

N. C. WINS VICTORY ON FREIGHT RATES

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION GRANTS APPLICATION OF STATE.

DISPATCHES FROM RALEIGH

Doings and Happenings That Mark the Progress of North Carolina People Gathered Around the State Capitol.

Raleigh.

Special from Washington, says the interstate commerce commission granted the application of the Southern Railway, Atlantic Coast Line, C. & O., Norfolk & Western and Seaboard Air Line to establish through rates to North Carolina from Ohio river crossings and St. Louis, to take the place of rates now in effect on the eastern part of the state based on the through rate to Virginia cities to North Carolina; and to the western part of the state based on the through rate to Paint Rock, a point on the Southern Railway on the state line between Tennessee and North Carolina cities.

The commission in its decision states that the proposed rates will effect reductions averaging 10 per cent. The commission decided, however, the rates proposed through the Memphis gateway will be established as proportional rates only, applicable on business originating in territory west of the Mississippi river, and so limited in their application as to prevent increase or discrimination against intermediate points of origin.

This, while not giving the exact rates desired, was declared to be satisfactory by both the state commerce commission and attorneys for North Carolina shippers and the railroads when the suggestion was offered by the commission at the hearing.

Officials of the Southern Railway declared that they believed they could arrange to put the new tariffs in effect within 60 days.

This would require the publication of the proposed new rates and their filing with the commission within 30 days, as the law requires 30 days' notice of new rates.

Tobacco Sales For February.

Loose leaf tobacco sales on the North Carolina markets dwindled to 9,912,700 pounds for February, this year, a big reduction from the January sales, but more than twice as much as the total sales for February of last year, which totaled only 4,354,145 pounds. Winston-Salem led with 2,851,990 pounds and Durham was second with 961,427.

Other notable sales follow: Roxboro, 735,077; Oxford, 782,077; Reidsville, 641,294; Henderson 648,708; Rocky Mount, 442,936; Wilson, 454,169; Walnut Cove, 301,503; Warren, 266,732; Mount Airy, 275,758; Madison, 236,085; Mebane, 184,766; Louisburg, 184,689; Creedmoor, 150,739; Greenville, 170,866; Stoneville, 131,174 pounds.

Medical Society Cannot Change Date.

The executive committee and other officers of the North Carolina Medical Society conferred at length as to the possibility of the society changing the dates of its annual convention here in June so as not to conflict with the date of June 17, that the Democratic State Executive Committee has chosen for the State Democratic Convention, and finds that it is impossible to change the dates from June 16, 17 and 18. This means that it is up to the State Democratic Executive Committee to get together at least a "proxy meeting" and name another date, probably June 24, for the state convention.

Corn Clubs in Wake County.

Wake county at the present time has 215 boys enrolled in the corn club who will compete for prizes this year. This number is more than fifty more than any other county in the state, Richmond and Buncombe coming next in the order named. There are now more than three thousand boys enrolled in the clubs over the entire state.

Short Line Railway Men Meet.

There was an all-day conference here a few days ago of the North Carolina division of the Short Lines Association of the Railroads of the Southeast that was formed a year ago at a preliminary meeting in Atlanta, John E. Hancock of the North & South Carolina Railroad, Hamlet to Pee Dee, being the vice president for this state. The conference selected H. B. Edwards of the Atlantic & Western as secretary of the North and South Carolina division. There are 33 railroads that are members.

Press Association Meets June 24-25.

Raleigh.—The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Press Association in special session here decided to call the annual convention of the association for Wrightsville Beach, June 24 and 25, and to recommend to the association that the midwinter session be held in Raleigh. Committeemen here were Maj. H. A. London, Pittsboro; H. B. Varner, Lexington; J. J. Farris, High Point. Absentees were Secretary J. B. Sherrill, Concord; R. R. Clark, Statesville; D. T. Edwards, Kinston; J. H. Caine.

Committee Chose Conflicting Dates.

The State Democratic Executive Committee a few days ago elected Thomas D. Warren of Newbern chairman to succeed Charles A. Webb of Asheville, resigned, and selected June 17 as the date for the state convention and Raleigh as the place. Other business of importance to the party was transacted during a three-hour session.

