MAY BE CONSPIRACY

Department of Justice Investigating Coal Strike

INQUIRY PRES. ORDERS

Alleged Agreement Between Railroads and Mining Companies May Re in Violation of Sherman Act

Washington, Aug. 22.-Officials of the Department of Justice, under the direction of the President, are busy investigating the charge that the coal barons of Pennsylvania are engaged in a conspiracy in restraint of interstate! commerce. It is alleged that the six coal-carrying railroads of the State in-Sherman law.

Great importance attaches to this investigation. There is a bare possibility that some of the magnates affected may go to jail, as the Sherman antitrust law not only provides for the payment of a fine for violation but for imprisonment as well.

The President became interested in this phase of the case after reading the report on the strike made by Carroll D. Wright, Commissioner of Labor, who was delegated to examine into the situation. It is said that his report shows the existence of a conspiracy fully as bad as is alleged by certain newspaper reporters.

Before prosecutions may be instituted, however, it must be shown that the auxiliary companies which mine the of avading the Pennsylvania law, as schedulea. which prohibits railroad companies set forth in Mr. Wright's report tend to show that the violation of law cannot be doubted. The fact that the presidents of the various railroad compannies are the men who say what the operators must do about starting the mines is taken to indicate that the alleged agreement exists, and that what the railroad companies decide the mining companies shall do will be done by

The Attorney-General and his assitants have had Mr. Wright's report in their posession for over a month. During that time the Department officials have been gathering all the evidence they can to show the connection between the railroads and the mining companies. This connection, if established, will be sufficient to show a violation of law.

The investigation will soon be conthat the President may step in and attempt to end the coal strike. That is a satisfactory conclusion of the whole difficulty might be reached with the President as the power in favor of conciliation is not doubted. It is contended that the President could not possibly play better politics than to make a move of this sort. It is argued that sentiment in his favor would be created throughout the country by such a

A Sad, Strange Story.

A white woman, with five children, arrived here last night from Abingdon, Va. She gave her name as

Mrs. Spivey stated that she moved first of this year, when the husband became infatuated with an eighteenyear-old girl and in April last ran away with her, leaving his wife and children at the mercy of friends. According to the statement of the wife, Spivey carried away with him \$125, this being every cent in the house.

The largest child is a son, 10 years old and the two youngest (twins) two years. Mrs. Spivey said that friends at Abingdon paid their railroad fare to Roanoke and friends at the latter place bought tickets for them to Winston-Salem.

Mrs. Spivey stated also that when she left Wilkesboro her parents resided there, but since then they have moved to Lenoir. The city furnished the bereaved wife with tickets for herself and children to North Wilkesboro. They left this morning.-Winston Sentinel.

SUMMER COMPLAINT. Proper Food Will Prevent It.

When the bowels go wrong in adults or children, quit all food but Grape-Nuts and a little cream or milk. The experience of one woman will be read with interest by many mothers who pass anxious days over little ones and becomes alarmed because the food does not agree with baby and he daily heart of the groom. wastes away.

Mrs W. H. Mennens of Little Falls. 15 pounds, having weighed 22 pounds | man of his age. before he was taken sick. Finally the weighed just 20 pounds.

If any mother reading this letter success wants to write to me personally I will gladly answer and tell her the full particulars regarding baby's sickness its and still not amount to much. and the good Grape-Nuts did for

TO DOUBLE-TRACK SOUTHERN.

Greatest Benefits Would Accrue Therefrom To This Section.

Thursday, the News stated that the Southern railway would, at an early date; begin to double track the main line from Washington to Atlanta. The following story based on the New's report is from the Atlanta Constitution: The Southern railway is to doubletrack its entire line between Washingon and Atlanta. The contract for the work has been let and construction along the whole line will begin in the near future.

The work in fact has already begun, as the road now has several miles of double track in operation out of Washington. Recently, whenever a bridge, trestle or culvert has been rebuilt between Atlanta and Charlotte the road has been careful to provide room for two tracks.

The announcement that the contract for the double tracking of the entire line has been let comes from Charlotte and it is stated that the information was given out from an absolutely authoritative source.

