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ASHEVILLE, N. C., TUESDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 29, 1913

PRICE THREE CENTS

PROJECTION ASKED AND T IS PROMISED

The Company's Note to the

Aldermen, Asheville, N. C.: Gentlemen: The Asheville Power and Light company re-

spectfully informs you that ow-

ing to an unexpected strike of

its motormen and conductors

heretofore employed in the on-

eration of its street cars in the

city of Asheville and in the

unable to operate its said street

cars since Saturday, April 26,

ly informs you that it has en-gaged other men of experience

in the operation of cars and is

put said cars in operation for

the carriage of passengers at once; that in the opinion of the

officers of the company police

protection to its passengers, employes and property is absolutely necessary, in the emer-gency that has arisen.

Therefore, this is to respectfui-

ly request of you to take such immediate steps as may be

necessary to protect the pas-sengers of the company, its em-

ployes in the performance of their duty, and the property of

policemen, regular or special,

as may be necessary to prevent assaults upon the passengers and employes of the many

and trespassers upon its prop-

to pay all th expenses that may be incurred by the city in con-

nection herewith, if it is deem-ed incumbent upon the com-

pany to defray such expenses.

An early answer in writing is

Respectfully,
ASHEVILLE POWER AND

Mr. H. W. Plummer, Vice Pres. and Gen. Mgr., Asheville

Your communication of the

twenty-ninth instant was duly

diately convened the board of

aldermen for the consideration

aldermen unanimously voted to

grant you the protection re-

quested, and instructed the

chief of police to summon a sufficient number of special

policemen to protect your pas-

sengers, employes and prop-

erty.
This communication will be

delivered to you by the chief of police, of the city of Ashe-

ville, who will further confer

City Clerk of City of Asheville,

and last night there were persistent

received a message from Salisbury signed "Sympathizer," which read: "Scabs coming on No. 35." He was at

a loss to know whether to believe this or not. Considerable excitement was

Yours very truly, J. M. CLARK.

with you under our orders.

On motion the board of

H. W. PLUMMER.

April 29,1913.

LIGHT COMPANY.

Power R Light Co.

hereby requested.

Manager.

of same.

company by furnishing

company stands ready

The company also respectful-

vicinity thereof, it has

Rumors of Coming of Men THIRD DEGREE To Take Out Street Cars, Rife Since Last Evening.

TO SUMMON MEN

To Act as Special Officers, as Necessary-Barricade is Erected and Cots provided by Company.

It appears that the Asheville Light and Power company has provisioned the car sheds as if was expected to withstand a siege. Besides the cots that had been taken there early this morning, it was reported on good authority that two dray londs of food had been secured for the men.

This afternoon Chief Lyerly had a short conference with Sheriff Williams, at the conclusion of which each said he had nothing he could say. Chief Lyerly remarked, however, that he did not anticipate much trouble. He has held consultation with the officers of the company, it is said, and of course knows just when he he will place them, should necessity arise. Naturally he did not feel it wise to say when

HE Asheville Power and Light company this morning sent a communication to the mayor and the board of aldermen, stating that the company has experienced men for the operation of its street cars and is ready to put its cars in operation at once; that it desires to do so; and that the company expected police

On receipt of the communication the mayor and the board instructed Chief of police Lyerly to summon men according to the request and sent a communication to the company by the chief of police stating that the request for police protection would be complied with. At that time the mayor did not know whether the strikebreakers had arrived or when they would arrive; and he was not informed as to where they would be entertained. It is stated however, that cots have been taken by the company into the car barn; would be sent to Asheville. Two tele and this morning the company grams received from unknown parties erected a barricade at the came from Salisbury to this effect Ashland avenue entrance to the the strikebreakers who left here Suncar barn, cutting off all but day night had been halted at Salisone track. There was an air of bury, and re-inforced by about 60 expectancy all morning. The more would return here tast night. street car men declared that they did not know what to ex-

Aldermen in Extraordinary Session Immediately on receipt of the mea-nee from the Asheville Power and Immediately on receipt of the message from the Asheville Power and Light company Mayor Hankin convenied the board of aldermen in extraordinary session and the message was read and considered. The company stated it was ready to operate the cars at once, that in the opinion of its officers police protection was necessary, and it was asked that this protection be provided either by regular or special policemen. After the board and mayor had decided to do as the company requested an answer; was dispatched by the chief of police in which it was stated that the chief of police in which it was stated that the chief of police had been instructed to summon the processary officers for the protection of palsengers, employed and property. The police chief, was instructed to confer set in the car barns. As a matter of fact some of the cars were sent to the Riverside sheds, and this morning men were put to work building a strong barricade at the Asheland avenue entrance to the car sheds. Heavy telephone poles were sunk in ground and timbers two inches thick and about 10 feet high were spiked to cross timbers. All the tracks were cut to but one.

