarded generally and attacks on the northern front are continuing and reinforcements have been brought up by insurgents.

Pass To Second Reading (By Associated Press.)

London, March 31.—The House of Commons has passed to the second reading the Irish Home Bill today.

Butts Lumber Co., Destroyed at Girard, Ala.

Girard, Ala., March 31.—Fire destroyed the Butts Lumber Co. Loss one hundred thousand.

If the appetite of man were equivalent to that of a spider, he could eat a prize ox in twenty-four hours, and yet call for a "snack" before going to bed.

Septimus Winner, the Philadelphia composer, was paid \$35 for his famous song, "Listen to the Mocking Bird." His publishers made \$3,000,000 out of it.

auroras as due to hydrogen particles, of positive electric charge, is now shown to be unquestionably true, in that it is but a logical result of the explosive eruption of the electric hydrogen from the sun.

"The well-known delay, or lag in time, between the solar eruption and the appearance of the magnetic storm, and accompanying aurora, on the earth, of about 45 hours, is due to the time taken for the hydrogen atoms to travel from the sun to the earth. The rate of travel is about 575 miles per second, or somewhat in excess of the rate of the upward movement of the gases in some of the great solar prominences.

"The numerous and complex details of the auroral phenomena are found thus to receive, for the first time, reasonable explanation. Additional confirmation of this explanation is given by the fact that our discoveries also prove that all the elemental atoms, so wonderfully explosive in the stars, are structural products of hydrogen."