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OUTLINES.

Lack of funds is checking work on the Panama Canal and already several thousand men have been laid off. One passenger killed and 12 badly injured is the result of the wreck of a train near Birmingham, Ala., yesterday. On the New York Stock Exchange yesterday, the announcement of a deficit in Southern Railway net earnings and the scaling of the preferred dividend from 5 to 3 per cent, carried that stock down, and dragged with it Atlantic Coast Line, Louisville & Nashville and other stocks. Secretary Root, to the surprise of his friends, has for three weeks taken the farm cure for nervous prostration brought on by over-work; he has spent three weeks at the Farm Sanitarium of ex-champion wrestler William C. Muldoon, in New York, who puts his patients through a course of athletic treatment; President Roosevelt slipped over on a visit to Mr. Root. R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade reports Fall purchases going on lively by Southern and Western merchants, and the cotton industry is in such a satisfactory condition that the mills have orders ahead. At the beginning of the Summer Secretary of State Root was broken down, but for three weeks he has been taking the farm cure under William C. Muldoon, ex-champion wrestler, at the Muldoon farm in New York; he is now a new man. President Finley, of the Southern Railway, in explaining that the directors cut the dividend on preferred stock from 5 per cent to a basis of 3 per cent, a year ago the step was taken as a precaution in view of the reduced income of the company by reason of hostile legislation and the increased cost of labor and material, etc. New York markets: Money on call firm 2-1/2 to 3 per cent, ruling rate 2 3/4, closing bid 2 3/4, offered at 3; spot cotton steady 12.35; flour quiet but firm; wheat strong, No. 2 red 95-8 elevator; corn strong, No. 2, 65 elevator; oats strong, mixed 63; turpentine steady; rosin firm.

A scientist declares that kissing will remove freckles. This is one more thing that men are good for.

Jealousy, envy and malice! How hard it is to keep one or the other from rankling in the human heart.

Taft may have the advantage of the other fellows in the fact that while he is in the Philippines he can't put his foot in it.

Secretary of State Root isn't saying enough these times to enable one to judge whether he is a reactionary or just simply a straddler.

The Wall Streeters ought not to be dodging around so. They are liable to create a wrong impression, for President Roosevelt declared that it is only the criminals that he is after.

Senator Foraker reminds us of the boy who avoids the deep water of the "swimming hole" but stays out on the edge and pretends like he is in it with the other boys.

President Roosevelt announces once more that there will be no change in the Administration's policy. This means that we must go right on paying the same premium on it.

Once for all, President Roosevelt declares that he will continue to make it hot for the criminal rich if they keep up their criminality. This might mean that some of them will have to quit getting rich.

The Indian used to scalp the white man who tried to settle too close to his haunts, but the Indian has quit the scalping business and is putting in overtime to keep the white man from skinning the Indian.

Rural communities in the South are so independent now that they give the genuine horse laugh to financiers who write that they will have to withdraw their financial aid if things go on like they are.

A man's financial standing is at once established if he owns a piece of unencumbered real estate in Wilmington. The only other prerequisite for him to be classed as a plutocrat is for him to carry an account in our savings banks.

Mr. J. W. McNeill, a North Carolina Republican who is succeeding in law and politics at Washington, has been on a visit to his old home in Wilkesboro. He and former Senator Marion Butler are strong friends and he says Mr. Butler is making at least \$50,000 a year, mostly representing big concerns before the Departments in Washington. Mr. Butler is now in Europe looking after some legal business for a big ship manufacturing concern.

Gay Lumina Tonight. Week-end dance at Gay Lumina tonight. Express trains at 8 and 8:30.

LUMBERMEN COMING

North Carolina Pine Association to Meet Here Early in Next Month.

FOUR STATES INTERESTED

Curtailment of Production the Subject Under Consideration—Probably Little Time For Entertainment—Those Expected.

(By Associated Press.)

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 23.—The North Carolina Pine Association, controlling all the leading mills in North and South Carolina, Virginia and Eastern Maryland, which discussed here without action early in August the question of a curtailment of the lumber output by the closing down of the mills of the Association, has been called to meet at Wilmington, N. C. on September 4th for final action in the matter.

The above telegram received last night by Associated Press will be read with interest by the general public of Wilmington. The meeting will bring to this city between eighty and a hundred of the most influential business men of the four States mentioned. The sessions of the Association, it is understood, will probably be held in the Masonic Temple and will last but one day. The local lumbermen are preparing to entertain the visitors in as an elaborate a manner as their limited stay in the city will permit. It is probable, however, that most of the visitors will arrive on the morning train from the north and return the same evening. The meetings are usually given over strictly to business and little time is allotted to entertainment.

