

Says Interurban May Be Developed Into A General Freight Line

J. S. Cureton, of Greenville, Says Line is "Distinctly Interurban" But May Be Changed Later.

SAYS LINE HAS AIDED BUSINESS

Witness Thinks P. & N. Has Been Big Factor in Establishment of 64 Cotton Mills in That Section

Charlotte, June 22.—(AP)—Although insisting that the Piedmont and Northern Railway, an interurban line, is "distinctly an interurban" at present, J. S. Cureton, Greenville, S. C., today told Examiner H. C. Davis of the Interstate Commerce Commission that extension of its lines might change its nature to that of a general carrier of freight.

Mr. Cureton was testifying in favor of the petition of the electric line's petition for a permit to extend its lines so there will be a continuous line from Greenwood, S. C., to Winston-Salem, N. C.

Cross-examined by Stable Linn, of Salisbury, of counsel for the Southern Railway, the traffic manager was put through a series of questions designed to develop that the line is a general freight carrier. When he had stated that the extension might change the character of the line, he was asked the extent and nature of the possible changes, but said he would not tell.

Most of the questioning of Mr. Cureton related to intricate costs of transportation problems. They were pressed closely, however, and reference made several times to testimony on yesterday that the Piedmont and Northern expects to make a physical connection with the Norfolk and Western at Winton-Salem, and form part of a new and direct route to the Virginia coal fields.

George W. Forester, of Atlanta, a traffic manager, told the examiner that the proposed extensions are "necessary to take care of the expanding business of the cotton mills." He said he was traffic and rate expert for 300 cotton mills in the southern states.

Mr. Cureton at the outset of his testimony said that the expansion of the textile manufacturing industry of the Carolinas in the past fifteen years has exceeded that of any other section of the union. A chart was introduced showing the location of the cotton mills in the Piedmont section of the Carolinas.

The Piedmont and Northern, he asserted, has been "the contributing factor in the establishment of the 64 cotton mills built in this territory since 1910," and pointed out that the chart showed the mills were more dense in the territory served by the electric line than in contiguous territory. There are now 3,230,000 active spindles along the line.

The witness said that a service of "a different character" is afforded by the Piedmont and Northern, as compared with steam lines.

On direct testimony Mr. Cureton read a prepared statement going extensively into statistics tending to show the delivery of interchanged shipments was completed with greater dispatch by the Piedmont and Northern than by the Southern Railway.

Mr. Holly Cops Game From Kannapolis.

Stranger From Missouri Confesses Real Identity.

Truelove Wants to Divorce Wife.

Extradition papers are being obtained and deputies expect to leave for Texas soon to see that Truelove does not run so smoothly again.

RIGID INSPECTION OF DINING CAR MILK

This One Question Discussed at National Conference of Sanitary Engineers.

Raleigh, June 22.—Planes looking toward more rigid inspection and certification of milk served on dining cars in interstate traffic were among the principal questions discussed at the National Conference of State Sanitary Engineers...

Incidentally, Mr. Miller was elected president of the National organization although Mr. Miller was back from the convention for several days before anyone found out that he had been elected its national president.

For a number of years, strict supervision over the source of supply of the water used on trains in interstate commerce has been exercised by both the United States Public Health Service, and by the boards health in the various states, but to date there has been no supervision whatever of the milk supplies carried on the dining and buffet Pullman cars in interstate traffic.

Following the conference of state sanitary engineers, Mr. Miller attended a national convention of the American Waterworks Association...

BYRD'S FLIGHT IS AGAIN POSTPONED.

Weather Still So Unfavorable That He Is Not Willing to Start on His Flight to Europe.

New York, June 22.—(AP)—Contrary pranks of fickle weather off and about Nova Scotia indicated today that the Byrd transatlantic expedition can only talk about flying to Paris today and tomorrow.

Early reports of unfavorable weather suggested that no start could be made today and probably not tomorrow.

