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## RAILROADS ACCEPT TAFT'S PROPOSAL

**Injunction Suit Withdrawn and Increased Rates Will Not Be Imposed.**

## AWAIT NEW RAILROAD LAW

**President of Western Lines and Other Officials Assembled in Conference at White House Yesterday—President's Views.**

Washington, June 6.—A complete agreement between the government and the recently enjoined railroads of the Western Trunk Line Association was reached at a White House conference which lasted for more than four hours this afternoon.

The railroads represented agreed to withdraw all rate increases filed to be effective on or after June 1st, and agreed to file no more increases until the bill in Congress which gives the Interstate Commerce Commission power to investigate and suspend increases that are not justified, becomes a law and goes into effect.

The President thereupon stated that the administration purpose in bringing the injunction suit had been accomplished and the suit would be discontinued. The discontinuance will not be entered, however, until after the new railroad law is signed.

The belief was expressed tonight that all of the other railroads of the country which have filed increased rates, or have such a plan under consideration, will abide by the agreement reached today with the railroads named as defendants in the recent suit.

There will be a conference at the White House tomorrow in which Presidents Brown, of the New York Central railroad; McCrea, of the Pennsylvania and other officials representing railroads in the eastern central territory will participate. That they will acquiesce in President Taft's proposition and hold up the proposed increases until after the new law becomes effective, is practically taken for granted here tonight.

Every one connected with today's conference seemed gratified over the outcome. All that President Taft has desired is that the Interstate Commerce Commission should have authority to investigate increases in rates to determine whether or not they are justified by prevailing conditions and are just to the shippers. This power is to be conferred under the new law.

The railroads on the other hand, it is pointed out, are to be relieved of embarrassing litigation, are assured of a "square deal" when their case is presented to the Interstate Commerce Commission, and are free to resume the contracts for improvements and extensions which they threatened to cancel had the court proceedings continued.

The new railroad bill contains a clause which gives it effect 60 days after being signed by the President. It will be necessary to make the provision as to the supervision of rates by the Interstate Commerce Commission immediately effective and for this reason, as President Taft indicated tonight, it will be necessary to send the bill to the conference.

Attorney General Wickersham, Secretary of State Knox, Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel and Messrs. Knapp and Lane, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, participated in the conference. At the conclusion of the conference the following statement was issued:

E. P. Ripley, president of the Atchafalaya, Toledo and Santa Fe Railroad Company; Walker D. Hines, acting chairman executive committee Atchafalaya, Toledo and Santa Fe Railroad Company; Frederic A. Delano, president of the Wisconsin Central Company; and S. M. Felton, president of the Chicago Great Western Company, a committee representing the 24 railroad companies defendant in a suit brought by the government in Missouri in which Judge Dyer granted an injunction restraining increases in rates met by the President and Attorney General today pursuant to a request sent to the President a few days since.

The President stated to these gentlemen at the outset that the purpose of the suit was to prevent the proposed rate increases (which, under the existing law, could not be investigated at all until after they had become effective) so as to preserve the status until the new statute could be passed and the commission should have the power to investigate rate advances as soon as announced and before becoming effective.

He stated further that he thought the railroad companies must withdraw the tariffs enjoined and all other tariffs filed by them effective on or after June 1st, 1910, and that none of them ought to file any new tariffs involving rate advances until the new law should be passed, assuming that it would be passed at the present session of Congress.

After conference the railroad companies announced that they would adopt the view expressed by the President and thereupon the President stated that if they did so his purpose in bringing the suit would be accomplished, he saw no occasion for pressing the suit and the same would be withdrawn.

## MEXICAN UPRISING CAUSES BLOODSHED

**Reign of Terror in Yucatan and Troops Are Rushed to Scene.**

## INDIANS RANSACKED TOWN AS PASSED BY THE SENATE

**Battle Expected Between Insurgents and Government Forces—Trouble Over Indian Lands—Forty People Reported Slain.**

Vera Cruz, Mex., June 6.—The most serious uprising with which the Mexican government has had to deal in a long time has occurred in the State of Yucatan and troops are being rushed to the disturbed area. In the meantime, reports which have reached here indicate that there has been much bloodshed and that the insurgents are preparing for a battle with the government forces which is sure to come soon.