The meeting here, coming just after the vacation period and at the beginning of the Fall season will give the lumbermen an opportunity of discussing among themselves generally trade conditions and the gathering will be an important one from the mill owners' standpoint. Many of the mills further South and, indeed, some in this territory have already shut down for the purpose of curtailing the output of the Virginia lumbermen have not yet manifested a sufficient co-operation to make the curtailment entirely effective and the meeting here will finally determine upon a complete curtailment in all yellow pine territory.

BASEBALL GAMES TODAY.

Three Games are Scheduled in City League—Southside Teams.

Three games between teams in the City Baseball League are scheduled to be played at Hilton Park this afternoon instead of the usual double-header, giving almost an all-day of sport to the fanatics hereabouts. On account of the postponed games on two Saturdays on account of rain, the Giants and the Monarchs have decided to try conclusions twice and the regular game scheduled between the Y. M. C. A. and Rattlers will take place. The first game between the Giants and Monarchs will be called at 2:30 o'clock, and the second game between the two teams will immediately follow. It has been arranged by the managers to play seven innings to each game and the regularly scheduled game between the Y. M. C. A. and Rattlers will be called at 5 o'clock as usual. The season in the City League is now rapidly drawing to a close and each team in the association is putting forth a supreme effort to win. The result of this afternoon's games may make several very radical changes in the complexion of the percentage column for all hands.

The usual games will be played in the Southside League on the Castle street grounds. The first at 3 o'clock will be between the Wilmington Cotton Mills and the Wilmington team, and the second game at 5 o'clock will be between the Gray Eagles and Union Leaders. The public is invited and the best of order is guaranteed.

PRIZES ARE OFFERED

\$10 in Cash in Bowling and Trap Shooting at Carolina Beach. Mr. Hans A. Kure, proprietor of the amusement pavilion at Carolina Beach, offers cash prizes of \$10 each in a bowling tournament and in a trap shoot on the traps at the beach, running for ten days and beginning today. Parties may go down any day of the ten and take a trial for either or both of the prizes which are bona fide in every respect. The bowling and gun contests promise to be quite interesting and to attract a large number of people to the beach. Official advertisement of the prizes is made elsewhere in today's paper.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

J. M. Solky & Co.—Today. J. M. Hall—Teething Syrup. H. A. Kure—Prizes Offered.

Young man with fair English education is wanted at the Star office for mailing clerk and office work.

We do not allow ill fitting garments to leave the store, satisfaction the motto of this great clothing house. J. M. Solky & Co.

C. L. MARTIN RETURNED FIRED ON COMRADES

Young Man Charged With Kidnapping Miss Estelle Sykes Will Be Arraigned Before Justice Furlong Today at Noon.

C. L. Martin, the young man formerly employed as operator of the moving-picture machine at the Academy of Music in this city and arrested a few days ago at Norfolk charged with kidnapping Miss Estelle Sykes, 17 years old, employed as cashier at the theatre, was brought to this city last night by Constable Savage, and committed to jail in default of \$250 bond required for his appearance in Justice Furlong's court today at noon for preliminary trial.

Young Martin seemed in good spirits and appears to be confident of his acquittal of the charge of kidnapping, saying so far as inducing the young lady to leave home in this city was concerned that he had used no undue influence toward her and that she had paid the railroad fare of both to Norfolk.

Upon the arrival of the train from the North yesterday evening shortly after 6 o'clock, Constable Savage accompanied the prisoner to Justice Furlong's office on Princess street, where a commitment was made out and the defendant had a brief conference with his attorney, F. W. Bonitz, Esq., who awaited his coming there. Young Martin came without requisition and had several friends to call upon him at the jail last night, among the number being a brother who resides here and who assisted him in engaging counsel. There will probably be a surprise for the young defendant, however, today when the warrant is changed from kidnapping to seduction under promise of marriage. This is said to be the purpose of the prosecution, as it is admitted that the charge of kidnapping can probably not be sustained. Miss Sykes, accompanied by her brother, reached home Thursday evening, and it is said that the family will prosecute the case to the last. It is charged that Martin has another living wife, but it is not known whether evidence to this effect will be introduced or not. The trial will be a mere preliminary one today at noon, and if the prisoner is bound over, the whole matter will be threshed out in the Superior Court at the September term.

ORPHANS' FINE OUTING

Daughters of Rebekah Delightfully Entertained Children Last Night.