It was also rumored that General Manager Plummer spent yesterday in Baleigh in consultation with other officers of the company. He returned to Asheville this morning, however, and spent part of the morning in consultation with J. C. Martin, general counsel for the company, in the officers of the latter.

At the rooms of President Fisher was strike Director George Keenan with a dozen of the atreet car men, and the tracks were cut to find the company and the company and the company and the company and the car barns. As a matter of fact some of the cars were sent to the Riverside sheds, and this morning men were put to work building a strong barricade at the Asheland avenue entrance to the car sheds. Heavy telephone poles were sunk in ground and timbers two inches their and the company and the company and the company and the company and this morning men were put to work building a stron

Negro Watchman Denies Any Knowledge of the Death of Mary Phagan in Atlanta Sunday.

By Assocated Press.

Atlanta, Ga., April 29.-Search for the slaver of 14 years old Mary Phagan at the factory of the National Pencil company on Saturday night was continued today by the police. Four men are being detained at police headquaronly one of them. John M. Gant, former bookkeeper at the factory, has

been formally charged with murder. In the early dawn detectives re med their questioning of Newt Lee the negro watchman who found the finish with the negro, another would take up the questioning. "I don't know," was the negro's only answer throughout the merciless "third de-

Gant steadfastly maintains his inno "I could wring the neck of whoever accuses me of such a thing," ne exclaimed today. "It is the most strocious crime I ever heard of. never could have conceived of it, let lone commit it."

The coroner's jury will resume the quest tomorrow morning. Leon M. Frank, superintendent the pencil factory, was taken to the station this afternoon for addi-

tional questioning. No charge was against him. Detective Chief Lanford intimated that Frank was to detained for his own protection. "The town seems to be very much wrought up over the murder," said Chief Lanford, "and I think this is the wisest course to take."

TO BE PUT ON GUARD

Anti-Wilson Texan's Nomination Made by Mistake Withdrawn.

Gazette-News Bureau. Wyatt Building Washington, April 29. That "progressive" democrats are be given preference for federal positions under President Wilson

made emphatically plain yesterday afternoon when the president withdrew the nomination of Norman H. Martin to be postmaster at Weatherford, Tex., and substituted the name of J. H. Richardson. Martin was an anti-Wilon man, and, according to Texas "progressives," is a thoroughgoing rectionary in politics. His name went o the senate because of an oversight the part of Postmaster General

Martin was recommended by Conressman Callaway of Texas. Burleson told Callaway he could not appoint Martin because of his reactionary political views. Mr. Burleson asked Mr. Callaway to find another candidate, but a clerk who had charge of the preparation of nominations fo the president's consideration included rumors that more strikebreakers Martin's name and the list was sent to the senate by the president just as it came from the postoffice department, As soon as the postmaster general detected the error it was called to the

resident's attention and the order of Representative Webb has been electsional committee to succeed Represen more would return here tast night. tative Page, who has resigned. Con-President Fisher of the total union gressman Small has been elected chair-

man of the state delegation in the The senate committee on education and labor has made a favorable report on the nomination of Dr. Charles P. caused by these rumors. It was also Neill to be labor commissioner, said that the company was making ar- stated in these dispatches. Sen stated in these dispatches, Senator Overman will make no further effort fact some of the cars were sent to the Riverside sheds, and this morning men were put to work half the president and Mr. Wilson and the charges before the

preferred against the labor commis-sioner and could not find any rea

eason why he should not appoint

Congressman Godwin has returned to Washington after a visit to his farm ands in his district. Mr. Godwin say the people of his district are delighte that the fourth class postoffices will be filled by democrats.

BREAK IN THE RANKS OF AUBURN STRIKERS

(By Associated Press)
Auburn, N. Y., April 19.—More than 150 strikers in the Internationa Harvester twine mill went to work this morning through lines of police and despite the threats of 75 other strikers. Strike leaders are making reantle efforts to stay the break in their repuir

Secretary's Proposition the Utmost Concession Wilson Will Make to People of California.

