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Norfolk's Future Is Threatened, Is Claim

Norfolk, Va., July 20.—In conformity with an order from the Interstate Commerce Commission to formulate and prevent a revised system of freight rates in the South, the railroads operating in southeastern territory have proposed a general advance in the freight rates to and from Virginia points. The increases vary from fractional advances applicable to certain points, and on lower classes of freight, to increases which are almost staggering in their severity.

The story is almost everywhere the same. It is proposed to advance the freight rates between Virginia cities and Memphis and other Mississippi river crossings; between Virginia cities and New Orleans, Mobile, Pensacola and other Gulf ports; between Virginia cities and Charleston, Savannah and other South Atlantic ports between Virginia cities and Atlanta, Augusta, Montgomery, Birmingham, Nashville, Chattanooga and interior cities; between Virginia cities and South Carolina and Georgia points generally. There are two or three exceptions in which there would be reductions; they are so few as to prove negligible.

Of a far-reaching are the proposed changes that the use of any single illustration conveys to the reader's mind only a small part of the whole. Suppose that all house deliveries of retail sales in Norfolk are made by transfer companies, no stores making their own deliveries. Suppose the transfer companies increase their charges for deliveries to all homes north of Twelfth street. The increase in the charge more than wipes out the profit on the goods. The result of this is that retail merchants must either establish branch houses north of Twelfth street, or move their main stores there or quit doing business north of Twelfth street.

Or suppose some economic condition which would require every Granby street merchant to raise his prices to a point of prohibitive to the producer. The private citizen does not desire to sever his long-time habit of dealing on Granby street, but he is obliged to do so because of the new situation. Granby street would soon be deserted as a retail shopping center.

These illustrations are intended to show, in an imperfect way, what will happen to the commerce of Virginia if the proposals of the carriers are adopted by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Business relationships that have existed for half a century will be severed. That intangible, and yet actual, value known as good will must be written off to profit and loss overnight.

It is not the jobber alone who will suffer from such a readjustment of the transportation situation. The retailer is affected; the banks would seriously feel the loss; every individual in the Virginia communities has an interest in the outcome.

Not alone is an increase in rates in issue, for the country has been subjected to large general increases and business has survived the shock. In the cost of transportation it is very often the relationship that counts. For instance, the present rate between Norfolk and Atlanta is lower than the rate between Cincinnati and Atlanta. It is proposed to increase the rate between Norfolk and Atlanta and decrease the rate between Cincinnati and Atlanta, so that the latter will be lower than the Norfolk rate. Therefore, on the same commodity, an Atlanta consignee, who has the choice, would be likely to buy in Cincinnati or Louisville, whereas now, other things being equal, and when the difference in freight is the controlling factor, he buys in Norfolk.

Again, it is proposed to make the rates throughout the southeast on a dry-land basis, almost eliminating lower rates which result from water competition. If this is done, it means heavy increases in rates to and from the ports, and necessarily there must be corresponding increases to and from interior points which have been affected by competitive conditions along the coast and on the rivers. Virginia's situation is such that, in the nature of things, her cities, both coastal and inland, must, in the event the carriers' proposals are adopted, suffer from this part of the projected readjustment. Norfolk would be especially hard hit.

It will be the purpose of these articles to show in what ways the commerce of Virginia is threatened and the attempt will be made to state it in non-technical language which may be understood by those not familiar with the terms commonly used in discussing traffic problems.

BOLL WEEVIL NOW IN PITT COUNTY

Greenville, N. C., July 20.—At last the boll weevil has entered into the borders of Pitt county. This was first learned when the result of his work was seen on the farm of Frank Johnston near Grifton, where punctured squares are falling from the cotton plants. While none of the grown insects have been seen, still some of the small one have been found on the inside of some of the punctured squares, which is proof enough that he is here. Mr. Pace, the county agent, was in the Grifton section and said that the boll weevil was on Mr. Johnston's farm. It is also understood that the insects are at work on other farms in the same community.

HOME BUREAU DAY AT FARM CONVENTION

Wednesday August 2 is to be Home Bureau day at the Farm Women's Convention, Raleigh. Delegates from home bureau organizations throughout the state will be present to report on the activities of the thousands of farm women who are enrolled in the county organizations under the direction of Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon and her staff of county home agents.

On Tuesday, the first day of the convention, the farm women will have joint sessions with the men and will also put on a program of their own including an address by Mrs. Charles Schuler, of Farmington, Mo., who will tell North Carolina farm women what organization has done for the women of the central states. Mrs. Schuler, herself a farm woman, is recognized as a national leader and is always in demand at conventions.

The women's program includes demonstrations in choosing and making clothes, in which live models will be on exhibit, and in addition to information on canning, gardens, poultry and the family cow, will include many features about making the home a more comfortable place in which to live.

