

PROBE RECENT CRISIS

FINANCE PUTS IN RESOLUTIONS.

Introduces Measure in the Senate Designated to Direct the Committee on Finance to Investigate the Recent Proceedings of the Secretary of the Treasury...

THE RESOLUTIONS.

First, whether the issue of certificates of indebtedness, bearing 3 per cent interest, bids for which were invited by the Secretary of the Treasury...

A SECOND SERIES.

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THE RESCUE WORK SLOW.

A Total of 86 Bodies Recovered From Monongah Mine—Company Issues an Official Statement.

Monongah, W. Va., Dec. 9.—When darkness came to-night a total of 86 bodies had been brought from the two wrecked mines at Monongah.

It is believed that close on to a hundred of the dead will have been recovered by daylight to-morrow. The fire which caused a suspension of rescue work yesterday and early to-day in mine No. 2, was extinguished.

Over \$25,000 was added to the parity relief funds during the day. The report that a second explosion occurred in the mines to-day was founded.

PLANS FOR WATTS HOSPITAL.

A Famous Massachusetts Architect Submits Them and Work on Durham's Magnificent Institution, the Gift of Mr. George W. Watts, Will Begin Probably by March 1st.

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RATE NEGOTIATIONS OFF

COURT TO SETTLE THE MATTER.

It is Reported in Washington That the Railroads Have Decided to Carry the Passenger Rate Controversy to the United States Supreme Court.

BY H. E. C. BRYANT.

Old Point Comfort, Va., Dec. 9.—The double-headed flag of blue, emblem of the commander-in-chief of the Pacific-bound battleship fleet, was hung to the breezes from the main truck of the battleship Connecticut.

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BIG FLEET IN THE ROADS

"FIGHTING BOB" TAKES CHARGE

His Flag Flung to the Breezes from the Main Truck of the Connecticut, Which is to Be His Flagship—The Assembly Day for the Fleet Flugs But Two Warships Laggards, the Minnesota and the Kentucky.

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NO RIGHTS ARE WAIVED

ATTORNEYS WERE FOR GILMER.

Governor Glenn Takes Cognizance of an Editorial in The Wilmington Messenger Relative to His Conduct of the Case Against the Southern and Justice Appeared For Attorney General Gilmer and Not For the State.

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J. C. Clarend, of Winston-Salem, Who Committed Suicide Sunday, Adjudged Bankrupt Yesterday.

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MINES TO OPEN THURSDAY.

Union Men Will Be Shut Out and the Goldfield Mine Owners Say They Will Do Business—Governor Sparks to Investigate the Situation Personally.

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 9.—The mines of Goldfield are to be re-opened Thursday next. The wage scale is to be reduced. No members of the Western Federation of Miners will be given employment.

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FAMOUS MERGER CASE UP

MOTION MADE TO DISCONTINUE.

One of the Most Celebrated Cases in the History of Railroading in South Carolina, a Suit Brought by an Act of the Legislature to Test the Constitutionality of One of Its Previous Acts, Called Yesterday at Columbia—Attorney General Lyon Moves to Discontinue the Case and Sets Out His Reasons Therefor—Does Not Want Himself Used as a White-Washing Machine—History of This Famous Litigation.

MR. LYON'S POSITION.

At to-night's hearing Mr. Lyon gave as his principal reason for asking for a discontinuance of the case that he had heard, which he was confident of confirming, to the effect that immediately after the Southern acquired control of these four alleged competing lines it raised freight rates to points on them to a level at which the rates had been put back in anticipation of this trial.

BEGINNING OF LITIGATION.

The act of 1902, which was passed after the railroad commission had recommended such a measure in order that the properties might be strengthened or improved, is claimed to be a violation of the constitutional inhibition against railroads owning or controlling parallel or connecting lines, but this act of 1904 to test the constitutionality of the former act and the validity of the less act of the first of the same year the consequence is that a number of lawyers formerly engaged in the case have dropped out.

CONTENTIONS OF THE SOUTHERN

This has been one of the most celebrated cases in the history of the legal side of railroading in this State. The railroad people have contended from time to time that the whole grant against the Southern on the ground that it was violating the constitution in controlling these lines was brought on one point to another ever since.

THE OTHER SIDE.

On the other hand, those hoping to see the road lose in the fight contend that the Southern has openly violated the law for five years and should be prosecuted. In New York, schedules clearly show that freight rates have not been reduced, but on the contrary have in a number of instances been greatly increased, and that by the power of its lease the road has discriminated in its rates to the injury of some important localities.

Big Schooner Abandoned Off Hatteras

New York, Dec. 9.—The four-masted schooner Thomas A. Ward, of Manassas, N. J., which was bound from Jacksonville, Fla., whence she sailed December 1st, from New York, with a cargo of railroad ties, was abandoned in a water-logged condition and set adrift at sea early last Saturday about 130 miles south of Cape Hatteras, N. C. Her crew of 10 men was taken off by the schooner Judge Pennewell, which is on its way to New York from Charleston. The Thomas A. Ward was a vessel of 755 tons. She was built at Camden, N. J., in 1891 and was owned by Benjamin Lyman, of Manassas, N. J.