PRESIDENT DESIRES TO MAKE NEW TREATY

If Denied This Opportunity by Another Conference Will Be State, He Will Intervene in Federal Court Action.

By Associated Press, Washington, April 29.-Secretary ans to suspend the passage and appli cation of anti-Japanese legislation un til the president has had an opportunity to negotiate a new treaty with Japan to replace the convention of 1911 is believed to represent the ulti-

mate concession which the adminis-tration is willing to make in deference to public feeling in California. The secretary's statement that in event of of the presidents advice, he would feel obliged to do everything possible "to minimize the ill-feeling that may be aroused," is regarded here as marking a purpose on the part of the government to become an interveno with the Japanese in any suit whic they may bring before the federal ourts to nullify the action of the Cali-

fornia legislature Assuming that one of the question which Mr. Bryan has transmitted to the president for the California legislature is as to the probable time for negotiation of a new treaty with Japan and just how such a convention could be framed to meet the views of California without being objectionable to Japan, it may be said that such a method of settling the present issue already has been given some consid

The existing Japanese treaty was in-tended to meet a temporary need in quieting the unrest on the Pacific coast over the school question. Neither party has been satisfied with its workings and it is remarkable for its missions, compared with other treaies of trade and commerce.

For instance, probably no provision for the acquirement and holding of and by either Americans or Japanese not even the extremely limited "fav ored nation" clause, covers the usua common law right in such matters and, singular to say, there is no proision whatever against discrimina When Secretary Bryan started for California he was aware that while there was absolutely no treaty prohibition against such action as the Californians now propose it hought their patriotism and patience might be relied on to assist the naional government in solving the

present difficulty by diplomatic President Wilson and John Basset Moore, counsellor of the state department, who has devoted much attention to the consideration and definition of the rights of aliens within the United States, were in early consultation for more than an hour today con sidering the prospects of being able to frame a new treaty satisfactory to the Californians and the Japanese within a reasonable time. Probably a definite answer to the question can be given only after the conferences hav been extended to include Viscount Chinds, the Japanese ambassador

Senator Works of California today sent out his views on the situation in a prepared statement, in which he upheld the right of his state to enact such laws as the one in question and approved the view point of the California legislators generally.
Sacramento, April 29.—With

sentiment of the progressive republi-can majority towards anti-allen land legislation virtually unchanged by the representations made yesterday by secretary of State Bryan on behalf of President Wilson, the California legis lature faced today a second broadside department. What form the objections of the federal administration would take was not known early to-lay, for Secretary Bryan had not madpublic the contents of his telegram from President Wilsont received in ewer to the questions propounded by the secretary after the close onference last evening. Since his ar ival yesterday the secretary of state declined to make any statemer except in conference with the gover and it was expected that another ses on of the conference would be called arly in the day.

Dissatisfaction over the principa lan for the solution plan for the solution of the alien is no problem put forward by Secretary Pryan was expressed both by republians and democrata. Secretary Bryan uggested that the state permit the matter to be taken up by the diplomatic corps and settled possibly by means of a new treaty.

During the argument Assemblyman Sutherland asked:

"What assurance can the federal

"What assurance can the federal overnment give us. Mr. Bryan, that action by the legislature is delayed be same end can be reached through

Railroads Contend Proposed Freight Cut Would Revolutionize Business and Bankrupt Roads.

LITTLE PROSPECT OF REACHING AGREEMENT

Held. However-Many Business Men ni City to Attend.

Special to The Gazette-News. Raleigh, April 29.—Declaring tha the proposition submitted by the state would revolutionize freight business would work irreparable injury to every railroad in the south and make son of them bankrupt, representatives of seven railroads today rejected the proposition to settle the freight rate controversy on a 30 per cent reduction from the Virginia cities. J. Norment Powell, speaking for the carriers, said hat reductions in many instances were lower than rates to Virginia cities. More than 100 business men from evey section of the state cheered the governor and commission when they arrived. It is expected that an afteroon session will be held and that the representatives of the state and railroads will confer, with slight hope o

The railroads contend that they did ot intend at the February conference to indicate an intention to revolution

Raleigh, April 29 .- The fourth conbetween representatives of the state and the several railroads i being held here today for the purpose of considering the freight rates from Virginia to points in North Carolina this last conference being on the motion of representatives of the car riers who asked for an adjournment Many business men, representing commercial organizations and private concerns, are here for the confer Many requests that the legislature be called in extra session have been re eived by Governor Craig.