For some time the officials of the Southern have recognizvolved in the strike are violating the ed the necessity of having a double track between Washington and Atlanta and they have frankly stated that it is only a question of time until the double track will be in operation,

A double track between Atlanta and Washington would mean much to Atlanta and the southeast. It would insure to merchants and other shippers in this city much quicker movement in freight between Atlanta and eastern points and hence would greatly stimulate business between the east and Atlanta and the territory contingent to

Business men generally would be greatly benefited by the great improvement in the passenger service and the increased excellence of the mail service between Washington and Atlanta, This would come in a general quickening of coal are the railroad companies under | schedules, but the chief gain would be another name, assumed for the purpose | the assurance that trains would be run

For the past three years the business from engaging in mining or manufac- handled by the Southern over certain turing. It is understood that the facts portions of the line between Atlanta and Washington has been of such an enormous nature that it has required the utmost efforts of the operating officials to prevent a blockade at times when traffic was especially heavy.

This is naticularly true of that part of the line which lies between Charlotte and Danville. A glance at the man of the Southern will show that line occupies the place of a funnel with a double flare.

The line from Atlanta and that from Twelfth Street at 8:15 p.m. Savannah converge at Charlotte, while at Danville the lines from Washington, Richmond and Norfolk join. The amount of business poured into this line at both ends has given it a name among railroad mes as the hardest morning at 10 o'clock. One of those in worked piece of single track in the

During the winter season nine limited passenger trains were operated over it in both directions each day. To care cluded by the Department and if the for these properly it is easily seen that situation warrants the institution of the local passengers and freights had legal proceedings these may be order- to stand the best chance they could of ed. Reports have been current lately dodging into sidings in time to let the limiteds past.

The Southern receives a handsome subsidy from the Government for operating its fast mail trains, but heretoforeagood percentage of this amount has found its way back to the federal treasury in payment of forfeits for deayed trains. The construction of the additional track from Washington to Atlanta would necessitate the outlay of a princely sum, but it is believed that the saving in forfeitures and the greatly reduced expenses of operating trains that would result would pay for the new line in a few years.

The announcement that work on this double track is to begin at once will be welcome news to Atlanta. In addition Spivey and the story she related to to the great advantage that it will be the Winston officers is indeed a sad to the city it is an eloquent tribute to the preminence of Atlanta as a distributing point that the first double with her husband from Wilkesboro to track of any length to be built in the Abingdon, ten years ago. They were South is to connect with this city with getting along very nicely until the the east. The Pennsylvania has double tracks between Washington and Philadelphia, so that by the construction of the Southern's double track Atlanta would be given four rails to the metro-

REV. MR. TUTTLE MARRIED.

A Beautiful Home Wedding Solemnized at Greensboro.

The marriage of Rev. R. G. Tuttle, of Dilworth Methodist church, to Miss Janie Gregory, of Greensboro, is thus described by the Greensboro Record:

At the home of Mr. George Gregory, on West Market street, in the presence of a few intimate friends, a simple yet a very pretty marriage ceremony was performed yesterday afternoon promptly at 5:45 o'clock by Dr. S. B. Turrentine, assisted by Rev. D. H. Tuttle, of Elizabeth City, brother of the groom. Miss Janie Gregory was the happy bride and Rev. R. G. Tuttle, the

fortunate groom. Modest yet deeply impressive was the service-a typical home wedding. Mr. Tuttle entered the parlor with his brother and Miss Gregory came with ner sister, Miss Nettie. Daintily attired in pure white-so characteristic of her spotless character-the bride was a picture of loveliness and the language. "With this ring," came with firm voice from the deep and honest

Many, many heartfelt congratulations were showered upon the happy Minn., writes, "I want to tell you the couple ere they hurried away for the good Grape-Nuts Food has done for 7:10 train for the western part of the my baby boy. When he was 10 State, for Miss Gregory has a host of months old he was taken with sum- friends who knew and recognized her mer complaint and I could not find deep, conscientious, Christian characany prepared food that agreed with her and Mr. Tuttle's several years of him. I was giving him doctor's medi- faithful service in the Western North cine all the time but he continued to | Carolina Conference has won for him lose in weight until he only weighed a reputation rarely enjoyed by a young

Miss Gregory is well known in doctor told me that unless I could Greensboro where her life has been get some real nourishing food for spent in so much praiseworthy service. him he could not live many days and Mr. Tuttle is stationed at Dilworth he advised me to get Grape-Nuts Food | church in Charlotte, N. C. The Rewhich I did, and in five days he cord joins the numerous friends in gained 4 ounces and in five weeks he Greensboro and elsewhere in wishing them the very best of happiness and

> A young man may have no bad hab-The fellow who has the gift of gab sometimes gives himself away.