James Kimball, of the New York office of the weather bureau, reported a storm and dense fog off the Nova Scotia coast, and rainfall totalling 5.76 inches in 24 hours at Halifax.

The American continued in a state of preparedness. All hands were ready and the mail was aboard waiting word of favorable weather.

A horse of the Harry Payne Whitney stable has been named Fly Across, in honor of Captain Lindbergh.

THE STOCK MARKET

Table with columns for stock names and prices. Includes items like American Tobacco, American Smelting, American Locomotive, etc.

ESCAPEE CONVICTS ARE BELIEVED NOW TO BE SURROUNDED

35 Long Term White Convicts Made Escape From Texas State Prison Last Night.

SAWED THROUGH BUNK HOUSES

Guards Chased Prisoners Who Could Not Cross River and Who Had to Take to Dense Swamps.

Houston, Texas, June 22.—(AP)—Thirty-five long term white convicts who escaped from the Ferguson state prison farm near Madisonville, eighty miles from here, at midnight last night, were believed to have been surrounded this morning in the densely wooded Trinity River valley near their camp.

Guards from the prison camp were reinforced by volunteers from all sections of Madison county called by farm authorities to assist in the man hunt.

Most of the prisoners were serving long terms. Many were described as desperate characters.

All efforts to communicate with the farm by telephone failed, indicating the convicts cut all wires. So far as could be learned, no one was injured in the break.

The men sawed through their bunk house and ran to a highway where they started toward a ferry on the Trinity River a short distance northeast of the farm. Guards hastily took up positions near the ferry and the fugitives were turned southward where they could cross the river.

Dogs were then secured, and aided in chasing the men into thickets along the river bank. The section through which the chase led is a virtual swamp with mud several inches deep. It is impassable in many places to anything except men on foot.

Farm officials denied reports that the prisoners had commandeered automobiles and horses. Officers declared the men were driven into the woods before they had opportunity to raid nearby houses.

Three Reported Captured.

Huntsville, Tex., June 22.—(AP)—Three of the 35 convicts who escaped from the Ferguson camp near Madisonville were reported captured today. Officials at the state prison here today said they anticipated difficulty in rounding up the rest of the fugitives.

THE STOCK MARKET

Speculators for Advance Continued in Control in Today's Market.

New York, June 22.—(AP)—Speculators for the advance continued in control of the price movement in today's stock market, but trading was relatively dull. A few soft spots cropped out, particularly in the oils and motors, but they failed to halt bullish demonstration in the rails and specialties, nearly a score of which attained new peak prices. The closing was steady. Total sales approximated 1,800,000 shares.

With Our Advertisers.

Se-fly-go will rid your home of flies and other insects. Sold by Ritchie Hardware Co.

Today and tomorrow the Gray Shop is offering a special sale of dresses at \$15 each. These are reasonable goods, made in latest fashions and of the best materials.

The Southern Loan and Trust Co. has taken over the insurance business of Fetzer & Yorke.

Morning Glory hams, fresh fruits and vegetables at the J. & H. Cash Store.

Bell's Department Store is offering special values in ladies' dresses. Lovely new styles and colors in gorettes, crepes, printed crepes, flat crepes, etc., going at \$14.50. Special lot of dresses valued up to \$18.50 for \$9.75.

Robinson's is having an annual June Sale of oriental hand-made laces. Treasure laces from the orient at 25 per cent. off.

Bobby Going to England.

Atlanta, June 22.—(AP)—Bobby Jones announced here this afternoon that he will defend his title of British open golf champion at the St. Andrews, Scotland, tournament in July. The qualifying rounds take place July 11.

He will sail from New York next Saturday in order to have time for some practice rounds before the tournament opens.

Bobby will leave Atlanta Friday for New York.

Four Deaths From Fire.

SEEK ROBBERS WHO OPENED GRAVE AND ROBBED DEAD BODY

Necklace and Rings Taken From Body of Mrs. Annie Benfield When Grave Was Opened Last Night.