The roll-call of the committee membership showed 52 members present in person or by proxy.

Next morning the people of Raleigh and remaining delegates awoke to the realization of the fact that the committee had been allowed to name a date for the Democratic State convention, June 17, that is in direct conflict with the State Convention of the North Carolina Medical Society that will have 600 or more delegates here June 16, 17 and 18.

The managers of the hotels insist that it will be impossible to take care of both conventions at the same time and the representatives of the Medical Society here insist that it is next to impossible to change the date for their convention on account of all arrangements being made for the state board to hold the examinations for medical licenses at that time and all stationary and other arrangements are made with relation to National and other related organizations.

The remedy for the tangle that seems most likely is one suggested by C. A. Webb, retiring state chairman, who suggested to Chairman Warren that he write to all the members of the State Democratic Executive Committee for their proxies to be used in a special meeting to fix another date for the state convention, this to be most likely June 24.

Chairman Warren and his advisors would look into the matter of dates and name the one deemed most generally satisfactory. Some suggest that it be held Thursday, June 11, the day after the unveiling of the Horne monument to the North Carolina Women of the Confederacy. No definite announcement can be made at this time, as everybody seems completely "up in the air" in regard to the matter.

The North Carolina Manual.

The State Historical Commission has just gotten from the press a North Carolina Manual 1913 that is a valuable publication of 1,053 pages substantially bound in cloth and admirably indexed and with subdivisions running up to "Part XVI." Some of the most notable features of the subdivisions are "The Legislative Department," "Executive Department," "Judicial Department," "Administration Department, Boards and Commissions," "State Educational Institutions," "Register of Colonial Officials 1663-1776," "Register of State Officials 1771-1813," and "North Carolina in the Federal Congress." There are also grouped the names of North Carolinians who have held Federal office from this state and those native North Carolinians who have held such offices from other states.

Three North Carolina Men Promoted.

Special from Washington says the Secretary of the Navy recently sent to the President with approval the reports of the examining board, recommending promotion of three North Carolinians from the grade of commander to captains, Victor Blue, chief of the bureau of navigation; Thomas Washington, member of the inspection board, and Archibald H. Scales, commandant of naval training station at Norfolk.

These three North Carolinians occupy three of the most important positions in the naval service. Commander Blue, who is head of the Bureau of Navigation, ranks as an admiral and is carried now on the honor list as a captain. He is an extra number because of distinguished service in the Spanish-American war.

Some New State Charters.

The Doughton mercantile Co., Doughton, Wilkes County, capital \$50,000 authorized, and \$6,000 subscribed by J. T. Miles, G. W. Lyon and others.

The Cabarrus Union Supply Company, Concord, capital \$25,000 authorized and \$5,800 subscribed by J. L. D. Barringer and others.

The Snow Mutual Telephone Co., Alamance County, capital \$5,000 authorized and \$1,200 subscribed for telephone lines in Alamance and adjacent counties.

The Waynick Paint & Oil Co., Greensboro, capital \$50,000 authorized, and \$5,500 subscribed by J. M. Waynick, L. A. Wachler and others.

The Royal Land & Investment Co., Charlotte, capital \$75,000 authorized, and \$20,000 subscribed by M. G. Hunter, W. D. Wilkinson and others.

The Deep Ford Rod & Gun Club, Lake Toxaway, chartered without capital by W. E. Breece, Charles E. Orr, J. W. Tinsdale, Jr., and others.

The Rosebud Mercantile Co., Roseboro, Sampson County, capital \$20,000 authorized, and \$1,400 subscribed by W. H. Howard and others.

Governor Issues Requisition.

Governor Craig issued a requisition on the Governor of Tennessee for C. D. Jones, who is a fugitive from this state under sentence from Mitchell county to 10 years in the state's prison for manslaughter in the killing of William Mathley in 1907. He served five years and escaped to Tennessee. He is applying to the Governor for a pardon on the ground that he has been sufficiently punished and that he really killed his victim while in an insane condition and after Mathley fired at him repeatedly.

