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THE LEASE OF THE MANHATTAN LINE

Taken by the Interborough for 999 Years.

AN INCREASE OF STOCK

New Shares Amounting to Seven Millions in Value Will be Taken by the Manhattan Stockholders at Par--The Official Announcement.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Nov. 26.—The official announcement was made today that the Manhattan Elevated Railway Company will be leased to the Interborough Company, which is to operate the subway now being built, to take effect April 1, 1903.

The rental from April 1, 1903, to January 1, 1906, will be the net earnings of the Manhattan Company, not exceeding 7 per cent. After January 1, 1906, the rental will be 7 per cent flat, of Manhattan stock guaranteed by the Interborough Company.

The Manhattan Railway Company will increase its stock to \$55,200,000 for the purpose of completing improvements. This is an increase of about \$7,000,000. The Manhattan stockholders will be given the new stock at par.

Povisor is to be made in the lease for the ultimate increase of Manhattan stock to the total amount of \$60,000,000. The lease is to be for a period of 999 years.

The official announcement made by the two companies says: "The other details of the lease will be those customarily adopted in similar cases."

"The lease will provide security satisfactory to the Manhattan Company for the payment of the dividend rental."

"The board of directors of both companies, at their meetings, approved of the general proposition and have authorized their officers to prepare under the advice of counsel a lease which will have to be submitted to the board and to a meeting of the stockholders for approval."

August Belmont, of the Interborough Company, made the following statement this afternoon: "The directors of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company have this day, after previous long deliberation and investigation, determined for reasons which appear to them important and controlling as affecting the interests not only of the stockholders of the company, but of the city and of the travelling public, to lease the Manhattan system of elevated roads for a period of 999 years on the terms given out this afternoon."

"It is believed that this plan when perfected will work out a prompt and satisfactory system of interborough transit, both lessor and lessee being thereby engaged in a common effort to stimulate, increase and develop facilities for transportation, rather than—as would have been the case if the properties had remained separate—being engaged largely in the effort to divert traffic the one from the other."

"It is not intended by this arrangement that any of the plans for the development of the interborough system shall be interrupted or departed from. In the meanwhile, however, before the extensions can be completed, the two systems will work in harmony. Nor is it intended to dispense with any additions which are desirable for the Manhattan property. The proposed authorized but unissued increase of capital stock of that company beyond the \$55,200,000 up to \$60,000,000, an important part of the plan, has been provided for to that end."

"It is impossible, in any brief statement, to give in detail the advantages which—as the negotiations for a lease have progressed—have appealed to those who will be practically identified with the management of the united system, but these advantages affect both economy of operation and convenience of public traffic. As I have said, however, in coming to the conclusion arrived at, it has been considered by the directors of the Interborough Company that they were not alone charged with the duty of caring for the best interests of the stockholders, but also that they are carrying responsibility of the management and development of a quasi-municipal enterprise, and they have come to this decision with the conviction that they were acting for the best interests of the city and the travelling public both for the present and the future."

George J. Gould, president of the Manhattan Company, followed Mr. Belmont's statement with the following: "I have seen the interview with Mr. Belmont, and so far as the Manhattan system is concerned, we agree with him that a union of the two properties will bring about a conspicuously satisfactory solution of the rapid transit problems of the Metropolis, while, at the same time, the advantage of a fixed guarantee by a corporation of the character of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company will be appreciated and accepted by the stockholders of this company, a large number of whom have, of course, as negotiations have progressed looking to this lease, approved of the proposed plan."

Synod's Plan to Consolidate Totters. (By the Associated Press.)

Knoxville, Tenn., Nov. 26.—The plan of the Tennessee Presbyterian Synod to consolidate the interest of Maryville College, at Maryville, Tenn.; Tusculum College, at Tusculum, Tenn.; and Wash-

ington College, near Greenville, Tenn., is about to fail. It was proposed to make Maryville an exclusively male institute, Tusculum a girl's college, and Washington College an industrial school, all to be jointly maintained, and conducted by the Presbyterians instead of separately as now. The plan has, however, been frustrated by the trustees of Maryville College voting against the abolition of co-education at the school. President Wilson, of Maryville, is bitterly opposed to denying girls admission to Maryville College. The proposition may go back to the synod.