OFFICERS ARE SEEKING CLUES

Casket Was Not Lowered Again and Body Was Placed Face Downward After It Was Robbed.

Rowan county authorities are seeking this afternoon the identity of the persons who opened and robbed the grave of Mrs. Annie Benfield some time during Tuesday night, removing from the body a necklace and several rings, the value of which could not be estimated today.

Mrs. Benfield, who died Monday morning at her home in North Kannapolis, was laid to rest Tuesday afternoon at Greenlawn cemetery, south of China Grove.

Discovery of the daring robbery was made this morning by relatives who had gone to the cemetery to place flowers upon the new mound. The casket had been taken from its grave, the cover removed and the body placed face downward, and the clothing of the body disarranged generally.

Immediately news of the outrage spread throughout China Grove, Kannapolis and surrounding territory and interested persons began to gather at the grave. Officers were summoned, and at this time it was discovered that the jewelry—keepsakes of the deceased—had been removed from the body.

The casket was immediately removed to the funeral parlors of Bell and Harris, Kannapolis, and the body again prepared for burial in the same grave.

The incident has caused many theories to be advanced, and likewise stirred the feeling of the people who reside in that section. One theory has been advanced that the persons committing the robbery must have known that Mrs. Benfield was buried with a necklace about her neck and rings upon her fingers.

Another story is related that possibly the unidentified persons robbed the grave out of mere curiosity to see possibly if the casket did contain any valuables. Every possible effort to apprehend the guilty is being exerted not only by officers of Rowan counties but also of Cabarrus county.

Reports of the affair reaching Concord early this afternoon did not provide the information as to whether any tracks were visible or how many tracks, if any, were found.

The grave robbery greatly distressed relatives and friends of the beloved woman who had made her home in North Kannapolis for the past twenty years. Some relief, however, was felt by them when it was ascertained that the body had not been harmed in any way.

Few grave robberies are known to have occurred in either Rowan or Cabarrus county. It was evident that the object of the exhumation of the body was to rob only. Quite frequently, when graves are robbed, it is usually to study the mechanism of the body.

Mrs. Benfield died Monday morning following a brief illness at her home in North Kannapolis. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon from the residence after which the body was interred in the Greenlawn cemetery, south of China Grove and on the Concord-Salisbury highway. The Rev. M. L. Ridenhour, pastor of the Kumball Memorial Lutheran church, conducted the services.

Mrs. Benfield is survived by her husband, J. S. Benfield and six children.

Mrs. Robinson Honored.

A delightful social event of today is the reception being given by Mrs. Julius Fisher this afternoon complimenting Mrs. W. S. Robinson, her house guest.

The hours are from 3:30 to 6:30.

The highest rank in the Italian Fascisti is corporal.

P. & N. Controversy May Grow Into Big Political Question

The Tribune Bureau Staff Reporter

Raleigh, June 22.—That the Piedmont and Northern controversy may grow into a political question of national proportions, especially if the Interstate Commerce Commission should rule against its petition and side with the steam railroads who are opposing the P. & N., is the belief of several who have just returned from Charlotte, where the hearing on the convenience and necessity for the P. & N. is in progress before Examiner Hackett C. Davis, for the Interstate Commerce Commission.

However, the majority of those who have been following the preliminaries of the hearing feel confident that the petition for the extension of the electric road will be granted and that there will be no subsequent political developments either way. This latter opinion is shared by Governor A. W. McLean, who, after attending the hearing and reading a statement in favor of granting the petition by the road, believes that the Interstate Commerce Commission cannot do otherwise than grant the request.

Yet there are others who are not so optimistic and who see in the present hearing merely the preliminaries of a long drawn out fight in which a billion dollars worth of railroads have combined to maintain their monopoly on the transportation in what is probably one of the greatest industrial districts in the United States, and to prevent an industrial organization—the Duke interests—from increasing its service to its own and other industrial enterprises through the establishment of electrical transportation service.

