

# COURT UPHOLDS STATION ORDER

COMMISSION HAS POWER TO REQUIRE CONSTRUCTION OF STATION

## TO START OPERATIONS SOON

Case Originated in 1914 With Order of Commission For Establishment of Union Station at Selma.

Raleigh. The Supreme Court upheld the hands of the State Corporation Commission when it directed the Southern Railway and the Atlantic Coast Line, the latter by agreement and consent, to proceed at once with the erection of a union depot at Selma as ordered in 1914 by the Corporation Commission. The Court, in an opinion written by Associate Justice Walker, affirmed Judge Cramer, of Wake Forest Superior Court, who, at the instance of the Corporation Commission, directed a mandamus at the two railroads, ordering the construction of the joint station and at the same time denied the motion for a certiorari made by counsel for the railroads, for the purpose of bringing the action into Superior Court for review.

The original order of the Commission, made in 1914, was held up during the stringency of the war period and its recent renewal by the Commission brought on strenuous opposition on the part of the Southern. The Atlantic Coast Line took the position through counsel that it was prepared to proceed as soon as the Atlantic Coast Line was ready.

"In no view we are entitled to take of this case," said Justice Walker, "can we decide that there was any error in the well considered decision of Judge Cramer requiring the judgment of the Commission to be enforced by peremptory writ of mandamus."

"It is therefore our conclusion," he adds, after an exhaustive opinion, "that there was no error in the judgment of the lower court as rendered by Judge Cramer and we must therefore affirm it and as suggested in the Selma Railway connection case, 137 N. C. 1, this court has the power, if it elects, to enter judgment here, instead of remanding the case at the present time.

"It is therefore ordered that final judgment be entered here to the effect that a peremptory mandamus be issued from this court compelling the respondents, the Southern Railway Company and the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company (by its consent and agreement) to comply at once with the judgment of the State Corporation Commission and any order heretofore made by it in aid of said enforcement and the said defendants (the railroad companies) will prosecute the work of constructing said station and in other respects as designated in the order of the Commission with reasonable diligence until the same is finally completed. And for the present, at least, this cause will be retained in this court for such further orders and directions as in the opinion of the court may be required."

### Bureau For Deaf Begins Its Work.

James M. Robertson, chief of the Bureau for the Deaf, Department of Labor and Printing, has returned from Morganton, where he conferred with Superintendent W. McK. Goodwin, of the School for the Deaf, with reference to work and future conduct of the institution. The official experts to leave immediately on a visit to several cities in North Carolina to get in communication with deaf persons and to assist in securing work for those in need of employment.

"This bureau is not simply an employment bureau for the deaf," he stated. "In addition to finding work for the deaf, we are helping them in many other ways—at court, at funerals, in seeing that they are well housed; assisting deaf travelers en route to various destinations; in seeing that every advantage of education is given deaf children and in adjusting personal matters."

### Governor Pardons Winston-Salem Boy

John Mays, Winston-Salem negro, serving a sentence of five years in the State's Prison for manslaughter, was paroled by Governor Morrison upon recommendation of Judge J. L. Webb who tried him.

### Gaston Mill Adds to Capital.

The Art Cloth Mills of Gastonia filed an amendment to the charter increasing the capital from \$200,000 to \$1,500,000. E. L. Stone is president. Other corporations chartered were: D. F. Batts and Co., of Macleesfield, with \$10,000 authorized capital and \$1,000 subscribed by N. L. Aleock, Rocky Mount; W. O. Howard, Tarboro; and L. S. Walston, Macleesfield. Post Publishing Co., of Wilmington, with \$100,000 authorized capital and \$500 subscribed.

### Inheritance Tax to Supreme Court.

The question of the right of the State of North Carolina to collect inheritance taxes from a resident of another state who owns stock in a corporation chartered in another State but doing business in North Carolina was passed on to the State Supreme Court by Judge E. H. Cramer of Wake County Superior Court who held that the collection of such a tax from the estate of the late George Briggs, of Providence, R. I., was legal.

A matter of \$2,658.85 is involved in the case at bar, but a great deal more than that is at stake for the State because of the large number of corporations doing business in this State which are incorporated under the laws of other States and because of the prediction that this number will be greatly increased by virtue of the enactment by the last General Assembly of a law exempting stock in such corporations from taxation in the hands of the holder. Pou, Bailey and Pou, attorneys for the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company, the plaintiff in action, have announced that if necessary they will take the case to the Supreme Court of the United States.

The decedent, who had never lived in this State, was the owner at the time of his death of 300 shares of stock in the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., with its principal place of business in Winston-Salem but which is incorporated in New Jersey. The stock was valued at approximately \$250,000, but the tax was levied on only two-thirds of the amount, the percentage of the company's property in this State, the tax amounting to \$2,600.

