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REFRESENTATIVES RAILROAD EMPLOYES PROTEST AGAINST RATES OF JUSTICE ACT.

BEFORE RATE COMMISSION

Wages Will Be Cut, If They Say, and Hundreds of Workers Thrown Out of Employment

Asheville.-North Carolina railroads which are fighting the rates named in the Justice intrastate freight rate bill rested their case with the introduc-tion of the last witness before the session of the North Carolina Rate Commission, now meeting in this city.

Two witnesses were introduced by the railroads and their testimony was to the effect that the proposed rates are unfair and ruinous, James H Pou, well-known railroad attorney, was on the stand during the morning attorney, and his testimony was of a technical nature, as was that of T. W. Matthews of the freight department of the Seaboard Air Line.

The feature of the day's delibera-tions developed when M. C. Toms, chief counsel for the Southern, stated that representatives of the Brother-hood of Locomotive Engineers, the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and the Order of Railway Conductors desired to make statements to the commissioners. Mr. Toms explained that when the bill was enrolled the Southern invited its employes to study its provisions and asked the three organizations to send representatives to the meeting of the commission. He stated that these men had attended the sessions and had expressed a desire to make voluntary statements to the commissioners before the case was closed for the railroads. It was ordered that they be heard.

M. C. Thompson, M. M. Albright, W. B. Smithers and J. A. Bolick appeared as the representatives of the organizations named and spent conorganizations named and spent con-siderable time in making their state-ments before the men who will decide whether or not the rates named in the Justice bill shall go into effect.

The statements of the railway men were to the effect that if the rates are declared effective, hundreds of the employes of the railronds in this state will be thrown out of work, six hours will be named as the length of a working day of the shops at Spen-cer, necessitating cutting of the salaries of the men employed there 40 or 50 per cent, other employes will have their salaries reduced and railroad men employed in all of the departments of the Southern will be laid off by reason of the necessity that that road decrease its force of men.

PAID FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Winson-Salem Will Pay Fire Laddles in Near Future. Winston-Salem.—Mayor O. B. Eaton and Chairman Fred Fogle of the fire committee of the aldermen have returned from Washington, where they went to inspect the Washington fire department with a view of putting the Winston-Salem fire department on the Winston-Salem fire department on a paid basis this fall. Harry E. Nis-sen, one of the leading volunteer fire-fighters of the city, accompanied the officials to Washington, and is under-stood to be slated for position of chief which will carry a salary sufficient to guarantee his entire time to the duties of the position and inspection of buildings. Mr. Nissen will remain in Washington studying the most modern methods of fire fighting and handling of annartus. handling of apparatus.

Although the second city the state, Winston-Salem will be next to the last of the major cities to inaugurate a paid system. Greensboro probably following close after. If pos-sible the change will be made Sep-

\$30,000 Bonde for Roads.

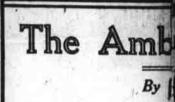
Southport. — Smithville township voted \$10,000 in bonds to add to \$20,-000 formerly voted for good roads. One road that will be improved will be Wilmington-Southport road.

Juvenile Court in Asheville Juvenile Court in Asheville.

Asheville.—Rev. Crawford Jackson, menaging secretary of the Juvenile Protective Association, is spending several days here working in the interest of a juvenile court for Asheville, and the indications are that such a tribunal will be established at this city. It is planned to conduct court in a room spart from the poleoust and to eliminate all of the police court surroundings in the trial of boys and girls charged with violations of the law. Mr. Jackson was speaker at a meeting held.

Rains Bave Crops.

Mount Olive.—Judging from appearances and from reports furnished by the farmers themselves, this year's corn crop new bids fair to be one of the best in years; that is, in the section. Before the rains of the past few days had falled, corn was beginning to fall fast, and the farmers were downcast and fearful that the crop would be a complete falling. How, ever, it seems that the rains came in the nick of time, as a result of which no crop in years has at this season of the year looked more grounising.



This story epitomizes, in the life of one big man, his big foes and big friends, the strife, the hopes, and the aspirations of modern America. Involved with his ambition is the ambition of the laborer, of the capitalist, of the progres sive, of the humanitarian, of the socialist, of the society woman, and of the woman who gives all for love.

CHAPTER I.

Dreams. He drifted into the delectable land that lies between sleep and waking, tasting the fleeting savor of his dreams—the epic visions of full-blooded youth. They had passed just beyond memory, leaving a confused yet glowing sense of sharp combats waged, of victories won. A golden haze enveloped him. Through it filtered a dwindling resosung by a departing far-distant choir.

A wave of delight rippled over him.
Then the thought that, not sharing his slumber, had painted his colorful dreams, worked to the surface.

"My last day here!" He awoke slowly. Before him, seen through the unshuttered window, lay a through the unshuttered window, lay a world somber enough to one tugging against its restraints, lovely when it was to be left behind. He saw the September sun peep over the hills at the head of the valley, rise majestically and ewing clear, a golden disk hung in the sky, symbol of the reward of men's struggles; its radiance, streaming into the little room, discelled shabbiness with a mellow glow pelled shabbiness with a mellow glow be could almost feel. The matin sounds arose, according finely with the lingering echoes of his dream music. He reveled in a new perception.

He was twenty years old. He was not one to loll. He sprang rom bed and stood naked; supple beautiful youth, too slender for great trength but with the unconscious grace of the wild animal. He dressed and

he dressed and stood by the window in the attitude of a listener. Intently ne sought to define the faint other-world resonance that still seemed to vibrate about him. But the thems sluded him.

His illusion was effectually shat-tered. Into the subdued melody of the Sabbath morning thrust a profane inruder, the jerky wheezing notes of a cabinet organ in the day's hymns, played by some one who aspired be d endowment

He frowned, then threw back his head and laughed silently—a trick he had sometimes—at the absurd antidimar

"I'm still in Bethel. It's a long way from here to—there." He drew a long deep breath.

question halted him.

He shook his head vigorously, as though to throw off the query, and went down to the kitchen.

The odor of frying ham saluted his aostrils; he sniffed it hungrily. A man, apparently old, was placing heavy heavy

He nodded briefly in response to the youth's bilthe greeting.
"I'll be ready," he said in a dull flat voice, "time ye're back from the itable," and continued his slow provide setting of the table.

In a few minutes the other returned. he horses fed and his own hands and face scrubbed in cold water from latern. They sat down without sp The youth ate eagerly, gulpingly.

when the first ke When the first keenness of appetite was gone, burning to talk of the great bour at hand, he broke the silence. 'Well, father, this is my last day in Bethel."

The old man merely nodded, keeping is eyes on his plate. Boyishly the son began to set forth

his plans and hopes and expectations; thay were not amail. But the old man maintained his silence. The youth consived him to be an unsympathetic au

relyed him to be an unsympathetic audience.

"Guess you're not interested," he said a trife subtily.

"Yes, I'm inforested, Mark," the farmanwered, "but there ain't anytile to say." He raised his giance to window. "Guess I couldn't say anything that'd belp much."

The sweep of the youth's anticipation faitered before a quality in the bid man's words. Old, "old Simon;" so his neighbors called him. Yet he was not really old, but in the neonday of life wore the sway mantle of age. For he, too, had dreamed his big golden dreams. Below the village stood a dismantied rotting forge, monument to their futility. After his failure he and returned to his shop and trade, shoeing his neighbors' horses, mending their wagons and plows, a dull-tyed, taciture, apiritiess plodder. Simon Truitt rose and began to blear the table. The sou moved toward he door. There he paused, vaguely specific.

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