TRADE COMMISSION BILL MADE PUBLIC

MEASURE APPROVED BY WILSON AND McREYNOLDS IS MADE PUBLIC.

SUPREME IN PUBLIC MATTERS

Measure Approved by Republican as Well as Democratic Members of the Committee.

Washington.—The interstate trade commission bill, bearing the approval of President Wilson and Attorney General McReynolds was made public, following many conferences among the members of the house interstate commerce committee. Democrats expect this measure to command substantial Republican support and an effort probably will be made soon to bring about concerted action between the senate and house on this phase of the administration program of commerce regulation and anti-trust legislation.

The new bill was unanimously agreed on by its framers, a subcommittee of Democrats and Republicans, headed by Representative Covington of Maryland, and it is approved by virtually the full committee.

"The whole theory of the creation of the commission," said Mr. Covington, "has been to make it an efficient, independent body. In most of the matters of publicity it has entire control of the facts gathered. Publicity is left to its discretion, and the bill contains ample authority for it to prevent the disclosure of those necessary trade secrets valueless to the public in promoting lawful competitive business, but which when disclosed simply afford opportunity for injurious use by competitors. Powers of investigation, safeguarded by proper constitutional limitations against unlawful searches and seizures, are taken under the control of the executive and given to this non-partisan body."

The bill would transfer all the powers and duties of the bureau of corporations and the commissioner of corporations to the proposed commission of three members, presidential appointees subject to confirmation, whose salaries would be \$10,000 annually each. Only two of the commissioners could be from the same political party.

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TEXAS RANGERS ON GUARD

Colquitt's "Army" Consists of Only Fifteen Men.

Austin, Texas.—The entire force of Texas Rangers, totaling at present fifteen mounted men, was assigned to duty on the 800 miles of Texas-Mexican border with the arrival of two rangers at Raymondville, Texas, in response to an appeal from fifty-three persons there for protection against cattle thieves and desperadoes.

Along with news of the rangers' disposition, Gov. O. H. Colquitt made public a lengthy list of the Texas border troubles on which his appeals for more power to protect the boundary have been based and which explain the nature of the rangers' activities.

These incidents show the rangers as peace officers; not as an armed power which might cause the United States government embarrassment.

The timely arrest of a cattle or a horse thief before he has time to escape into Mexico has ward-off more serious consequences, such as the killing of Clemente, Vergara, the American, which grew out of horse stealing. The records indicate also that while many of the lawbreakers have come across the border in raids from Mexico, some mischief-makers have been residents of American territory in sections where the Mexican population is large and have used Mexico as a refuge.

World's Record by Coast Artillery.

Tampa, Fla.—Announcement was made here of what is believed to be a new world's record in night target practice. The Eleventh company of the Coast Artillery guard at night fired seven shots at a range of 4,000 yards in one minute and fifty seconds, each shot taking effect. Captain Borebeck claims that the time consumed in making the seven effective shots is the shortest known in army practice.

Wave Whelms 1,000 Persons.

Ekaterinodar, Russia.—More than one thousand persons perished in the inundation of the towns of Stanitz and Achtyrskaja by a tidal wave from the sea of Azov. The wave struck the towns during a violent hurricane, that swept the province of Kuban. More than one hundred and fifty persons also were drowned in floods in Yasenokaja. A dam collapsed in the town of Temryuk on the Taman peninsula, 98 miles northwest of this city, flooding the greater part of the city and drowning many persons.

U. S. Postmaster Slain by Outlaws.

San Diego, Cal.—The United States customs office and postoffice at Tecate was burned and the postmaster, Frank V. Johnston, was shot dead by three bandits, according to advices received here. Warren Widenback was wounded. Observers of the tragedy say the bandits were Mexicans. A charred American flag was found in the ruins of Johnston's store, which also was the customs office and postoffice. Johnston was shot through the heart when he refused to give the combination of the safe.

WILLIAM PHILLIPS



Mr. Phillips has been selected to succeed Dudley Field Malone as third assistant secretary of state, a position he has filled before. In 1912 he resigned to become secretary of the Harvard university corporation. He has had considerable experience in the diplomatic service.