The tax was paid under protest and suit was then brought for its recovery the tobacco company refusing under instructions from the State to transfer the share on its books pending payment of the tax. The case was argued before Judge Cramer by Pou, Bailey and Pou for the plaintiff and Assistant Attorney General Frank Nash for the State. The plaintiff took the position that since the holder lived out of the State and the corporation was chartered elsewhere that the tax was not in the jurisdiction of North Carolina. The State argued that regardless of where the stock was held that the property it represented is situated in this State and is a proper subject for taxation here.

Until this year the same rule has applied to ad valorem taxes of stocks of foreign corporations, that is stock has been exempted from foreign corporations having two-thirds of their property here. There has been no change in the inheritance tax laws, however.

### April 16-21 "Sweet Potato Week."

Designating the week of April 16 to April 21, as "Sweet Potato Week" in North Carolina, the agricultural extension service has issued an appeal urging every consumer to buy at least one bushel of sweet potatoes during this period.

As a reason for setting aside a week for a campaign of this kind, the officials stated farmers over wide areas in North Carolina have been forced to see new money crops on account of damage to cotton by the boll weevil and to tobacco by wilt disease. A large number of them, it was asserted, turned to the sweet potato and the production "has been somewhat out of proportion to the present demand."

"They now have a quantity of these potatoes on hand," officials said, "and it is absolutely necessary that some of the holdings be converted into cash before farming operations for the coming year can be financed."

"The division of markets is eager to find a market for this surplus of potatoes, especially in the stricken areas, because it realizes the plight that some of these persons find themselves in. The division has secured a list of parties from whom good sweet potatoes may be secured and grocery stores and other concerns desiring to stock up for "Sweet Potato Week" may get this list on application."

"Dealers will be asked to sell the potatoes at the lowest possible margin of profit and to depend on the quantity of sales to compensate for the extra trouble in pushing the product."

### State College Team Wins Trophy.

The State college team, captained by D. F. Duncan, of Edwards Cross Roads, and coached by Lieutenant L. A. Webb, U. S. A., won the senior division corps area gallery competition of the fourth corps area, for 1923, it was announced at the college. The Tech marksmen turned in a score of 6,632 out of a possible 7,000, while the team representing the University of Florida, the runner up, ranked second with a total score of 6,583. The handsome trophy, emblematic of the championship will be presented to the State college contingent at the R. O. T. C. encampment to be held in July at Camp McClellan, Alabama.

### Nation's League Branch Organized.

The North Carolina branch of the League of Nations Non-Partisan Association was organized in a meeting of friends of world peace in the municipal court room with Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, as president. Other officers elected were: Mrs. L. L. Hobbs, vice chairman; Dr. H. K. McIntyre, secretary, and Judge Gilbert T. Stephenson, treasurer.

Joseph Daniels, former Secretary of the Navy, presided at the organization meeting.

# Prominent People

## Barnes on World Financial Conference



Conclusions regarding Europe's economic problems, reached by the Rome congress of the international chamber of commerce, are fully endorsed by President Julius H. Barnes of the chamber of commerce of the United States. He says, among other things:

"The resolution adopted, while laying emphasis on the reparations question, expresses the conviction of the assembled business leaders of many nationalities that the related problems of the allied debts, national budgets, international credits and exchange, must be solved in one comprehensive whole. The international chamber expresses the view that a financial conference for a complete settlement is inevitable.

"There is a definite code of requirements essential to each phase of the settlements to be made. The reparations agreement must represent the determination of the aggressor nation in the great war to devote all of its resources to the utmost of its ability to fulfilling its obligations; while any plan of settlement must also assure hereafter the security of national frontiers, eliminating recurring alarms of war.

"Internally war debts must be maintained at a high standard among international obligations, which prohibits the general application of any principle of cancellation; but each debt should be surveyed with due regard for the ability of the debtor nation to pay. National budgets must insure governmental economy."

## Lord Robert Cecil Visits Us to Talk

Lord Robert Cecil is here on a visit of a month or more. He is the guest of the Foreign Policy association, and will deliver several addresses on the European situation. He is, however, most anxious that his visit shall not be supposed to be undertaken in a missionary spirit.



"I have been asked to speak on several matters on which I have special information," he said, but I hope it will not be thought that I am interfering in American politics or am coming to preach the League of Nations."

Few names in British history are better known than Cecil. There are Cecils dotted through British history as regularly as bank holidays. One of Lord Robert's forefathers was prime minister to Queen Bess in the days when a Spanish armada set sail for the Cliffs of Dover. Two more grandfathers, one on another's heels, served Queen Victoria as premier and president of the privy council. Today, in the present generation, there are five Cecil brothers living—all prominent. One, eldest and heir to the title "Marquis of Salisbury," is a famous Tory—lord president of the council in the new cabinet of Bonar Law. Altogether it is a spectacular family.

## Work Affecting the Whole Community



Two Olsons in Chicago—United States District Attorney Edwin A. Olson and Chief Justice Harry Olson of the municipal courts—are especially active just now in work that affects the welfare of many people. The district attorney is engaged in a special campaign against "dope" peddlers and dealers in illegal narcotics. He is working in accordance with special instructions from Washington, the result of a conference with Rush L. Holland, personal representative of Attorney General Daugherty.