So it is that several see in this hearing only a preliminary battle that may eventually be carried to the nation at large as an issue in a national political campaign. And that issue will be, if the P. & N. petition is not speedily granted, whether or not the railroads of the country can continue to their tortle competition and to dictate its own rates, with the stipulated consent and approval of a Republican administration.

But aside from any political significance which the hearing may have, it is of great interest to the state as a whole and of vital importance

Al to Surrender His Golden Smile

Al Smith's famous "golden smile" will soon be a thing of the past. Dentists will remove his elaborate display of gold crowns and bridgework to end his troubles with infected teeth. Enamel work will replace them.

DIFFERENCES OVER NAVAL LIMITATIONS CONFERENCE TOPIC

Hugh Gibson, Chief American Delegate, Held Conference Today With Two Delegates From Japan.

GREAT BRITAIN NOT REPRESENTED

Japan's Delegates Told of Difficulties Facing Plan But Offered to Do All Possible to Aid America.

Geneva, June 22.—(AP)—Hugh S. Gibson, chief American delegate held a private conversation with Admiral Viscount Saito and Viscount Ishii, of Japan, today on the problems raised by the big divergencies between the American, British and Japanese naval limitations projects.

W. C. Bridgeman, first lord of the British admiralty, found himself unable to attend this first private meeting because of a session of the Dominion delegates, but he was to see Mr. Gibson during the afternoon, and have a general talk.

The Japanese delegates told Mr. Gibson that it was difficult to discuss limitation of auxiliary naval vessels in terms of ratio, but assured him that Japan earnestly desires to reach an agreement, and believes one can be achieved if all the factors of the various nations were taken into consideration.

After the meeting the leaders denied a report that Viscount Saito had flatly notified the American delegate that Japan was unable to accept the 5-5-3 ratio for auxiliaries.

While the leaders were tackling the broad political aspects of the American, British and Japanese proposals, the naval experts of the three delegations met to begin a technical study of the three plans in order to ascertain the exact purpose of various phrases in them.

Rear Admiral Frank H. Scofield, the first of the three American experts present, is director of the war plans division of the navy department, while Captain Adolphus Andrews is commander of the submarine base at New London, Conn.

IDEAL WEATHER FOR GOLF TOURNEY TODAY

Match Play Started in Southern Golf Championship Series at Charlotte Country Club.

Charlotte, June 22.—(AP)—Ideal weather prevailed today as match play started to decide the sixteen who will compete in the first flight in the Southern Amateur Golf Tournament.

A warm sun shone over the course, and although the fairways were still damp from last night's rain they were not wet enough to cause trouble.

The gallery at No. 1 tee watching the players off was no larger than that of yesterday, but was expected to increase during the day.

Frank Dyers, Memphis medal round winner, has suddenly jumped to the fore as a gallery favorite and many were planning to follow him today.

The big blonde Memphis posed as for a picture before starting his match with G. Lagemarsino, Atlanta.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady Today at Unchanged Prices to Advance of 5 Points.

New York, June 22.—(AP)—The cotton market opened steady today at unchanged prices to an advance of 5 points, and sold about 6 to 7 points net higher in early trading, October advancing to 17.03 and January to 17.31.

There was buying on expectations of favorable features in the weekly report of the weather bureau, reports of further rains in the South, and relatively steady Liverpool cables, but the demand was not active and the advance was checked by realizing or liquidation.

There was some buying on the weekly weather report which mentioned the boll weevil situation and complaints of grassy fields, following rains or showers. October contracts sold up to 17.05, the market showing net advances of about 8 to 9 points, but attracted realizing or liquidation at these figures with prices later easing off to about or slightly below yesterday's closing quotations. At midday October was selling around 16.96, or about net unchanged.

Cotton futures opened steady: July 16.66; October 17.00; December 17.20; January 17.26; March 17.45.

Market Closed

January 17.34; July 17.70; October 17.07.

Hugh de Autremont Gets Life Term For Murder.