The independent newspaper, El Dictamen publishes dispatches from Merida, the capital of Yucatan to the effect that 40 persons were slain by the Maya Indians on Saturday. Further dispatches received here state that 5,000 of these Indian insurgents ransacked the town of Valladolid, 35 miles to the Southeast of Merida, killing all the principal government employees, the chief of police and others. They seized rifles and pistols and instituted a reign of terror. Many of the inhabitants of Valladolid are fleeing to Merida.

The gunboat Morelos has already left this port with 600 soldiers aboard, while the Yucatan rebel leader, Colonel Victor Montenegro, is said to be at the head of the uprising.

The towns of Tinum, Uayma and Tunkas, all between Merida and Valladolid have been attacked, but the reports say that the families of all the residents, except officials, have been unharmed. To what extent the insurgents pillaged or killed at these places has not yet been learned.

A strict censorship has now been established, and the original telegrams giving the first details of the uprising were sent before the government took charge of the news.

It is understood that the cause of the trouble is dissatisfaction on the part of the Indian over the action of the government officials regarding lands, but the extent of the controversy has not been made clear in the reports. It is not thought that any Americans are involved.

## J. JULIAN SOUTHERLAND

**Prize Awarded to Wilmington Student at Georgetown Final.**

Washington, June 6.—Secretary Nagel, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, advised the graduating class of Georgetown University law school tonight to "serve the public in its own behalf and not strive to swell your own pocket book." He declared that he could not subscribe to the doctrine that a lawyer has a right to take any case. In the graduating class, a prize was awarded to J. Julian Southerland, of Wilmington, N. C., and in the post graduate class to George Melting, of Greensboro, N. C.

Injunction suit against the railroads in the Western Association did not cover all of the increases that had been filed with the commission. The President and Attorney General today withdrew all the increases that had been planned for June 1st, or after. There have been a number of increases put into effect during the last few months. These will not come under the agreement. For instance, the increased rates on live stock, effective last March, will not be affected. The important increases, however, and the ones of which the shippers chiefly complained, were those scheduled for June 1st and after.

The railroad presidents claimed they had been misrepresented as to their having been anything clandestine about their agreeing upon or filing new rates. They claimed they had sent written notices to the shippers and even had the receipts of certain of the shippers who had denied ever having received such notices. Finally, they declared that the increased rates had been filed in the same manner as the Interstate Commerce Commission had approved for the past ten years.

## RAILROADS COULD DEFY THE LAWS

**Alleged "Joker" Permitting Rebating in Railroad Bill, Say Democrats.**

## ILLINOIS CENTRAL SUES FOUR FORMER OFFICERS FOR AN ACCOUNTING

**Estimated Loss at \$2,000,000 by Repair Work Through Conspiracy, Overcharges Alleged in Complaint in Court.**

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The railroad company's bill, which alleges conspiracy to defraud, names the following men: O. S. Keith, former superintendent of transportation; Joseph E. Buker, former assistant superintendent of machinery; William Renshaw, former assistant superintendent of the machinery department, and John M. Taylor, former general storekeeper.

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The filing of the suits follows an investigation by the railroad company and numerous rumors of an alleged graft "ring" in the Illinois Central Railroad. High officers of the road have stoutly denied that there existed any trouble of this character.

The bill against the four former department heads alleges that the men entered into a conspiracy in June, 1906, and that, from that date until April, 1910, the railroad company was defrauded out of nearly \$2,000,000. The defendants are alleged to have represented to the corporation that the company's repair work could be done more cheaply by independent concerns than at the railroad's own shops. When contracts were given to certain independent concerns the bill charges, the railroad company began paying a long series of large overcharges from which certain superintendents are alleged to have obtained thousands of dollars.

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**Ruling of Department of Agriculture in Regard to Oysters.**

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## English Aviator Coming For American Contests



New York, June 6.—Hon. C. S. Rolls, the first man to fly from England to France and return again without stopping his machine, is coming to New York this month and will enter the flying contests between New York, Chicago and St. Louis. Mr. Rolls is flying more for honor than for cash prizes, his flight across the English channel bringing him only a \$400 gold cup.

## BIG MOUNTAIN TIMBER DEAL

**Vast Holding in Western North Carolina Reported Sold by Estate of Late Col. Murchison—W. Virginia Syndicate.**

(Special Star Telegram.)  
Asheville, N. C., June 6.—One of the biggest timber deals of some months became known tonight when it was learned that Lewis Carr and Joseph Keys, of West Virginia, representing a syndicate, had purchased the 12,000 acres of land in Mitchell and Yancey counties, known as the "Murchison boundary."

