

SHORTEST LINES TO DEVELOPMENT

Resources and Opportunities of Western North Carolina Discussed by President Finley.

OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE IS THE "NEW" AGRICULTURE

He Advances Some Unique Ideas on Conservation, With Many Valuable Suggestions.

In the presence of a large and representative body of Asheville business men and a number of ladies at the court house last night President W. W. Finley of the Southern Railway company delivered a very thoughtful and very hopeful message of future industrial developments in western North Carolina.

New Idea of Conservation.

After devoting some time to a discussion of the agricultural possibilities of this section, Mr. Finley turned his attention towards conservation and gave a rather new idea of what conservation of the resources implied.

As to the forestry products, Mr. Finley did not believe that conservation meant to have any part of the woodsland withdrawn from present use upon the plea that it would be needed by future generations.

Introduced by Judge Pritchard. The meeting was presided over by Judge J. C. Pritchard in the absence of President Nichols of the board of trade.

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THOUSANDS URGE PARDON OF WALSH

Petition to President in Behalf of Aged Banker Is Accompanied by 25 Bound Volumes of Letters in Which Clemency Is Asked—Say Punishment Is Already Excessive.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—A petition to the president for the pardon of John R. Walsh, former president of the Chicago National bank, from the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kans., was presented today by George T. Buckingham of Chicago in behalf of the wife and two sons of Walsh.

made excessive loans to railroads in which he was interested. He was sentenced in December, 1909, to 12 years in prison. The principal motive in the appeal is based upon falling health. He is reported suffering from acute heart disease and his physicians affirm that he is likely to die at any time.

PASSENGER TRAIN GOES INTO FLOOD

Running at Full Speed it Plunges into Gap in Trestle—16 Killed; 11 Injured.

Norton, Kan., Sept. 24.—Six bodies remained to be identified here today when officials of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific resumed the work of reconstruction, following the wreck of yesterday near Clayton, in which 16 were killed and 11 injured.

Clayton, Kan., Sept. 24.—Sixteen persons lost their lives and 11 others suffered injuries in a wreck of a west bound Rock Island passenger train running to Denver from Kansas City. All the injured will recover.

Members of the Topeka baseball team of the Western league were occupants of the pullman, but all escaped injury. Nearly all those killed and hurt were in the smoking car and lay coach next to it. The dead include the engineer, the fireman, the conductor and the brakeman, all the trainmen except the rear guard and the porter.

SHOP WORK CURTAILED BY SEABOARD AIR LINE

On Account of Decrease in Traffic Caused by Rains—Several Hundred Men Affected.

Norfolk, Sept. 24.—Heavy rains have caused a steady decrease of traffic along the various divisions of the Seaboard Air Line; wherefore the management announces another curtailment in work days in three shops of the repair departments.

FINDS MUCH ALCOHOL IN CHEAP SODA WATER

Chemical Analysis Shows, Prof. Allyn Says, More Than Is to Be Found in Beer.

New York, Sept. 24.—Cheap soda water sold on street corners to school children and passers-by at a penny or two a glass in most cases contains more alcohol than ordinary beer, according to the analysis by Prof. M. S. Allyn of the Massachusetts state normal school.

TWO FOUND GUILTY OF CUSTOMS FRAUD

Wardell and Drew, Former Assistant Weighers, Found Guilty and Bedell, a Clerk, Acquitted.

New York, Sept. 24.—One former customs official was acquitted and two were convicted on one count each, the result of the customs fraud underweighing trial, concluded in United States Circuit court here today by the verdict of the jury rendered to Judge Martin.

George E. Bedell, chief clerk under former Deputy Surveyor Vail, was acquitted of the charge of having conspired to defraud the government through systematic underweighing of imports. His co-defendants, Charles H. Wardell and Charles D. Drew, former assistant weighers in the customs service, were found guilty.