JOHN ANGEL SENTENCED.

Given Twenty-one Years in State Prison for Killing Sanford York.

(Special to the News and Observer.) Mt. Airy, N. C., Nov. 26.—John Angel was today sentenced to the State prison for twenty-one years by Judge Shaw, for the killing of Sanford York last summer. The verdict is generally regarded as a righteous one. Angel is considered fortunate in not going to the gallows.

IN A STREAM OF FIRE

Several Deaths May Follow This Spurt of Liquid Iron.

(By the Associated Press.)

Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 26.—One man was burned to death, two were fatally injured and a third was severely hurt, while two strangers are reported missing, as the result of a sudden collapse of the furnace of the Williamson Iron Company in Birmingham today.

The dead: THOMAS J. EDWARDS, general manager of the plant. Injured: James F. McAnaulley, storeman, fatally burned. Allan Maw, colored, foundryman, fatally burned.

Charles Sampson, son of the secretary of the company, severely injured. The break in the furnace caused a mass of molten iron to gush forth and Edwards and the injured men were caught by the fiery stream. The two strangers missing, and whose names are unknown, were talking to Edwards at the time the explosion occurred and may be under the debris and molten iron which has since hardened.

FOLLY THAT IS CRIMINAL

Boy Shot in the Throat by a Pistol Supposed to be Empty.

(Special to the News and Observer.) Scotland Neck, N. C., Nov. 26.—Sunday morning a boy named Lewis shot Eugene Stanper at the home of Mr. John Whitaker. Young Lewis was handling a pistol and thinking he had taken all the cartridges from it, began snapping it at various ones. Young Stanper came in and the second time he snapped it fired. The ball struck Stanper in the front part of the neck and ranged around to the back part, lodging near the skin. The wound bled profusely, but was not serious.

Sunday at Tillery Mr. W. H. K. Jones died suddenly with something like heart trouble. He was about 55 years old and left a wife and three small children.

Halifax Superior Court is in session this week, with Judge George A. Jones on the bench. This week is being given to the criminal docket.

The first case was a quo warranto case from the town of Littleton. At the last town election C. P. Rodwell and Thos. N. Harrison were candidates for mayor. Rodwell was elected and Harrison being then mayor claimed right to the office by virtue of the statute under which he was elected. Rodwell, who has been acting as mayor, as well as Harrison, sued for the office. The court decided in favor of Harrison.

Rev. J. C. Jones, who has been pastor of the Methodist church here for more than a year, has received a call to the First church in Bueble, Col., and will leave this week to enter upon his charge there.

ARRESTED FOR DESEDITION

Supposed Mad Dog Killed--Collision of Wagon and Street Car.

(Special to the News and Observer.) Lumberton, N. C., Nov. 26.—Gaston Barfield, a negro boy about fifteen years old, was arrested and jailed here for a criminal assault on the twelve-year-old daughter of Mr. T. J. Noblin, of Barnesville. The girl and her ten-year-old sister were on their way to school. When assaulted by the negro the screams of the children attracted the attention of neighbors nearby and the negro fled. A party at once set out in pursuit and captured one negro, whom the young girls did not recognize. As soon as Gaston was brought before them they identified him as the assaulter. The blood of the good people of Sterling was thoroughly aroused, but like law-abiding citizens they refrained from violence and turned the culprit over to Sheriff McLeod, who arrived on the scene by a special train over the Carolina Northern Railroad.

Mr. Eugene Wright Dead.

(Special to the News and Observer.) Winston-Salem, N. C., Nov. 26.—Mr. Eugene Wright, aged 49, died at Lewisville today of Bright's disease. He was a large and successful merchant and farmer and leaves an estate valued at fifty thousand dollars.

SOUFRIERE IS ABLAZE

Inhabitants of Villages Fly. Earth Groans. Volcanic Lightnings Flash.

(By the Associated Press.)