Each night the women and the men will gather for discussions on problems of county life, the home, church and school which follow community singing. The program also includes a play, "The Lion and the Lady" which will be put on by the Raleigh Community Players. Rooms for women are provided in the college dormitories without charge, with meals served in the dining hall for 50 cents each. It is necessary to bring towels and sheets, but other things are provided. The railroads are offering reduced rates for the three days and a hearty welcome is assured all farm women who come to Raleigh.

A PLEASANT CALLER

Mr. William Mizelle of Bear Grass made The Enterprise office a very pleasant call Thursday. "Uncle Billy" celebrated his seventy-eighth birthday on Monday and seems to be in fine spirits and very active. He is distinctively of the old type of citizen, who doesn't believe in trying more than you can do or neglecting the little things in life. He is not very much pleased with the No Fence Law as he has always been used to the lowing cattle, thinking of their bells, and the bleating of the sheep that have grazed and roamed the big woods in his section. He feels that not only has the farmer lost just a bit of his privilege, but the cows and sheep have lost a lot of sweet tender grass, and the pigs much rooting ground and many acorns. His objection is not indicated by rashness, but in the humble spirit of a good law abiding citizen who always yields to the law of the land.

STRIKE MAKES BUSINESS DULL

Richmond, Va., July 20.—A number of Richmond merchants state that trade conditions here are being greatly affected by the strike of railroad shopmen. Members of strikers' families are reported as doing little buying since the walkout began. Meanwhile the strikers are as orderly as possible and are assembling daily at headquarters to hear reports and discuss the situation. Many of the strikers live in South Richmond and merchants there say business has been dull ever since the railroad shopmen quit work.



FINGERPRINT BOSS'S NOSE

Gone are the days when the old ranch smells of burning flesh as the boys stamp home the brand of "Circle X." No more will bossy have to submit to a painful week

22 RECEIVE DIPLOMAS IN B. Y. P. U. WORK

A training class for the workers of the B. Y. People's Union was held last week at the Baptist Church by Mr. Davis, one of the field workers for the State B. Y. P. U. Two classes were held daily for five days. Juniors meeting in the afternoon and the Seniors in the evening. The students were unusually successful, practically every one making 100 per cent on the numerous tests given. Diplomas to twenty two graduates will be presented Sunday morning by the pastor at the 11 o'clock service. The work of the Unions for the past six months has been particularly gratifying, and it is confidently expected that the benefit derived from the training class will increase their efficiency.

RAILROAD AND COAL STRIKE SUMMARY

(By The Associated Press) Eastern Railway executives went to Washington to confer with members of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee. With peace negotiations apparently halted, attention was directed to efforts of railroads to effect settlements. Eastern executives meeting in New York issued a statement maintaining that the strike is aimed at the government and not the railroads. Strike ballots were sent to clerks and freight handlers on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad. Many trains were added to the list of those annulled by various roads because of the shopmen's strike and coal shortage.

BEARS PLENTIFUL

Bears are plentiful in these parts now. Tuesday there was one killed by Zeb Price near his home. On Wednesday there were two huns, one brunn felled near D. R. Mizelle's and another near G. A. Baynor's killed by S. L. Ellis and C. C. Coltrain respectively.

NOTICE

We will run our market only Fridays as the road building blocks the traffic.

Respectfully, NEWTON AND MANNIG

TO CELEBRATE WHEN BRIDGE IS COMPLETED

A LETTER FROM THE HON. F. D. WINSTON OF BERTIE IN REGARD TO CELEBRATION

Dear Editor: It is generally understood that the completion of "the bridge" will be celebrated. Bertie is vitally interested in that event; equally so with Martin, and the whole state equally interested with both. I have asked the liberty of inviting the Tide-Water Automobile Association of Virginia and the Chambers of Commerce of Norfolk, Suffolk and Franklin to be present. I set one thousand automobiles as the minimum from Virginia. An event of that size will require minute organization. When and where shall the counties have a meeting to select those to have the matter in charge? This affair is too big to run itself. The sooner a definite date is set and the committees are at work the larger will be the occasion. Bertie is ready to attend a meeting anywhere. Notify me.

SANDY RIDGE NEWS

Mrs. S. H. Hopkins spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. C. A. Pate. Mrs. R. D. Jones visited Mrs. Slade Revels Sunday afternoon. Mr. Frank Hopkins was the guest of Miss Roland Godard Sunday night. Misses Katie M. Cherry and Fannie Roberson spent Saturday night with Miss Louallie Reddick.