The purchase price was about \$200,000. This is one of the finest boundaries of virgin timber in the whole western North Carolina and has been owned for years to Col. K. M. Murchison, of Wilmington. The line includes the top of Mount Mitchell, the highest point east of the Rocky Mountains.

The new owners the Mount Mitchell Lumber Company, purchased the property primarily for the timber and will shortly begin extensive operations. A railroad is now under process of construction from Booneville to Burnsville, Yancey county, and this it is said will be extended to penetrate the boundary. This will open up to the market a lot of timber land and furnish his freight to the C. C. & O. railroad.

The Murchisons purchased this property about 20 years ago at an almost nominal price. There is a rumor here tonight that a company plans to construct a Summer hotel on the top of the Black Mountain and also following a gradual grade from Overlook Mountain, near Asheville, to construct an automobile road to the top of Mt. Mitchell.

The tract is heavily timbered with spruce, oak, cherry, poplar and birch. The property stretches from the summit of Mitchell down the eastern slope of the mountain to a point near the Toe river embracing a territory seven miles long and nine miles wide.

## ATLANTA TO NEW YORK RUN.

**First Stage Ended Last Night at Anderson, S. C.**

Anderson, S. C., June 6.—The first stage of the good roads run from Atlanta to New York ended this evening at Anderson with nearly every one of the 62 starters on time. The run of 139 miles was made without serious mishap.

John Grant, of Atlanta, had a narrow escape from a serious accident. He was running his big car containing his family when he took a sharp curve at high speed. The car ran into a ditch and a front wheel was broken. The occupants were severely shaken but no one was hurt. A new wheel was sent from Atlanta and the car will continue in the run.

The parade of automobiles through the country districts brought farmers and their families from miles around and the road was lined the whole distance with enthusiastic country people. At Anderson the night control of the city was illuminated in honor of the visitors. The tourists will reach Spartanburg tomorrow noon and will be entertained by the people of that town. The night control will be at Charlotte, N. C.

Bristol, Tenn., June 6.—The trustees of Emory & Henry College today elected Dr. J. W. Perry, of Morrisville, Tenn., to succeed Dr. R. C. Waterhouse, as president of that institution, following the election of Dr. Waterhouse as bishop at the recent General Conference of the Methodist Church, South, at Asheville, N. C.

## POSTAL BANK BILL COMES UP TODAY

**Measure Expected to Glide Through House Without Amendment.**

## MINORITY REPORTS FILED

**Representative Moon's Report of Strong Denunciation of the Legislation—Democratic Measure Will be Offered.**

Washington, June 6.—The House Postal Savings Bank bill was put on the ways by the Committee on Postoffices and Postroads today and with everything greased for its final passage, is expected to glide through the House without a single amendment being tacked to it.

The Democrats of the committee filed two minority reports against the bill, one by Representative Moon, of Tennessee, inveighing against all postal savings bank legislation as unconstitutional and unwarranted, and another by Representative Finley, of South Carolina, supported by the other Democratic member of the committee criticizing the Republican bill and offering a Democratic measure as a substitute.

The bill will be called up in the House tomorrow unless all plans go wrong. The Rules Committee will be called to meet tomorrow morning to consider Chairman Weeks' resolution asking for a special rule with which to affect the passage of the bill and providing against all amendments. The rule gives eight hours general debate, and the offering of a single substitute, but permits no amendment.

The Democrats will fight the passage of this rule with all the vigor they can command. They will be supported by a number of "insurgent" Republicans, who are opposed to the passage of bills in the House without opportunity of amendment.

The Republicans claim to have enough votes to adopt the rule and pass the bill.

Representative Moon's report is a strong denunciation of the legislation. After asserting its unconstitutionality, he says:

"This bill in fact is but a means for the collection, control and centralization of the capital of the country. It is the innocent forerunner of the Central Federal bank for the control of all money with the power of contraction and expansion of the currency, deciding the fortunes of commerce and labor and monopolizing the banking interests of the country. It is one of the most deceptive and dangerous measures that has yet come before Congress whether so intended or not."

Mr. Moon says his criticism applies equally against the proposed Democratic substitute bill in the main.

The Democratic minority bill differs widely from the committee bill, but principally in the matter of the deposit of postal savings funds providing that the postal deposits shall be covered into the United States treasury, as a loan in the occasion when the deposits originated. The Republican bill provides that 65 per cent of the postal funds shall be so deposited.