Kingston, St. Vincent, Nov. 26.—A violent eruption of La Soufriere, the fifth big outburst since the catastrophe of May 7th, took place today. Georgetown and the village of Chateau Belair, situated on the west coast of St. Vincent, were again evacuated by their inhabitants. Telephone communication in these districts is interrupted, owing to fierce lightning.

Subterranean rumblings can be heard and volcanic clouds are seen from this city. The crater has been smoking constantly since the terrific eruption of October 16th.

THE GOVERNOR'S THANKSGIVING

Thanks to God for all the Blessings Which Have Come to This Commonwealth

Our thanks as an entire people are due to the overruling Providence which has so blessed us in every department of life, and reverently let us thank God for his manifold blessings on North Carolina, so abundantly bestowed.

CHARLES B. AYCOCK, Governor. Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 26, 1902.

What North Carolina has to be Thankful For.

Oxford, N. C., Nov. 26.—God has given to us as a people material prosperity, and we are peculiarly favored in climate and soil and in those blessings which we term "natural conditions." From war, pestilence and famine we have been free. Peace, healthfulness and plenty have been ours. None who are able to work need now be idle. We are comparatively exempt from the low bred, foreign element, which is a dangerous and demoralizing factor in some other States. The relationship existing between capital and labor is more friendly than in many States. North Carolina is filled with a generous, open-hearted, strong type of manhood and with as high a type of womanhood as can be found on the face of the earth. Our people are awakening to the duty and necessity of educating the children of the State. The gospel in its simplicity and power is proclaimed from our pulpits, and in the lives of many of our people. We are thankful for the progress of the church of God and for the hope of its mightier movement onward. We are thankful for the growth of charitable, fraternal organizations, which are doing good. We are grateful for all indications that the moral and spiritual life of our people is growing more vigorous, and one of the plainest manifestations of this fact is in the growth and development of orphan work in North Carolina. If material prosperity meant impoverishment of the higher life of our citizenship, it would not be a blessing. For these and innumerable more blessings we are thankful.

W. J. HICKS.

CAVE THEM THE SLIP

Attempt to Trap a Burglar--Sixteen Pairs of School Age Twins.

(Special to News and Observer.) Greensboro, N. C., Nov. 26.—Last night a clerk in Stockwell & Currie's store, looking across the street, saw a man crawl over the transom of the front door of John Barker's rectifying establishment. He immediately phoned Chief of Police Scott, who was soon on the scene. Barker being cut off and no key obtainable, a guard was placed around the building and the front door broken in with an axe. Careful search was made, but the burglar had vanished, jumped out possibly while the clerk was at the phone. The transom showed the sign of recent disturbance, the metal number on the door had been detached and was lying on the sidewalk.

Greensboro has sixteen pairs of school age twins alone, according to the school census just taken by Mr. W. C. Workman, who returns the following report to the school authorities.

Total number of school age 3,221, of whom 1,916 are white and 1,418 are colored. Two thirds of this number are attending some school, while thirty-four white and ninety-three colored children over 12 years old cannot read and write. In the total number are twins, sixteen, white, blind 3; colored, blind, one, and one deaf and dumb white child.

Judge Adams left this morning for Indian Territory, stating that his duties as Chief Justice of the Choctaw-Chickasaw claims court would keep him there for six months.

Dr. Charles D. McIver left this morning on a trip to Eastern North Carolina. Today and tomorrow he will visit the Goldsboro and Wilson graded schools and tomorrow he makes an educational address at Lucama, Wilson county, where a local tax election is soon to be held. He speaks at Elm City tomorrow night.

Henry Blount, the well known newspaper man and lecturer, entertained very delightfully last night the guests of the McAdoo in the hotel parlor, giving a reading, Rip Van Winkle and two or three humorous recitations.

Policemen should be successful speculators; so many servant girls let them in on the ground floor.