NEWS FROM THE BOYS AT CAMP GLENN

The boys from Williamston at Camp Glenn have not been ordered to do guard work at any of the railroad centers as yet. They do not expect to have to go on account of their lack of training. Their company had the misfortune to lose its Captain and the work was held up for some time. The boys have been out on the rifle range for several days this week, but they have returned to camp now. One poor homesick lad writes his mother that he has not had but five hours sleep a day since he left home and that he has to walk guard all night long most every night. He also says that he is tired of Army food. Unless the boys are called out before Monday they will return on Monday next.

SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH

A. V. Joyner, Pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a. m.—J. C. Anderson, Supt. We shall miss you if you are not present. Sermon by the pastor 11 a. m.—Subject: "Elijah and the Falling Brook." At 3:30 in the afternoon the pastor will preach at Biggs School House. B. Y. P. U. 7:30. Sermon by the Pastor 8:15 p. m.—Subject: "This man Christ Jesus." Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 8:15. You are cordially invited to attend all these services.

BIG STILL CAPTURED EARLY THIS MORNING

This morning about nine o'clock Sheriff H. T. Roberson with Federal agents, T. W. Snell and E. R. Jackson of Washington county made a raid on the Ballard farm in Poplar Point township and found on the edge of a swamp a sixty gallon still operating. They saw a negro traveling at a rate of speed akin to lightning across hill and dale for safety. He was too far away to be shot at effectively and was not known by the officers. Sheriff Roberson says that the distillers were warned by the firing of a shot gun, and believes the signal was given by a white man. Five hundred gallons of rum mash were found and one hundred gallons of apple and sugar mash, the latter was to make brandy which has a more popular demand than the molasses rum. The Federal agents are making a heavy offensive against the law violators in this county and it is hoped that some of our veteran blockaders will be brought to justice during their campaign.

Locals and Personals

Miss Louise Stanton of Wilson is the guest of Miss Nell Wynne at her home on West Main Street. Messrs. J. G. Staton, Clayton Moore and John L. Rodgerson have returned from a business trip to Richmond. Mr. Clyde Evert of Robersonville was in town last night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mizelle and little Billy Norman of Robersonville were here this afternoon. Miss Virgin Foxworth left this morning for her home at Marion, South Carolina.

Mr. Noah Daniel of Griffins was in town for a few hours today. Misses Martha Simmons Mizelle and Mary White will leave Sunday for Wrightville Beach. They will be joined in Rocky Mount by Mr. Roy Ward.

Miss Millie Spruill will leave for her home in Roper tomorrow after visiting Mrs. Osear Anderson for several days. Miss Spruill will teach again in the local schools in the primary department. Her many friends and pupils are glad she will be here during the coming year.

Mrs. Lawrence Peel and daughter who have been visiting relatives in Suffolk are expected home in the next few days. Mr. Julius Hardison has been in town today attending to business.

The condition of little Francis Peel, who has been very ill with typhoid fever, is much improved now. Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Barnes and little daughter of Norfolk were here for a few days this week. Mr. Barnes is remembered by some of the residents of the town having lived here some few years ago. Since leaving here he has been married six times, and he is a comparatively young man now.

Governor Morrison To Open Farm Convention August 1st

COOPERATIVE DAY AT FARM CONVENTION

Cooperative Marketing is to be featured on Thursday August 3, the third day of the Farm Convention at Raleigh. Among the speakers who will tell how cooperative marketing is working in North Carolina are: B. W. Kilgore, representing the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association; G. A. Norwood, president of the tri-state Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association; Robert N. Page, representing the sandhill peach growers; and C. D. Matthews, state horticulturist, who will speak for the organized fruit and truck growers of the state.

The complete program which has just been issued includes names of men from other states who have made reputations in the field of agriculture, while the leaders of North Carolina are also on the program for a series of talks and demonstrations that will be of practical value to every farmer who attends. Among the many subjects to be covered are: Cotton dusting for the control of the boll weevil; Grass and pastures for eastern North Carolina; better seed; control of plant diseases and insects; soil fertility and soybeans. Poultry equipment is to be on display along with many other exhibits of practical value.

Postmaster General Work has tendered the use of the post office radio station at Washington, D. C., over which some of the national officials will speak to the convention. The State College has made arrangements to receive these messages over its own apparatus so that all can hear. Special rates on the railroads are expected to help make this years convention a record breaker in attendance, but arrangements are made to take care of all farmers and their families who attend. The program assures all of three full days of entertainment and instruction.

ANOTHER STILL IS CAPTURED TODAY

About noon today Sheriff Roberson and Federal agents Jackson and Snell of Plymouth made their second raid for the day. They went over to Williams township in a stretch of woods in front of the homes of Dan and Henry Moore and found a seventy-five gallon copper outfit. There was no beer but about eight or ten empty barrels that had been used in the brewing. There was no one anywhere around and it looked as if no one had been around recently. The still was under cover of some bushes, but when they found the place where the work was done it was easy to trace the outfit for they had used the same hiding place so long they had worn down the grass and made a path.