Jackeville, Oregon, June 21.—Hugh de Autremont, charged with the murder of Charles O. Johnson during the Siskiyou tunnel hold up in October, 1923, was found guilty by a jury here tonight. The jury fixed the penalty at life imprisonment.

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Sharp Shooters of State to Enter Meet

Guardsmen Will Participate in National Rifle Championship.

Raleigh, June 22.—North Carolina sharp shooters will again participate in the national rifle championship contests to be held at Camp Perry August 28th, it was announced today by General J. Van B. Metts, adjutant general N. C. N. G., and an effort is now being made to assemble the best rifle shots in the state from all the various national guard units into the team that will be sent to Camp Perry.

Last year no national championship contests were held, owing to lack of funds, since the federal government made no allowance in its appropriation for these contests," said General Metts, "but this year the appropriation has been restored and the contest will be resumed."

North Carolina has always been well represented at these rifle contests and her marksmen have always come home with a good score to their credit, General Metts said. And this year an intensive effort is to be made to assemble the best rifle team in the state's history.

The state will also be represented by a civilian rifle team, selected from the members of the University of North Carolina Rifle Club. General Metts announced, having forwarded its application for entry within the last two or three days. The team will be headed by B. B. Colburn, Jr., of Biltmore, the president of the club, who will also act as coach of the team. This rifle club at Chapel Hill, though a civilian organization, is known for its good marksmen and the state will have a double opportunity to "bring home the bacon" from Camp Perry.

Under the rulings of the war department each state is permitted to enter one civilian rifle team in the national championship contest, in addition to the teams representing its military organizations. Hence this team from the University rifle club is the only civilian team that can be entered from this state.

2,500 Searching for Negro.

Neb. N. C., June 22.—(AP)—An armed crowd of men estimated at around 2,500 at noon today had surrounded a woods near here eight miles west of Morganton, in search of Broadus Miller, negro, sought on charges of attacking and slaying Gladys Kincaid, 15-year-old Burke county girl.

A report reached Morganton at 10:20 o'clock this morning that the negro had been seen in this section and soon hundreds of men were en route.

Officers said they feared they could not control the crowd if the negro was captured.

"HUNGER CURE" FOR BARRICADED CONVICTS

Men Who Have Barricaded Themselves in Prison Cell Will Not Be Given Any Bread or Water.

Lansing, Kans., June 22.—(AP)—State penitentiary authorities today ordered that "hunger cure" treatment continued for the 328 convicts who barricaded themselves in the prison coal mine shortly before noon yesterday as a protest against refusal of a cigarette issue.

While officials expressed regret that the 14 guards held in the mine by the strikers would also suffer from hunger, they scented fears of relatives that the guards would be injured or mistreated in any way.

As the mutineers neared the end of their first 24 hours of self-imprisonment, deputy warden R. H. Hudspeth in charge gave no indication that overtures of any kind would be made to them.

"They'll come out when they are hungry enough," he told guards.

1,000 Miles in \$15 Ford.

Rock Hill, June 21.—Lindbergh and his "Spirit of St. Louis" have not a great deal upon Miss Marion Warner and her "Lizzie."

Miss Warner, who is director of physical education at the Whitcomb college summer school, has arrived in Rock Hill after a thousand-mile trip alone in a Ford car which she purchased for \$15 in her home city of Utica, N. Y., and which was greatly worn for age and wear.

She said that she and her "Lizzie" had never an attack of indignation and that she had not one flat tire on the entire trip.

Miss Warner last year was connected with the physical education department at Cornell university.

Ford Denies Specifications for New Car Have Been Made.

New York, June 21.—Edsel Ford, president of the Ford Motor company today issued a statement in which he declared that it was impossible at this time for any one to discuss with accuracy new models of automobiles to be manufactured by his company in the near future.

No statement as to details of the new cars has been made, he said.

CAN YOU SCORE TEN ON THESE?

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WEATHER
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