CHAMP CLARK OUTLINES THE CAMPAIGN ISSUES

Reduction of the Tariff on Revenue Basis the Leading Issue—Predicts Success.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 24.—Preliminary to the opening of the fall campaign in Missouri, nearly 200 democratic editors from all parts of the state attended a banquet last night and heard Congressman Champ Clark outline the issues. His speech was considered the keynote of the forthcoming political battle.

"The circumstances which surround our passage a democratic victory, Democrats in the house got together and fought together during the year 1910 and thereby set a wholesome example to democrats throughout the land. For more than a year, democratic prospects have grown brighter until we seem to be on the eve of a sweeping victory."

"It is constantly charged that the democratic party is a party of negation. This is not true. If entrusted to power, the democratic program, Mr. Clark said, would include a reduction of the tariff to a revenue basis; an increase of American trade by reciprocity treaties with foreign nations; abolishment of all superfluous offices; a reduction of federal appropriations; restoration of our merchant marine; strengthening our anti-trust laws; enactment of comprehensive conservation measures; improvement of our waterways; exposing of republican extravagance in the departments; and submission of a constitutional amendment providing for the election of United States senators by a popular vote.

SEVERAL SHORT FLIGHTS ARE MADE BY MR. RAICHE

Wisconsin Woman Who Came to Grief at Mineola Perseveres and Her Efforts Are Successful.

Mineola, Sept. 24.—Mrs. Bessie Raiche, the Wisconsin aviatrix who came to grief here a few days ago while trying a new biplane, redeemed herself today, making seven short flights over the Mineola trying grounds.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN A BIG GARAGE

Eight Hurt, Two Fatally, Perhaps; One Believed to Have Been Burned to Death.

\$200,000 WORTH OF CARS, SOME FINE ONES, DESTROYED

Minor Explosion from Big Car, Just Driven In; Quickly Whole Place Was Mass of Flame.

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—Eight persons were injured, two perhaps fatally in an early morning fire which destroyed \$200,000 worth of automobiles at a garage here. Most of the cars were the property of wealthy people, being overhauled for use in the Vanderbilt cup race next week.

A big car was brought in for repairs; there was a little explosion as it came to a stop on the oil-soaked floor, a puff of smoke—and in an instant the whole room was aflame.

New Orleans, Sept. 24.—Six persons are believed to have been drowned shortly before daylight when a large logging car, returning from West End, a lake resort, to New Orleans ran off the road into the canal. Three bodies have been recovered so far.

SIX PROBABLY DROWNED IN A LOUISIANA CANAL

Automobile Ran Off Road and into Water at an Early Hour—Three Bodies Recovered.

South Bend, Ind., Sept. 24.—A special train from Peru, Ind., says six were killed and six seriously injured in a wreck on the Indianapolis and Peru division of the Indianapolis Union Traction company this afternoon.

SIX KILLED, SIX HURT; TRACTION LINE WRECK

Passenger and Freight Cars Collide on Indianapolis Traction Company's Line.

Berlin, Sept. 24.—German industry seriously is disturbed by strikes and lockouts. Unless the disputes are ended in the next few days, 700,000 workers will be idle.

THE FRENCH AVIATORS TO POOL THEIR WINNINGS

And They Hope to Take Back to Europe Major Part of \$100,000 of Belmont Park Prizes.

New York, Sept. 24.—The French aviators to compete in the international tournament at Belmont park next month have decided to pool their winnings.

TENNIS AND HOBBLE SKIRT ARE FOUND NOT COMPATIBLE

Miss Dewitt Tried to Play the One in the Other; Stumbled, Fell and Broke Her Leg.

Washington, Sept. 24.—The state department has received confirmatory advice from representatives in Nicaragua of continued expulsion of prominent Nicaraguans who have been involved in factional warfare there.

MAYOR OF ROME REPLIES TO POPE

Says Thunders of Vatican's Recent Rebuke Make More Evident Contrast Between Rome of Present and of Past—Says His Duty Is "to Delineate New Era."