Judge E. B. Cline has appointed D M. Moser receiver of the Bank of Claremont and W P. Stacy has been appointed receiver of the State Trus company of Wilmington. The assets of the States Trust company are known to consist of \$30 in one bank and among its liabilities are severa overdrafts in other banks. Since Ector H. Smith is not to be returned from Alabama, the state will prefer its charges against C. H. Bowlds, who is under arrest here, and proceed with his trial probably tomorrow. Sergeant Hall of Lumber Bridge

made the unusual score of 231 out of was a possible 250 points in the rifle shoot among companies of the Second regiment at Goldsboro and the Lumber Bridge company also won the shoot. dent of public instruction, reports plendid county commencements Wentworth and Graham Friday and Saturday. An unusual features of the Alamance county commencement was the tomato club girls, wearing "to-

mato" caps. Large crowds were a Governor Craig today made requisition on the governor of South Carolina for Ernest Umphries, who wanted at Grover, Cleveland county for burning the town hall. Umphries is under arrest at Gaffney.

The governor has granted a parion to Bud Davis, who was convicted in Vance county in June, 1912, of assault with a deadly weapon and sen tenced to two years. If guilty at all. Governor Craig says, Reavis guilty of only a simple assault and has served long enough. The prosecutrix, the recorder and ommend the pardon.

MOTOR CAR HITS GIRL

Miss Batey of Augusta Fatally Hurt-All Occupants of the Car Faint.

By Associated Press. Augusta, Ga., April 29,-Miss Erestine Batey, 19 years old, lies in a al hospital with a fractured skul as the result of being knocked down automobile at Twelfth and Broad streets last night. The physiians say that she cannot recover. Mrs. W. K. Haigler, wife of a pron ent brick manufacturer, was driv

ing a touring car containing three women friends, and in the effort avoid running over a boy on a bicycle, ran the car into Mbs Batey.

When the accident occurred all four of the women in the automobile

Officers Day at Horse Show.

By Associated Press

cers' day at the military horse show at Port Myer, although the officers will share honors with army children

will share honors with army children who will drive their ponies in contests for coveted blue ribbons.

Preparations were made for an unusually brilliant assemblage of onlookers. Virtually every member of the diplomatic corps had announced his intention to be present and a box had been set aside in anticipation of the attendance of the president and Mrs. Wilson, together with several prominers of the cabinet and their

BRYAN FAILING, REJECT STATE'S STATEMENT MADE FOR CAR COMPANY

IS COMING IN U.S.

Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont Forethe Introduction Here of English Methods.

By Associated Press, London, April 29,-"I mean what I say when I declare that if New York fails to awaken, we shall intro duce militant methods of the type used in England," declared Mrs. O. H.

P. Belmont, who will speak at a meeting of the Woman's Social and Politi al union here tonight. "I also meant what I said before leaving New York, that I would spend no money in England," continued Mrs. "But I was compelled to Belmont. tay at this hotel because I

spring cleaning under way in my

laughter's (Duches of Marlborough) Evidently antipathics of Mrs. Bel nont and Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt n regard to the suffragette campaign ave been overcome. They will ride

n the same carriage tonight.
London, April 29.—Mrs. O. H. P Belmont, on her way to the interna-tional convention of women suffragist in Budapest, spent the night in Lon-don, determined not to spend a "cent" in England, as a boycott in protest against the government's attitude toward woman suffrage. When asked now she would avoid it, she answer ready, but she declared she would get to the continent as quickly as possible. She said she had been forced to pass through England be cause she was able to get passage only on an English boat.

SOCIOLOGICAL CONGRESS CLOSING ITS SESSION

Distinguished Speakers at Final Day of Meeting in Atlanta.

By Associated Press, Atlanta, Ga., April 29.—With the ection of officers disposed of and the election of yesterday's meeting place, the chief matter of business yet to b assed upon the Southern Sociologica the closing day of its second annual

Many events of importance, includmeetings were scheduled for both rning and aftrnoon and a number of distinguished speakers appeared This morning the upon the platform. committee appointed to name the next meeting place of the congress will meet and dispose of this question. is understood that Houston, Tex., probably will be selected.

An event of particular interest is the reception tendered by the Geor gia section of the women's welfare de partment of the National Civic Federa tion to the officers, delegates and guests of the congress in honor of Mrs. E. W. Cole, founder of the con-

This afternoon a special conference of the various diocesan social service ommissions of the Episcopal church methods of co-operation with one another and the secular and religious agencies of social reform represented n the congress. The congress will adjourn at the

close of the general sessions tonight.