The complimentary boat trip given last night on the steamer Wilmington by the Daughters of Rebekah to the children who are here from the I. O. O. F. Home at Goldsboro, was enjoyed to the fullest extent. There were between three and four hundred people all told on the handsome steamer and a delightful sail up the Northeast was first taken, after which the Wilmington took the party on board for a delightful trip down the Cape Fear. The children swarmed on the decks of the pretty steamer and their rollicking laughter and sweet singing as the boat passed down the river front attracted the attention of all. Elegant refreshments were served free of charge to all and the Daughters scored a magnificent success in the outing for the little folks. The Star returns thanks for a waiter of the delightful refreshments sent around to the office upon the return of the party.

The children who have been guests of Wilmington Odd Fellows since last Tuesday morning will return home today. While their entertainment this year has not been so public as in former years, the visitors have had a good time and are grateful to the Wilmington folks for many courtesies shown.

WOULD LAUNCH NEWSPAPER

Merchants' Association Discuss Several Public Questions.

Louis Goodman, Esq., attorney for the Wilmington Merchants' Association, following a meeting of the Board of Directors of the organization in the office of Russell & Goodman Thursday afternoon, announces that the question of establishing another newspaper in Wilmington, using as a nucleus one or both of the existing newspaper plants in the city, was discussed at some length, and the following committee was appointed to confer with a similar committee from the Chamber of Commerce, viz: Messrs. L. B. Rogers, W. A. French, Jr., Geo. O. Gaylord and William E. Worth. It is also stated that the question of better terminal facilities for the Consolidated Company in this city was given some consideration. The latter matter was finally referred to President L. B. Rogers to be taken up with the Corporation Commission on appeal.

Water Report Received.

Chairman T. W. Wood, of the Water Committee of the Board of Aldermen, has received the official report of Colonel J. L. Ludlow, the engineer who made an inspection and estimate of the value of the plant of the Clarendon Water Works Company with a view of its sale to the city. The report nor any part of it will be made public until the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen the first Monday night in September. It will then be decided what price will be offered, if any, for the existing plant.

Revenue Officers on Raid Near Chapel Hill Take Each Other For Blockaders.

SEVERAL SHOTS EXCHANGED

Members of Both Parties Wounded. Two New Wilmington Corporations Chartered—Other Notes and Capital City Doings.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 23.—A telephone message to Collector of Internal Revenue E. C. Duncan this morning from Chapel Hill brought the news that two separate parties of revenue officers came upon each other close to a blockade distillery early this morning near Chapel Hill, and each taking the other to be blockaders, commanded the others to hold up their hands with the result that repeated rounds of shots were exchanged and several were seriously wounded, probably the most dangerous being United States Marshal J. B. Jordan. A bullet penetrated Jordan just above the left nipple, glanced around a rib and came out close to the backbone, the physicians pronouncing the wound not necessarily fatal. Deputy Collector J. R. Banks was shot in the hip with a possible necessity for amputation. Deputy Revenue Agent Henry was shot in the leg, not seriously, however, and Deputy Collector Riggsbee received a bullet in his arm, inflicting a flesh wound.

The facts are that Deputy Collector Hendrix, Deputy Collector J. R. Banks and Deputy Marshal Jordan left Raleigh last evening for this raid and were to be joined in Durham by Deputy Revenue Agents Henry, Riggsbee and others from Greensboro for a joint raid. Through some misunderstanding the parties missed each other, each thinking the other had been detained for some cause, and each decided to proceed with the raid, lest delay should give opportunity for the blockaders they were after to get wind of the movement. The result was that they met close by the distillery with the terrible results for both parties. Fuller particulars of the affair are expected by Collector Duncan later. A telephone message from Dr. Abernathy at Chapel Hill toward noon was to the effect that he had attended the wounded men and did not think that the injuries of either of them would be fatal, and that every possible attention was being provided for them.

A charter is issued to the Benson (Johnston county) Lumber Company. The capital is \$30,000, subscribed by J. W. Harriss, G. W. Beall and J. W. Jacobs.

Captain John Duckett, superintendent of the colored State Normal schools, went to Fayetteville today to see about the renting of quarters for the school there for the next term. The contract for the new buildings there are to be let soon. A number of new features are to be introduced at all three of the schools during the coming terms.

Secretary Joseph H. Pogue, of the North Carolina State Fair, announces that the premium list for the fair in October at the Raleigh fair grounds is now ready and will be sent to any address on receipt of application. Hon. William J. Bryan is to be the guest of honor, delivering the principal address for Fair week. Secretary Pogue has already booked a number of very strong attractions for the Fair including Demarest's Equestrienne combination and Wild West Show, Francis Ferreri's trained animal show and others. He says the outlook is far by all odds the finest fair ever held. Ere long now Chief Marshall Albert L. Cox will announce his address.