COIN MILLS' OUTPUT

Statement by Director of Mint. Coinage of Silver About to Cease.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Nov. 26.—George E. Roberts, the Director of the Mint, in his annual report, says that the coinage mints at Philadelphia, New Orleans and San Francisco were in operation throughout the fiscal year. In number of pieces the coinage of the year never has been exceeded, aggregating 191,419,506, but in value it has fallen from \$136,240,781 in 1902, to \$94,526,678, this being due to the greater demand for the small denominations. The coinage of silver dollars amounted to \$19,402,800, subsidiary silver coins to \$10,713,569, and minor coins to \$2,429,736. The gross expenditures on account of the Mint service, including loss by wastage in operating upon the metals, was \$1,910,503. The earnings from all charges and incidental gains exclusive of seigniorage aggregated \$357,586. The seigniorage realized in the manufacture of one and five cent pieces, amounted to \$1,919,370, and the total seigniorage accruing on the silver, nickel and bronze coins made in the year was \$11,013,856, which was turned into the general fund of the Treasury.

The director says that the increased capacity of the mints at Philadelphia and San Francisco and the prospective opening of the new mint at Denver, will give the country a much greater coinage capacity than it has had heretofore, while on the other hand, the pressure on the mints is about to relax instead of increase. The coinage of 1,500,000 silver dollars per month, now required by law, will come to an end soon by the exhaustion of the stock of bullion. This amount now calls for the entire capacity of the New Orleans mint. When the dollar coinage ceases, that mint will be idle unless work is diminished at Philadelphia and San Francisco to give it employment. When the Denver mint is opened, the bullion output of Colorado and possibly of other mining districts of the west now going to Philadelphia, will be cut off from the latter institution, and the report says it is not advisable to reduce still further its operations in order to supply work for New Orleans.

It accordingly is recommended that coinage operations be discontinued at the latter institution at the close of the current fiscal year, and that it be conducted hereafter as an assay office. No coinage operations are now discontinued at New Orleans so much of the machinery there as is in good condition and of approved design can be transferred to the new Denver mint, and the estimate for equipment there correspondingly reduced.

Attention is called to the fact that the gold coinage of the country is now entering almost entirely into storage, and that the coinage of the entire annual deposits is unnecessary. The Treasury holds about \$500,000,000 of coined gold which, the report says, doubtless is more than will be called for in a generation to come. Practically all of the current coinage is being deposited in the Treasury for certificates. When gold is required for export it is wanted in bars, while for domestic circulation the public prefers the Treasury certificates which, with some modification of the statutes might as well be issued against bars.

THE PRESIDENT RECEIVES THE BRITISH LABOR COMMISSION

It is Idle, he Declares to Protest Against the Inevitable Tendency Toward Corporation and Union

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Nov. 26.—President Roosevelt received today the members of the British Labor Commission, who are making a tour of the United States as to guests of Alfred Moseley, the British philanthropist. After greeting the members of the party, the President said: "I am delighted to have the pleasure of meeting you gentlemen and Mr. Marks. I have had communication with Mr. Marks on more than one question leading up to the coal strike. Naturally, like any man who has anything to do with public affairs, I not only take, but am bound to take the very deepest interest in all the manifold social problems which include as one section of them what we group together as the labor problem. More and more as our modern industrial progress goes on there is a tendency to work in federation or combination, both among employers and among employees, in corporations and in unions; and of course, gentlemen, among the reasons why I take a very great interest in these combinations is the very fact that by their power they have such great possibilities for good, which necessarily implies that they have also great possibilities for evil. Whether you wish them or not it is idle, in my opinion, to protest against the inevitable tendency of the times toward both corporation and union. It is worse than folly to take exceptions of either corporation or union as such. The line should be drawn on conduct."

Mr. Marks, whom the President addressed in his remarks, is the president of the National Association of Clothiers, with headquarters in New York. He is traveling with the party. He is one of those with whom the President consulted during the coal strike negotiations which resulted in the appointment of the arbitration commission.

Over-Zealous Employe Bounced.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Nov. 26.—William O. Theobald, special employe of the Treasury

Department, in connection with the New York custom house, has charged that Mr. Theobald has been over-zealous in the discharge of his duty and has brought the department into disrepute by all-adviced action in connection with seizures of imported goods.

Farmers at Elizabeth City.

Commissioner of Agriculture S. L. Patterson is back in the city after a visit to Elizabeth City. He reports that the farmers of that section have just held an excellent institute or convention.

