

CONGESTION OF TRAFFIC

CONDITIONS IN PALMETTO STATE South Carolina Railroad Commission Will Hold Important Meeting Next Week in Hope of Securing Some Relief From Congested Condition of Freight and Passenger Traffic—Chicago "Attorney" Freed—Adams to Hang for Murder—Expected to Establish Seaboard Headed Off—Terms News From South Carolina's Capital.

Observer Bureau, 1209 Main Street, Columbia, S. C. March 8. There will be an important conference here next week before the railroad commission looking to some relief of the unprecedented congestion of freight and passenger traffic. The commission has been flooded with complaints from all over the State and members have for 30 days or more been personally and by correspondence, closely studying the situation, with the result that they have discovered a problem that is beyond immediate solution. Freight traffic, as was previously explained, is heavier than it has ever been in the history of the South and the congestion prevails throughout this section of the country. The commission will shortly issue a statement to the public explaining the situation, which is tense throughout the country, and will say that it sees no way of relieving conditions except by hurrying some reforms which have been mapped out for the immediate future. As to the letter of Congressman Wyatt Alken to Vice President A. B. Andrews, of the Southern, about insufficient service on the C. & L. line, the members of the commission say that this matter has been under their advisement for some time.

At the conference next week when Assistant General Passenger Agent Brooks Morgan will be here from Atlanta, the question of putting another train on the C. & L. line, so as to have it leave Greenville and arrive here a short time before 5 o'clock, and leave here about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, will be taken up and decided. A big petition has been sent to the commission from patrons along the line of the route, asking such a service has been agitated for a number of years, and it looks now as if it will be put into effect with but little delay. This would give people a living chance to spend practically the entire day in either Greenville or Columbia and get back that night.

This conference will also deal with the question of dissolving the connection at Branchville between the train from Georgia points and the train out of Charleston due here shortly before noon for connection with the trains to Greenville and Spartanburg and Augusta. The train coming into Branchville from Augusta carrying a Pullman from Atlanta into Charleston is frequently late, which throws out the up-country connections when the low-country train is turned over to Superintendent Williams at Columbia.

But before the commission takes a stand in the matter it feels that it should consult the traveling men's organization, so the question of ordering this up train not to wait on the Georgia connection, if the branch line will be laid, for officers of the T. P. A. In the event that a late train out of Columbia is put on the C. & L. line this will enable passengers delayed by late trains from Greenville or Spartanburg for any of these up-country points reached by both lines as happens to be necessary in order to make the connection will be another important point to be considered at the coming conference.

H. G. Miller, the "Chicago attorney" who got promptly jerked up for bribery when he attempted to pay his way through court with his pickpocket cases by offering Judge Sheriff Cathcart \$200 with which to buy witnesses, cleared the jail to-day and is making quick arrangements to leave the city which has stuck him so hard. He was released on a cash bond of \$1,500, this amount being fixed by Judge Hydrick at the term of the court just adjourned last week when the judge granted Miller a continuance, whereas he was with joy and gratitude and also relief.

ADAMS TO HANG. R. A. Adams, the Colleton county farmer who killed his kinsman, Henry Jacques, whom he had accused of a field after looking him up with a shotgun for that purpose, is finally to hang for his crime, the Supreme Court to-day having reversed the action of Judge Townsend when he granted a new trial on after-discovered evidence, the after-discovered evidence consisting mostly of affidavits to show that one of the women witnesses testified in accordance with the statement received from a relative of Jacques sitting in the court room, being intimidated to do this by threats from the Jacques side of the house.

The Supreme Court finds that Judge Townsend was altogether in the wrong in granting such a motion, from which the State appealed, it being "conclusively" stated that the judge had no jurisdiction when the Supreme Court had already passed upon Adams' appeal and affirmed the death sentence of the court below. The Supreme Court above, however, had no power to apply for such a new trial. The case was before Judge Townsend merely for the purpose of having him set a new day for the execution. Judge Townsend's action was criticized at the time for granting this motion.

Adams has had some novel experiences since his trial and conviction. In the first place he was allowed to escape from jail, and he continued to not only live in the country, but carried on farming operations, hiding out as circumstances required. He sent word that it would be dangerous for anyone to attempt to take him. Finally a well-armed sheriff's party surprised him and captured him.

The reformatory board adjourns next Monday for the purpose of planning and getting the work of establishing the new institution on a business basis. The meeting will be in the Governor's office. The meeting was called to-day by the Governor, L. B. Patterson, of Greenville, author of the reformatory bill, has declined to serve on the board, and Prof. D. D. Wallace, of Wofford College, has been appointed in his stead. Mr. Patterson felt that he could better serve the institution in the Legislature, to which he hopes to be re-elected.

At the meeting to-day of the State board of health the chairman was instructed to effect the transfer of the quarantine stations of the State to the Federal government in accordance with the act of the last Legislature along this line, the stations to be sold or leased to the government at a nominal figure. No action was taken in regard to the yellow fever situation, but other meetings are to be held before there can be any immediate danger in this particular. The board meets again next month, when the regular quarterly meeting will be held immediately preceding the meeting of the State Medical Association. The board decided to keep up vaccination wherever this is needed, the counties to say the bill.

Attorney R. H. Welch has secured the writ of certiorari in the Laurens county dispensary election case. The writ was granted by Judge Hydrick, at Edgefield, and the case will be pre-

ferred to the Supreme Court Monday next, though it may not be decided for several days after that time. The object is to test the constitutionality of the Brice act.

The South Carolina University board of trustees spent this morning's session hearing enthusiastic appeals from an alumni committee asking that football be re-established. The board did not reach a conclusion there were speeches by E. G. Setbels, Harry N. Edmunds and others from the Alumni Association. The board's deadlock over the choice of an assistant law professor from an investigation to-day, after 19 weary ballots.

There won't be any investigation into the financial affairs of Spartanburg county, and the expected sensation over the discovery of far-reaching graft will not be forthcoming from that direction until another Legislature passes upon the matter. The trouble is that the joint resolution which Senator Carville, of that county, introduced into the House, where all the other ratified acts are, and that it was not in the list of ratified acts which the Governor received for to the clerk.

REAL ESTATE MEN FIGHT. A Lively Fracas Between Messrs. J. Arthur Henderson and Alfred W. Brown. Messrs. J. Arthur Henderson and Alfred W. Brown, two well-known and dignified real estate dealers of the city, engaged in a pugilist encounter yesterday afternoon. The fight took place in the hall on the second floor of the Hunt building on North Tryon street. The two men met in the hall and a question of difference was brought up. The conversation waxed warm and then blows were passed. There were no spectators at first, but the noise made by the scuffling attracted several people.

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Following is the schedule for the remaining games of the tournament: Joplinites vs. Excelsors, March 9th; Joplinites vs. Independents, March 10th; Invincibles vs. Joplinites, March 21st; Independents vs. Excelsors, March 24th; Invincibles vs. Independents, March 25th; Joplinites vs. Excelsors, March 29th; Invincibles vs. Excelsors, April 4th; Joplinites vs. Independents, April 11th.

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