Chief Justice Olson of the municipal courts (portrait herewith) has just announced that the police department of Chicago have begun keeping watch on the homes and relatives of mentally unbalanced persons who pass through the psychopathic laboratory.

"We will do this out of kindness, not in anger," he said. "A mentally deficient person is sick. You would not expect a cripple with only one leg to walk normally. Neither should you expect one with a part of his brain gone to behave in a rational manner."

Then the chief justice said that most of the offenders brought to court were suffering from hereditary mental troubles, and he declared that it lay in the power of the courts and the police to correct them in the future before they did another wrong.

Judge Olson added that it was also part of police duty to locate members of the unfortunate's family, to learn if others also were afflicted. He said many schools and churches were aiding him in this work.

## Congress May Investigate Fascisti Here

Denouncing the organization of the Italian Fascisti in the United States as "reprehensible to the best American institutions," Senator William J. King, Democrat, of Utah said that the next congress would be asked to investigate the "black shirt" movement.



"For naturalized Italians to join such alien organizations is to betray their loyalty to the American constitution and for unnaturalized Italians to join is a betrayal of our hospitality," King said. "Such an organization as the 'black shirts' cannot exist in the United States and will not exist even if a congressional investigation is necessary to stop it."

"I think, however, the movement will die without official action. This organization, based primarily on principles of force and usurpation of authority, utterly conflicts with our own principles of liberty and government by the ballot. Our own institutions afford adequate protection of life, property and pursuit of happiness and there is no room in America for alien institutions such as the Fascisti.

"If its organization has grown formidable by December I will ask for a congressional investigation so the non-naturalized aliens in back of it can be reported."

# MERCHANT MARINE TO BE MAINTAINED

NOTICE SERVED FOLLOWING CONFERENCE AT WHITE HOUSE.

## "IS TO BE A GOING CONCERN"

"Chief End to Be Sought is the Establishment and Maintenance of Merchant Marine."

Washington.—Notice was served on all concerned after a two-hour conference at the White House that the American merchant marine is to be maintained as a going concern, either under private supervision or under a straight-out policy of government ownership and government operation.

The statement was made at the White House that President Harding and members of the shipping board who met with him to consider the shipping situation were unanimous in their opinion that "the chief end to be sought is the establishment and maintenance of the American merchant marine."

"The statement from the conference," said Chairman Laaker later, "means simply this: American and foreign shipping interests may be assured that so far as this generation can see ahead there will be adequate American tonnage to carry any cargo offered to any sort of the world."

With the conviction that private operation has not yet been relegated to the list of impossible things the conference determined upon one more attempt to turn over established routes to private ownership. As an initial step, the forty existing routes will be consolidated to insure more economical and efficient operation, and then will be offered for sale as going concerns, practically at auction but with the stipulation that only "justifiable" bids will be considered. A condition of all sales will be that the vessels concerned be kept on their present routes.

The consolidation is expected to remove one of the principal handicaps under which the board has labored in its dealings with government operators. An example was cited in the case of certain routes out of New York. An operator running ships to Amsterdam, it was pointed out, might have an outward cargo and the opportunity to pick up return freight at Rotterdam, but would be unable to avail himself because of the existence of a separate route from New York to Rotterdam. The consolidation will combine routes to adjacent foreign ports under a single head with the view of handling the same amount of business with less ships.

"It must be understood," he said, "the board does not contemplate selling only the 'cream routes' and leaving the government stuck with unproductive lines. If sufficient routes are not purchased to insure success of private operation, the government will proceed to hold them all, eliminate the agency system entirely, and embark upon a program of aggressive operation itself."

### New Schedules of Pay May 1st.

Washington.—New schedules of pay for civilian employes at navy yards and other shore stations have been approved, Assistant Secretary Roosevelt announced, to be operative from May 1 to the end of the calendar year. Copied on the basis of prevailing rates for similar work in the same locality, the new scales are expected to effect a net increase in the navy's payroll, although there will be some instances of reduction.

A new wage board will be organized in the fall, Mr. Roosevelt said, to recommend wage scales for 1924. It will operate under revised regulations, one modification from the present rules being the prohibition of the board considering any confidential data from private establishments. The department feels, Mr. Roosevelt explains, that the employes should be given opportunity to scrutinize all such data and to protest again consideration of wages obtaining in any establishment which they do not consider representative.

The present rates—which are uniform throughout the service—were established during the war emergency with the announced purpose of stabilizing the ship building and ship repair industries. It was found in practice, however, that pay for certain trades greatly exceeded that of others requiring equal or even greater skill.

### The "Radio Church of America."

Sacramento, Cal.—Instead of people going to church on Sunday or any other day, the church will be brought direct to the people by radio under a plan proposed by the Radio Church of America, which was incorporated here under the laws of the state of California.

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