Among 5 5 5 The Churches

First A. R. P. church: Services tomorrow at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. by Rev. J. Knox Montgomery, pastor; Sabbath school at 9:45 a. m.; Young People's meeting at 7:30 p. m. A cordial welcome to all services.

Brevard Street Methodist church, Preaching tomorrow at 11 a.m. and 8 p. m., by the pastor, Rev. L. A. Falls; men's prayer-meeting 10 a. m.; Sunday school 3 p. m. A cordial welcome to strangers.

Dilworth Methodist church, Preaching at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. by Rev. J. A. Baldwin. The public is cordially in-

Trinity Methodist church. Preaching 11 a. m. by the pastor, Rev. G. H. Detwiler; Sunday school 9:45 a. m. At night the congregation will unite with a union service.

Tryon Street Methodist church. Preaching at 11 a. m., and 8:15 p. m., by Rev. Plato Durham of Trinity College; Sunday school at 4 p. m.; men's meeting at 10 a. m.; Junior Epworth League at 10 a. m.

East Avenue Tabernacle, Rev. W. W. Orr pastor. Preaching tomorrow at 11 a. m., and 8:15 p. m.; Sabbath school at 4 p. m.; Y. P. C. U. meets at 7:15 p. m.; congregational prayer-meeting every Wednesday night at 8:15. Come and bring your friends with you and let us worship the Lord, our God. St. Peters Episcopal church, Rev. C.

C. Leman, rector: Morning prayer and Calvary Methodist church, Rev. A. R. Surratt, pastor: Services at 11 a. m.

10 a. m.; Sunday school 4 p. m.; Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8:15 p. m. Friends and strangers are welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran church, Robert C. Holland, pastor. Services tomorrow

at 11 a. m., and 6 p. m., with preaching by the pastor. The latter service will be connected with an address to the boys and girls. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.; week-day services Friday at 8 p. m. To all these services the public is very cordially invited.

Rev. A. D. Hunter, representing the Baptist Female University, Rafeigh, will preach at Tryon Street Baptist church at 11 o'clock tomorrow and at

Colored Excursionists Return. The big colored excursion that left Charlotte Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock arrived on the home plate this charge, informed a News man that reports circulated about the train being delaped and never reaching Richmond was all a hoax. They arrived at the Virginia capitol at 10 o'clock Thursday night and the homeward start was made last night at 10 o'clock. There was not a single accident and everything worked like a charm.

The train, on reaching Richmond contained about 1,400 and this crowd, rnea loose on the streets of the city at 11 o'clock at night, made things right lively.

The managers made a good thing of t and the crowd had plenty of fun.

Bartenders Organize. The bartenders of the city perfected an organization last night. It is to be known as the Bartenders League No. 211. The officers elected are: J. A. Bixby, president; T. J. Harrison, vice president; C. H. Stonebanks, recording and corresponding secretary; C. R. Little, treasurer; B. E. Asbury. chaplain; Frank Trott, inspector; R. F. Kirkpatrick, inside guard; C. R. Curlee, outside guard. Trustees-Q. A. Davis, M. A. Teeter and S. A. An-

"Lone Widow." Manager Gray, of the Charlotte opera house, states that the doors of his play house will be thrown open Monday, September the first. The opening attraction will be the "Lone Widow." Mr. Gray says that during the coming Ozark, Ala. 1.80 season he will have some of the best attractions that will come South.

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ASPIRANT FOR PRESIDENCY.

K. G. Matheson Talked of For Clemson-Notes of Busy Cheraw.

Cheraw, Aug. 21,-(Special.)-There is a rumor going around that Mr. Kenneth G. Mathersonneth G. Matherson neth G. Matherson's name will be among the number for the presidency of Clemson College, Mr. Matherson was born at Cheraw, and comes from one of the oldest and best families of the State. His mother and sisters, and two brothers reside here now. Mr. K. G. Matheson entered the Citadel in 1886, and oleft during his last year to accept the office of Commandant of a Tennesee Military Academy, of Knoxville. He left there to become in charge of a

state military school in Mexico, Mo., and from there he went to the eGorgia Technology, at Atlanta, where he has been up to now. Mr. Matherson has made a great name in the educational world, and today is a prominent educator and disiplinarian. His name will be looked forward with pleasure as the President of Clemson by his many the Tryon Street Methodist church in I friends here and throughout the State.