Governor Glenn issued today commissions to Z. P. Smith, Raleigh; D. A. Tompkins, Charlotte; Hugh MacRae, Wilmington; F. R. Hewett, Asheville, and H. E. Fries, Winston-Salem, as delegates from North Carolina to the Civic Federation Conference on Corporations and Trusts to meet in Chicago September 23rd to 26th.

Mr. W. F. Jackson, telegraph editor of the Raleigh Evening Times, has been confined at his home at Fuquay Springs several days with pneumonia and tidings was desperate, it being feared that he could not live through the night. Editor S. L. Rotter went at once to his bedside. Nothing has been heard from there today.

Charters were issued today for the King Distillery Company, of Wilmington, \$20,000 capital authorized and \$10,000 subscribed by W. M. King, R. L. Finger and M. H. Croom for operating a distilling and whiskey rectifying plant. The corporation succeeds W. M. Troutman & Co., now operating a distillery at Ninth and Cape Fear streets. The Newberlin Lumber Company, of Wilmington, capital \$50,000 authorized and \$30,000 subscribed is also chartered by S. Mitchell, S. M. Lloyd and others; The Lowell Mercantile Company, of Lowell, capital \$25,000 by T. P. Rankin and others.

Chairman J. W. Bailey, of the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, has issued a call for the committee to meet here August 27th for the purpose of electing a chairman in his stead and to decide upon the place for the next

ON THE GUN CLUB TRAPS OVERTURES REFUSED

Very Good Showing By Members of Wilmington Gun Club Yesterday Afternoon—Holmes High Average With Two Close.

Thirteen men faced the traps of the Wilmington Gun Club yesterday afternoon, and some very fine sport was enjoyed. The traps were in excellent condition and the weather conditions were favorable to good shooting. Mr. Blakeley, of the Atlanta Club, was among the visitors present, and was given the courtesies of the club. Holmes was high average of the afternoon, with 112 out of 125, while Boushee was second with 109-125, and Dr. J. H. Dreher was third with 105-125. The scores in detail were as follows:

Table with columns: Name, Shot at, Broke. Includes names like Littig, Dreher, Boushee, Harris, Bennett, Boylan, Holmes, Penny, Taylor, Perdew, Jarman, Wessell, Merriman.

The tie between Messrs. Boushee and Stokley for the handsome base offered by the Hunter Arms Company will probably be shot off next Friday afternoon, as Mr. Stokley could not be present yesterday afternoon.

DAUGHTERS OF CONFEDERACY.

Interesting Exercises Yesterday Afternoon at W. L. I. Armory.

Interesting and very pretty exercises were observed yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Wilmington Light Infantry armory by Cape Fear Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, the occasion having been the 14th anniversary of the founding of the Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry. There was a good attendance and the entertainment committee of which Mrs. F. L. Huggins was chairman had arranged everything to perfection. The two large double parlors of the armory had been attractively decorated with Confederate colors and flags, the whole giving a picturesque scene to the rooms. The most important feature of the ceremonies was the bestowal of the Crosses of Honor upon veterans entitled to them. Of those who had been requested to be present, the following were in attendance and received the tokens at the loving hands of the Daughters, viz: J. P. Wallace, color corporal, Co. C, Second Regiment, North Carolina Junior Reserves; Comrade W. A. Baggett, and James W. Price, Esq., a descendant of Capt. Joseph W. Price, Confederate States Navy.

Dainty refreshments of Nabisco and punch were served in honor of the veterans and during the afternoon a delightful programme of music was rendered, including the solo, "The Red, Red Rose," by Mrs. E. K. Bryan; "The Bonnie Blue Flag," and other patriotic songs. Miss Ida Brown delightfully played the accompaniments for the musical selections.

Commission of Lunacy Held.

A commission of lunacy yesterday at the office of Colonel John D. Taylor, clerk of the Superior Court, inquired into the case of Mamie Carver, alias Potter, the colored woman taken in custody by deputy sheriffs Thursday and suffering under the hallucination that she is being pursued by persons intent upon taking her life or doing her great bodily harm. She said that she had a husband but that he had deserted her. The woman is very much emaciated and is in no wise violent. It is probable that arrangements will be made in a few days for entrance into the hospital for the colored insane at Goldsboro as that is the recommendation of the commission.

Fire broke out in the lupper room of the Nemesse Cotton Mills yesterday and did considerable damage to machinery and ten bales of cotton in the room before it was extinguished.