TROOP ORDERED TO BORDER

TROOPS WILL RELIEVE CAVALRY AT EL PASO AND AT LAREDO.

Seventeenth Infantry at Fort McPherson and Ninth Infantry Ordered in Readiness.

Washington.—Two regiments of infantry were ordered by the war department to the Mexican border. The seventeenth, now stationed at Fort McPherson at Atlanta, and the ninth, stationed at Fort Logan H. Root, Arkansas, will go to El Paso and Laredo, and relieve the cavalry now there.

Col. John T. Van Orsdale is eligible for retirement and his successor has not yet been named.

Lieut. Col. Henry D. Styer will be temporarily in command of the regiment. Colonel Van Orsdale's number will fall to Col. George W. McIver, now stationed at Manila, P. I.

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Senator Sheppard wanted the additional troops sent to patrol the border.

Since the dash of the Texas rangers across the international border to recover the body of Clemente Vergara, the American ranchman, there has been uneasiness in administration circles. Serious consequences might follow a dash by Texas into Mexico or Mexicans into Texas.

Secretary Garrison issued this statement:

"To allay as far as possible the fears of the people on the border, the president took up with me the question of sending some additional troops there. As a result, I have ordered that the seventeenth infantry and the ninth infantry be sent there. The seventeenth infantry is now at Fort McPherson, Georgia, and the ninth infantry is now at Fort Logan H. Root, Arkansas, and Fort Thomas, Kentucky. They will be stationed at present at Eagle Pass and Laredo, and the cavalry now at those places will be relieved for more extended border work."

The orders for the dispatch of two more regiments to Texas will result in the assembly in that state of nearly 18,000 troops, more by 3,000 than the entire force of the regular army that Shafter led into Cuba. Nearly 11,000 soldiers are in camp at Texas City, under command of Brigadier General Funston of Philippine fame. The others are scattered along the border from Brownsville, Texas, to Nogales, Ariz.

Flying Kite Makes Atlanta Dark.

Atlanta.—Boys flying a big cord kite with a long tail and cutters on the end of it, put Atlanta in darkness for more than forty minutes and threatened to tie up traffic. It was between 3:30 and 4:30 o'clock when the lights went out. Investigation by inspectors of the Georgia Railway and Power company showed that the switches at the Ashby street station were burned out, possibly because of the extra heavy load thrown on them when the kite pulled down wires in the neighborhood of the Davis street school.

Guns and Axes Used to Kill Elephant

Hartsville, S. C.—A large elephant which escaped from a circus train said to have been wrecked on the Seaboard Air Line was killed in the woods about six miles from here by a party of men who, in a long chase, used shotguns, rifles and axes in dispatching the mammal. Excitement was intense and there were many wild, but baseless, rumors of damage done by the beast. An effort was made to have the local militia ordered out to protect the inhabitants from the elephant.

REMARKS IN JEST, SAYS AMBASSADOR

ASKED BY SECRETARY OF STATE BRYAN FOR AN EXPLANATION OF SPEECH.

CLAIMS HE WAS MISQUOTED

Declares Condensed Report Caused Americans to Misinterpret Meaning.

London.—Ambassador Walter Hines Page received from Secretary of State Bryan notification of the resolution of the United States senate in regard to his speech on the Panama canal and the Monroe doctrine delivered before the Association of the Chamber of Commerce.

The secretary of state requested the ambassador to cable an explanation of the speech, and Mr. Page immediately began the preparation of his reply.

After reading fuller accounts of the proceedings in the senate, Ambassador Page came to the conclusion that the senators had been misled by the excessive condensation of his remarks in regard to his interpretation of the Monroe doctrine.

ELEANOR WILSON TO WED

President's Youngest Daughter and the Secretary of Treasury to Marry.

Washington.—The president and Mrs. Wilson announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Eleanor Randolph, to Hon. William Gibbs Mc-

MISS ELEANOR WILSON.



She Will Be a June Bride.

Adoo. This announcement was issued at the white house by Secretary Tamm after a day of speculation in capital, official and society circles over the prospects for another white house wedding in June.