## STORM IN PENDER.

**News General and Otherwise as Seen by Rocky Point Correspondent.**

(Special Star Correspondence.)  
Rocky Point, N. C., June 6.—A terrific wind storm accompanied by rain, passed over this section at 2 o'clock this morning, wringing off large trees and limbs, leaving a widespread swath.

It moved from a southwest to northeast direction and left signs wherever it went of wrecked fences. Only one building was moved—that of William Carter, of Lane's Ferry. The storm wrecked his large apiary by turning over hives, etc., and there was a hot time because the bees knew not their proper hives. Some wreckage in Rocky Point and Holly township. The wind must have attained a velocity of 75 miles an hour. Corn and other crops were not far enough advanced to be much damaged. The peach crop on Harrison Creek is now ripening.

There was an abundance of ripe peaches from the 20th of May on Pender county could get off the Mayflower and Sneed varieties before Georgia does. She got off first shipment June 1st. Pender got off first berries, beans, cukes and potatoes and with enough acreage could get off first peaches in the Old North State. I saw today trees loaded down with the celebrated "Greensboro", now ready to ship and of far superior flavor to the much vaunted Georgia fruit.

A mass meeting of Rocky Point citizens has been called for the 7th to endorse Hon. Chas. R. Thomas' course in Congress with a recommendation for his re-nomination at the coming convention.—A much-needed rain fell last night, leaving the street and reviving all kinds of vegetation. The bean growers in some instances plowed up crops too soon. Beans \$1.50 to \$2 per barrel.—Mr. James Walton, of Mrs. Mag Walton, of Hampstead, was buried by a large concourse of friends at Harrison's Creek church yesterday. He had been telegraph operator and express agent at Folkstone and was down three weeks with typhoid fever.—Mrs. R. J. White, of R. F. D. No. 1, entered into rest Saturday, 3 P. M., and was buried at Pike Church Sunday afternoon.—Misses Jennie Thomas and Nora Batson are visiting Rocky Point.

## DR. FEW PRESIDENT TRINITY

**Elected After Lengthy Session of Board of Trustees at Trinity Yesterday—Not Official, However.**

(Special Star Telegram.)  
Durham, N. C., June 6.—Dr. William Preston Few, former dean and professor of history was tonight elected president of Trinity College to succeed Bishop John C. Kilgo at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the college which adjourned a few minutes before midnight, after having been in session since 5 o'clock this afternoon with a recess of an hour and half for supper.

The official information as to the election of Dr. Few could not be obtained and the only verification of the election was through the personal expression of a member of the board of trustees. No information was obtainable in an official way and it was stated that the election of all the officers would be announced during the commencement exercises.

Twenty seven of the thirty six members of the board were present at the meeting tonight. This is the largest attendance upon a meeting of the Board of Trustees in the history of the college. The report of the president was submitted to the board. Aside from this information nothing would be given to the public tonight.

Dr. Few has been 14 years at Trinity being like his predecessor a native South Carolinian. His close connection with college made him the logical successor and but one ballot was cast for another. Dr. W. O. Crawford, of the chair of philosophy, becomes dean of the faculty, and S. B. Underwood is elected head master of Trinity Park school.

## PASSENGER WAS KILLED.

**Attempted to Jump From Moving Train—Heroism of Conductor.**

Greenville, S. C., June 6.—Some excitement was caused among passengers on a Southern Railway train tonight just north of Toccoa, Ga., when an unidentified white man, bearing a ticket from Tucson, Ariz., to New York, in an effort to jump from a car window, was grabbed by a negro Pullman porter. The man's body was dangling through the window when the porter caught him by the feet, the result being that the man was literally brained by his head striking against the walls of the rocky cut through the train was passing. The porter was hurt about the head and shoulders, but he refused to loosen his grip till he saw the passenger was dead.

The man's body was taken to Toccoa and placed in charge of an undertaker. Search of his clothing failed to reveal his identity.

## AMATEUR HURT IN FLIGHT.

**Jolted From His Seat and Hurled to the Ground.**

New York, June 6.—Clifford B. Harmon, an amateur, was jolted from the seat of his aeroplane and hurled to the ground as he was about to alight after a flight at Mineola, L. I., this afternoon. He escaped with a bad shakedown and a few bruises, but the machine was wrecked.

Harmon had completed a circular flight of several miles and had descended to within 15 feet of his starting point when the engine stopped, causing the accident.

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