ANOTHER STORM DOES DAMAGE IN RICHMOND

Richmond, Va., July 20.—Another rainstorm in this section of the state did some damage, but little loss resulted compared with that of last Thursday night, when there was a deluge that flooded the city's streets, wrecked many stores in the old flood district and menaced the lives of hundreds of persons. About 2:30 in the afternoon heavy clouds gathered over the city and suddenly there were severe winds that blew down signboards along Broad street and other thoroughfares. Street cars were lighted and their head lights helped prevent accidents where there was great quantities of dust. By 3 o'clock there was a heavy downpour of rain. Broad street looked like it was being visited by a cyclone so great was the storm, but it lasted only a short while.

Plan Development of Roaring Gap. Winston-Salem, N. C. — Local promoters have decided to form a corporation with \$40,000 capital, buy a thousand acres of land around Roaring Gap hotel, in Alleghany county, which was destroyed by fire in 1914, and build a modern resort hotel, golf course and cottages.

Confident Congress Will Act. Aberdeen, Washington.—The tariff bill pending in the senate will pass when congress resumes work after the recess and its passage will be followed by the adoption of the soldiers' bonus bill, according to Representative J. W. Fordney, of the House Ways and Means committee, who is here on business and to visit relatives. The tariff bill will not be greatly modified by the senate, Mr. Fordney predicted. He expressed confidence that President Harding would end the railroad strike in quick fashion.

Governor Cameron Morrison will open the Farmers and Farm Women's Convention with an address at noon on Thursday August 1, according to the completed program which is now in press. On the program for the first day in addition to governor Morrison are some of the most noted leaders in agriculture including G. K. McClure of the Farmers Federation which has been so successful in handling the marketing of farm products in Buncombe county, N. C.; and John R.H. Utherson, Director of the Virginia Agricultural Extension Service. The American Farm Bureau is sending one of its best speakers in L. R. Pollock who will give tar heel farmers information about how the farm bureau federation is solving the marketing and legislative problems in other states.

At the close of the first days program comes the big community sign after which there will be a social hour with music and free punch on the State College grounds.

Railroads have announced special reduced rates for the three day convention and since the State College is to furnish free lodgings and meals at fifty cents in the college dining hall it is expected that the attendance this year will break all records. W. W. Shay, secretary of the convention, says that it offers a profitable and economical vacation for farmers and their family since there will be something on the program of interest to all.

BUSINESS IS GOOD—WHY?

Business is good. What makes it good? Money is "easier," they say. It is the same money that was "tight" six months ago. What has made it "easier" now? Do you really want to know what has made it "easier"? Then here is the answer: A group of men wired and phoned to all Federal Reserve centers in the early part of May, 1920—"The tie-up comes on the 15th." That is exactly how "deflation" came, by the decision and order of a private group. It was not a "deflation of the currency" but a deflation of the people. These same men recently said "Let's ease up a little; tell them to come in and borrow some money." And then all of a sudden "business is good." The business was always there—waiting. Men, materials, need, all there; but no money. The money all there, too, but not "easy."

Some people rub their heads when they try to understand the Money Question. Let them be warned: don't try to understand it; no one understands it; our present system is so irrational as to baffle rational minds; financiers themselves don't understand it, they only play it. If the Money Brokers can induce you to try to "understand" the Monetary System, then they have you tied up for the rest of your life.

A. C. L. EMBARGO FROM GOLDSBORO

Goldsboro, N. C., July 20.—Announcement today that the plants of the enterprise Whiteville Lumber Co., would close down Saturday night and the threatened shutting down of their manufacturing enterprises in Goldsboro, following the placing of an embargo by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad on all shipments beyond Rocky Mount.

Until last night, only one concern had definitely decided to shut down until the strike situation is relieved. The embargo, however, which applies to shipments originating here and south of here, has made it necessary for other manufacturing plants to route shipments by the Southern to Greensboro and to Norfolk over the Norfolk Southern.

At Mount Olive it was reported that truck shipments, to a large extent, are being held up but this is not near so heavy a loss as is the possible tie-up of the peach crop.

The closing down of lumber mills and manufacturing plants here and in this section will mean the throwing out of employment hundreds of men.

STOCK CONTINUES TO RISE

Railroad stock goes up while the strike rages. This is proof that the money people know the strike will not hurt their property. They are capitalizing the strike to take off trains and to hold up high freight and passenger charges. The strike will soon be settled. Labor get its demands generally. The railroads are building up sympathy and after yielding they will charge everything up to the people.

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