The youngest of the family, Miss Eleanor, is said to be her father's pet. For weeks there have been rumors that the president's daughter and the secretary of the treasury would be married soon, and there has been no denial that an announcement could be expected. The exact date of the wedding is not known, but it is generally believed it will be in June.

Hunt for Pirate Gold.

New Orleans.—Hunt for the treasure of the pirate, Jean LaFitte, is supposed to have buried in the swamp lands of Louisiana during his successful operation on the gulf coast has been renewed and this time by two parties of gold seekers. Charles Tenney Jackson, a novelist, and Frederick W. McKenzie form one party which left for the swamps where they said they would try to find the treasure. A story accredited to Jackson is that in 1911 he met an old man who gave him a rude map showing the location

Car Bandits Shoot Engineer.

Peoria, Ill.—Arthur Fisher, a Chicago and Northwestern railroad freight engineer, was shot and instantly killed in the cab of his engine near Manlius, Ill., 45 miles north of Peoria, by bandits who were surprised while stealing merchandise from the freight train. A deputy sheriff, in pursuit of the band, was shot through the head and may die. The station agent at Langley, Ill., was shot in the arm and the fireman on the freight train was shot through the leg.

LEONE GEORGES REBOUX



Mme. Rebox, the most beautiful woman in France, is now making a tour of the United States and expresses herself as being delighted with the country.

WANTS MORE TRADE FOR U. S.

MARITIME TRADE IS NEEDED BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Secretary Redfield Pleads for More Liberal Laws in Regards to Transports.

New York.—Secretary of Commerce Redfield, in an address before the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, urged the enactment of more liberal laws to permit the United States to regain its maritime trade.

"The success of American-owned vessels on the Great Lakes has been remarkable," he said. "It is a fact that more vessels pass through the river and canal which unites Lake Huron and Superior than through the Suez canal."

"In all that has been said about the Panama canal, one great factor has been forgotten. The canal will make it possible for vessels to make profitable a continuous journey around the world. In other words, precisely as a train which may empty and refill itself several times en route, operates at a special profit, so vessels that may circumnavigate the globe, loading and reloading, may find special profits in the process."

"The carrying of our exports had provided golden harvests for the foreign ship owners. If we can apply to ocean transport the same American ideas in specialized ships which have been such a brilliant success on the Great Lakes, there is little doubt of our doing as well on the sea."

FUTURE CONTRACTS LEGAL

New York Cotton Brokers Win Suit for \$16,000.

New Orleans.—The United States court of appeals at New Orleans handed down a decision in the case of Haven & Clement, brokers on the New York cotton exchange, against D. W. James of Blakely, Ga.

This suit was brought by the New York brokers in the United States district court at Columbus, Ga., some ten years ago, and has ever since been stubbornly litigated through the various United States courts, reaching, finally, the circuit court of appeals in New Orleans.

The opinion is of general interest for the reason that it sustains, in effect, the validity of the New York cotton exchange contract system. The plaintiffs obtained a verdict for \$16,000 in the court below, which was taken up to the higher court for reversal by the defendant, Mr. James, on the proposition chiefly that it was a New York futures deal transaction, and therefore void. The decision in favor of the plaintiff therefore in effect sustains the validity of the future contract system of the New York cotton exchange.

Linters to Be Barred.

Washington.—Future annual reports of the census bureau on the quantity of cotton ginned will not, as heretofore, include the quantity of linters in the total production of cotton for the crop, but will relate only to lint cotton. This change in the method of publishing the statistics of cotton was announced by Director Harris of the census bureau, and will be effective beginning with the next report on March 20. Information as to the production of linters will be given in a foot-note.

Rules for Long Life by Senator Tillman

Washington.—Senators are discussing with unusual interest Senator Tillman's declaration in his address on his non-smoking resolution, that he believed he could lengthen the life of every man in the chamber "if I could only get them to believe what I tell them and follow my advice." The South Carolina senator said his colleagues ate too much. "Since I was paralyzed four years ago and read my own obituary," he said, "twenty-one senators, including Vice President Sherman, have died."