Several gentlemen from the North have been in this county lately looking up deposits of Kaolin, ochre, which seems to be in great quantities, especially along the road of the Chesterfield and Lancaster Railroad Company. Every effort will be pushed to have these minerals worked at an early date.

Cotton is beginning to come to the market here now. The crop around here is opening fast and will not come up to what seemed to be promised a few weeks ago.

Messrs. Hal Duvall, Howard Duvall and Gillespie Godfrey who have been spending quite a long time up in Canasermon at 11 a. m.; Sunday school at | da and New York returned home to-

The Cheraw Graded School will open its session on the first of September. and 8:15 p. m.; Men's prayer meeting Prof. B. C. McIver, of Sanford, N. C., who has been the superintendent for quite a number of years, is expected here next week. The assistants will be Miss Bessie McLean, Miss Lizzie Malloy, and Miss May Duvell, All of these ladies are from Cheraw.

The county campaign will close at Chesterfield on Saturday morning. Much interests are taken in the politics both county and state, this year around here. Heyward will, it seems, receive the largest vote for Governor.

Orders for lumber are picking up considerably. Never did the time, come however, that any of the firms had to go up North in search of orders, and now the mills are receiving about as many as they can handle. The slack was only for a few weeks that always comes in during this month.

The Seaboard has begun operation in putting in the side track for the planing mill, of the Chesterfield Lumber oCmpany, stationed here. The Veneer Works have the frames of their buildings up, and completion will be pushed as fast as possible.

Married Yesterday.

At Seversville yesterday evening Mr. A. D. Deaton and Miss Lizzie Hilton were united in marriage by Squire H. N. C., and Miss Hilton is from Maiden, N. C., and Miss Helton is a daughter of Mr. Milton Hilton of Mallard Creek township. The newly wedded couple left last night for their future home,

U. S. Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.

COTTON REGION BULLETIN. Charlotte, N. C., Aug. 23.

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REMARKS. Scattered showers, generally light, occurred in many portions of the belt yesterday. It is cooler in eastern sec-

> G. R. OBERHOLZER. Observer Weather Bureau.

SPENCERIAN BUSINESS COLLEGE

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and Success. One of the most notable business colleges in the country is the Spencierian Business College, located in the Academy of Music building, corner Ninth and D streets, northwest, Washington, D. C. Its founder was the late Prof. Henry C. Spencer, son of Platt R. Spencer, the author of the famous Spencerian system and style of penmanship. Prof. Spencer's relict, the accomplished Mrs. Sara A. Spencer, is the principal and proprietor. She is assisted by her son, Leonard Garfield Spencer, who gives personally the lessons in handwriting. The history of this institution is one of which all who are associated with it may be justly proud and its testimonials are from the highest sources. Its work is emimently inspiring and practical to young men seeking careers in affairs and for all such who are capable no difficulty is experienced in securing remunerative clerical positions.

WELANCHOLY WOMEN

Always Afraid Something Dreadful is Going to Happen. Why Should Women Have the Blues More Than Men?

When a cheerful, brave, and light-hearted woman is suddenly plunged into that perfection of misery, the blues, it is a sad picture. It is usually this way:

She has been feeling out of sorts for some time, experiencing severe headache and backache; sleeps very poorly and is exceedingly nervous. Sometimes she is nearly overcome by faintness, dizziness, and palpitation of the heart; then that bearing-down feeling is dreadfully

wearing. Her husband says, "Now, don't get the blues! You will be all right after you have taken the doctor's medicine."

But she does not get all right. She grows worse day by day, until all at once she realizes that a distressing female complaint is established.

Her doctor has made a mistake. She loses faith; hope vanishes; then comes the morbid, melancholy, everlasting blues. She should have been told just what the trouble was, but probably she withheld some information from the doctor, who, therefore, is unable to accurately locate her particular illness.

Mrs. Pinkham has relieved thousands of women from just this kind of trouble, and now retains their grateful letters in her library as proof of the great assistance she has rendered them. This same assistance awaits every sick woman in the land. Write her to-day.



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"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM: - I highly praise Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for the good it did me. It caused my menstruation to come all right which had not been for one year, and I am otherwise well, thanks to you." — Mrs. Maggie Starrett, Keyser, W. Va. (Oct. 4, 1900.)

REWARD. - We have deposited with the National City Bank of Lynn, \$5000, which will be paid to any person who can find that the above testimonial letters are not genuine, or were published before obtaining the writer's special per-Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass.

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