Announcement is made that General Julian S. Carr will deliver the address for the annual reunion of O. R. Rand Camp Confederate Veterans at Holly Springs August 30th. There will be excursions from Raleigh and Durham. (By Associated Press.)

Washington, Aug. 23.—Commissioner of Internal Revenue Capers today received a telegram from Internal Agent Surber, at Greensboro, N. C., dated today, saying:

"Deputy Collector Hendrix, with poses from Raleigh, N. C., and Deputy Collector Henry with poses from Durham, met at a moonshine still last night. Each took the other for moonshiners and fired on each other. Deputy Marshal Jordan was mortally wounded and Deputy Collector Henry and two possemen were seriously wounded."

Commissioner Capers telegraphed instructions that no expense be spared in caring for the wounded.

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Bargains in remnants at Reider's.

Southern Railway Doesn't Care to Suspend Railway Rate Hearings For Governor.

IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY

Vice President H. B. Spencer on the Stand Tells of Company's Business in North Carolina—Sharp Tilts With Counsel.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, August 23.—Overtures, tentatively made by Governor Glenn, of North Carolina, for the suspension of the present hearing in the North Carolina rate case until after the question of the jurisdiction of United States Circuit Court Judge J. C. Pritchard has been determined by the Supreme Court of the United States, were rejected today by counsel for the Southern Railway. The plan of the Governor, as outlined by special counsel for the State, was to suspend the present inquiry because of the expense attached to it, but the Southern Railway argued that in order to expedite the adjustment of the controversy, necessary facts in relation to the cost of doing business in North Carolina should be gathered pending the settlement of the jurisdiction of the courts.

Had the Southern Railway consented to the plan the present hearing before Judge Walter A. Montgomery, who was appointed master to take evidence and report to Judge Pritchard, would have been postponed today indefinitely. As it is, the hearing was ordered to proceed and the indications are that it will continue for a week or more. Having transferred the hearing from New York, Judge Montgomery started taking testimony today in the office of the first vice president of the Southern Railway.

H. B. Spencer, vice president of the Southern, was the only witness heard, and he had not concluded when adjournment was taken. During the forenoon he answered many questions concerning the cost of operating in North Carolina, and the earnings on all classes of business.

At the afternoon session Speaker Justice, of the North Carolina Legislature, took charge of the cross examination and inquired closely into the actual cost of earning a dollar on all classes of business in the State.

Mr. Spencer could not estimate accurately the cost of earning a dollar on intra-State business and said that it cost about 65 cents on all business in North Carolina to earn a dollar for the year ended June 30, 1906. These figures apply to net earnings as figured by the Inter-State Commerce Commission and do not include taxes, interest on bonds or indebtedness of any kind, or expenditures from net earnings for betterments. Mr. Spencer said that the average earnings per train mile on the Southern system on passenger business are about \$1.03 or \$1.04 and the passenger earnings in North Carolina including mail and express business are about \$1.25. "The average earnings on all business in North Carolina are larger than the average for the entire system," said Mr. Spencer, "for the reason that North Carolina is a 'choke' through which the business of the entire system is 'funnelled.'"

The witness gave the gross earnings on North Carolina business as \$12,043,727; the gross operating expenses for the same period as \$7,778,793, but could not give the amount of taxes paid during the period, nor the assessed valuation for the property.

Mr. Spencer admitted that there is a considerable volume of Inter-State business handled on North Carolina local trains, and in fact practically all of such Inter-State freight except that originating at division points or destined for such points. It was conceded that this to some extent tended to increase the cost of carrying local freight. The reason given by Mr. Spencer for the high cost of handling local freight was that there is less tonnage on local trains, more wear on the equipment, and more labor required in the handling.

Opposing counsel engaged in some sharp exchanges over an effort on the part of Mr. Woodward, special counsel for the State, to have the witness admit he had heard that the Virginia State Commission concluded from a thorough investigation, that local business of a railroad costs no more than through business. The witness would not admit that he had heard anything of the kind nor that the decision would have been of value if one had been reached, for the reason that the investigation had been "one sided."

Mr. Justice cited a number of cases and quoted many rates in an effort to show that the Southern Railway and other railways transacting business in North Carolina have discriminated against cities in that state in favor of Virginia cities, making lower rates from Lynchburg, Va., to North Carolina points than are made between two or more North Carolina points of less distance. The hearing will be resumed tomorrow.

Saturday is the Gala Day of the big sale. Come early and get the pick. J. M. Solky & Co.

Fruit jars and rubbers at Reider's.