ROME, Sept. 24.—Mayor Nathan, whose recent speech in which he criticized the papacy called forth a rebuke from the pope, today issued a reply. The mayor says the pope is sending from the Vatican thunders against the one who sits in the capitol makes more evident than did his speech the contrast between the Rome of the past and the Rome of today.

pontiff has a duty to tell the truth as it appears to him, so the mayor has an equal duty to his fellow citizens to delineate the new political and civil era. The offense taken by the pope did not come from his words, says the mayor, but from the fact that advancing fatality, with sure steps, the new Italy is lighting the road for anxious travelers.

OFF TODAY FOR THE CONVENTION

Scene of Fight Shifted from Sagamore Hill to Saratoga—Roosevelt Leaves Monday.

Oyster Bay, Sept. 24.—The thick of the fight between the republican progressives and the "old guard" moved today from Sagamore Hill to Saratoga with the departure of Mr. Roosevelt's lieutenants for the state convention. Mr. Roosevelt leaves Monday. Meantime he will keep in close touch with his men.

END OF BATTLE PRACTICE IS NEAR

Keen Rivalry Among Officers and Men of Fleet for Record Trophy for Target Practice.

Aboard the Battleship Vermont, by wireless via Portsmouth, Va., Sept. 24.—There is keen rivalry among the officers and men of the Atlantic fleet for the record trophy of the navy for target practice. Today the third division, comprising the Georgia, the Nebraska, the Rhode Island and the Virginia, took up the final run of day practice. The other three divisions have completed day practice.

CHESAPEAKE & OHIO CHARGED WITH FRAUD

Receiver Asked for, Also That Their Charter Be Revoked and Corporation Dissolved.

Logansport, Ind., Sept. 24.—Suit has been filed in Cass county circuit court here asking that a receiver be appointed for the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad company, that the charter of the company be revoked and the corporation be dissolved.

INDUSTRY IN GERMANY SERIOUSLY DISTURBED

Unless Labor Disputes Are Shortly Ended, About 700,000 Laborers Will Have Become Idle.

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DEMOCRATS OF OHIO OPEN THEIR CAMPAIGN

Governor Harmon the Chief Speaker—Gives Most of His Attention to State Issues.

Canton, O., Sept. 24.—With the opening of the democratic state campaign here today Governor Harmon, candidate for re-election and choice of the democrats for the presidential nomination in 1912 as the chief feature, the Ohio campaign is on in full force.

ARE DRUGS SMUGGLED IN BY GUARDS OF PRISONS?

Investigation Ordered by Department of Justice—What Was Found at Fort Leavenworth.

Washington, Sept. 24.—Investigation of federal prisons at Atlanta and McNeil's Island, Washington, has been ordered by the department of justice to ascertain whether opium, cocaine and whiskey are being smuggled by the guards for use of prisoners.

CHAVEZ' DOCTORS STILL OPTIMISTIC

The Old Problem of How to Get to Earth Again Still Remains Unsolved.

AVIATORS MAKING UP PURSE OF \$10,000 FOR CONSOLATION

Man Who First Flew Across Alps Being Showered with Congratulatory Messages.

ODD FELLOWS INSTALL OFFICERS AND ADJOURN

Establishment of Tuberculosis Sanitarium Put Off for Another Year—Appointive Officers.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 24.—Following the installation of the officers, the 1910 meeting of the Sovereign Grand lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows came to a close yesterday.

PARDON IS APPLIED FOR OF CAPT. P. C. HAINS, JR.

Is Serving Indeterminate Term in Sing Sing for Murder of W. E. Annis in the Year 1908.

New York, Sept. 24.—An application for executive clemency for Captain Peter C. Hains, Jr., is filed with Governor Hughes at Albany. It is learned today through the receipt of formal notice from the governor by the district attorney of Queens county.

REAR ADMIRAL CLEBOURNE'S WIDOW DEAD

Atlanta, Sept. 24.—Mrs. Jane E. Clebourne, widow of Rear Admiral Clebourne, who was with Farragut at the fall of Vicksburg, died here yesterday, aged 73.