AUSTRIAN TROOPS ENTER MONTENEGRO, IS RUMOR

Vienna Reported to Be Dissatisfied with Proceedings at London.

(By Associated Press) London, April 29 .- A rumor spread on the stock exchange this afternoon that Austrian troops had entered Monenegro. No confirmation was obtain

Vienna, April 29,-The Austro-Hungarian government is dissatisfied with the failure of the conference of Ambassadors in London to initiate decisive action against Montenegro and is continuing its preparations for inde-

Exchanges of views are proceeding etween Austria-Hungary and Ger-

Cettinje, April 29.—Crown Prince Danilo, of Montenegro was received with an evation upon his arrival here today to hand over to King Nicholas

We Expect to Resume Service at an Early Date" Says General Manager Plummer.

COMPARISONS MADE WITH PAY ELSEWHERE

Better Paid in Asheville Than in Any City of Its Size in the South," on Present Scale.

General Manager H. W. Plummer of the Asheville Light and Power company this afternoon at 2 o'clock gave a Gazette-News reporter a state ment as to the company's plans and contentions. He was unable, he said, to announce when the operation of cars would begin, the impress gathered that the time was near at hand. Said he:
"Owing to the fact that a strike of

our motormen and conductors was made without more than five minutes notice to the management, on last Saturday, we have not been able to offer to the public the information which many people have asked, concerning the matter in dispute between the company and its employes.

"I have here 'a list of cities, all larger than Asheville except three, showing the wages paid per hour and the population of the cities. These figures are obtained from the latest reports and are reliable." The figures are as follows:

Table of Wages Paid Street Railway

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		Wages
City.	Population.	per Hour
Athens, Ga.	15,000	14 16 to 20c
Anniston, A	Ma.	14 to 20c
Rome, Ga.	12,099	14 to 19c
Meridian, 1	Miss 28,285	15 to 22c
Jackson, M	iss 21,262	14 to 22c
Pensacola,	Fla22,982	16 to 18c
Columbus,	Ga20,554	16 to 20c
	N. C 34,014	15 to 21c
Macon, Ga.	40,665	16 to 200
Montgomer	v. Ala 18,136	15 to 480
Charleston,	S. C58,038	10 to 21c
Jacksonville	e, Fin 57,699	19 to 21c
Savannah,	Ga65,064	16 to 210
Wilmington	. N. C 25,748	15 to 200
Konxivlle,	Tenn 36,346	10 to 220
Asheville, !	N. C 18,762	19 to 22 %
"It will	be seen from t	hese figure

that the motormen and conductors are better paid in Asheville than in any city of its size in the south. In fact, they are better paid than are similar employes in many of the large cities

"About the first of April of this year the men called on the officers of the company for an increase of wages. After the matter had been thorough! considered again, the question having been up annually for the past three years, the men were told that the company was paying all that it was able to pay, and further that the company was paying more than any company in the south operating under like conditions. The present scale is 13 1/2, 19 1/2, 20 1/2 and 22 cents per hour based on the length of service. large number of our men are recelt ing the higher rates. In addition to this the company pays one-half of the cost of the uniforms, which the mer wear and furnish the caps free. Thes uniforms increase the maximum wage to 22 % cents per hour and the mini-mum to 19 cents. The regular mer are given an opportunity to work a little over ten hours per day taking in the whole year. Under this schedindustriously earned last year ove \$750, and one man carned \$799 and another \$846. These figures show that with ordinary industry the men could easily earn from \$750 to \$800 per annum. The contention which now confronts the company is one purely of business. We are asked to pay more wages; we have decided that cannot afford to do it. We are glad to have the consciousness that we are paying all that the work is worth and more than is usually paid for the same class of work, as appears from the above figures. We expect to re-sume the operation of the cars at an early date. We are sorry that the car service has been interrupted. We are doing everything in our power to restore it, and we trust that all law abiding citizens will ald us in our efforts to conduct our business in an efficient and satisfactory manner."

FIRE AT BREVARD

idsome Residence of Frank Jen-kins Destroyed—Paid Depart-ment Desired.

Special to The Gasette-News.

Brevard, April 25,—The residence of Frank Jenkins was destroyed yesterday by fire. Since so many fires have occurred here in the past few months, steps will doubtless be taken to influence the aldermen to have a paid fire department. It is not known how the fire in the Jenkins' residence started. It was very valuable property.

Portugese Officers Argester