Mr. Patterson and Dr. Tait Butler made addresses. The attendance was good and there was much interest shown in the meeting, which is expected to do good.

Big Robbery of Securities.

(By the Associated Press.)

Evergreen, Ala., Nov. 26.—The store of Frank Feagin, at Brooklyn, was broken into last night. The safe was blown, the robbers securing \$200 in cash and \$10,000 in mortgages and other securities. There is no clue, but it is believed the work was done by experts.

HANS AND JOHN BULL

Discuss Plans for Bringing Venezuela to See Error of Her Way.

(By the Associated Press.)

London, Nov. 26.—Diplomatic relations between Great Britain and Venezuela have not been severed up to the present, though the Foreign Office would not be surprised if it were compelled to take a decisive step at any moment. Thus far, Venezuela shows no signs of granting the reparation demanded and the question of the seizure of the Venezuelan customs has been discussed between Berlin and London, as one of the various possible methods of obtaining satisfaction. No decision, however, has been reached regarding the course which shall be finally adopted.

Berlin, Nov. 26.—Germany and Great Britain have determined to take joint action to collect their claims against Venezuela. The two powers are in correspondence over the form of this action. No time can be named when they will act, because the respective Foreign Offices have not yet agreed on the details. It is understood that only slight differences exist regarding the course to be followed.

It is confirmed here that the United States is fully informed on the subject of the negotiations and knows that what is meditated will not infringe the Monroe Doctrine.

President Teddy's Plump Gobbler.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Nov. 26.—When the President and Mrs. Roosevelt sit down to their Thanksgiving dinner tomorrow they will be surrounded by practically all the members of their immediate family. All the children will be present, except Kermit, who is in school at Groton, Mass. In addition, the several house guests of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt will dine with the family. It is not unlikely that three or four other intimate friends of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt will be at the dinner.

The feature of the President's Thanksgiving dinner menu will be a 22-pound, chestnut-fed turkey, which reached the White House last night. It was sent by Horace Vose, of Westery, L. I., who, for a quarter of a century, has supplied a fine specimen of the American bird for the Thanksgiving dinner of the President of the United States.

Great Steamship Company Organized.

(By the Associated Press.)

New Orleans, Nov. 26.—Information has been received here to the effect that a five-million dollar steamship company has been organized at Copenhagen proposing to establish regular service between the city and St. Thomas in the Danish West India Islands. This route will be fed by a number of smaller vessels which will connect St. Thomas with points on the coast of Venezuela, Central America and Mexico. The company will also engage in commerce in the countries mentioned.

Benediction for Abbott.

Fathers O'Brien and Irwin, of Raleigh, left yesterday for Belmont, where they go to attend the solemn abbatial benediction of Right Reverend Charles Mohr, of the Order of Saint Benedict in the abbey church at Belmont. Bishop Haid will officiate and five other bishops and about eighty priests will be present. Father Charles was formerly pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart in Raleigh.

A Cablegram received yesterday from Cuxhaven, via the Azores, announced that Mr. Dave Berwanger had crossed the ocean in safety. Telegrams the day before had told of the "Deutschland" being damaged in a storm.

Mr. O. B. Harris, formerly of this city, who has been critically ill at Rocky Mount, is reported as being very much improved. His wife and child have also been critically ill here at the home of her father, Mr. J. P. Gulley, on South Wilmington street.

Sheriff Lee, of Buncombe county, yesterday brought a colored woman to the State's Prison to serve a twelve months' sentence for larceny and receiving.

A BREACH OF FAITH BY THE COAL KINGS

Facts Speak for Themselves, Say Miners' Counsel.

AND THEY GIVE THEM HERE

In a Nut Shell the Coal Road Presidents Agreed to MacVeagh's Plan of Settlement out of Court, Then Repudiated Him.

(By the Associated Press.)

Scranton, Pa., Nov. 26.—Quite in contrast with the happy faces of the independent operators when they returned from New York last night were the countenances of the miners' representatives when they returned today from their disappointing trip to Washington.

How the latter views the sudden and surprising turn of affairs is well set forth in a statement issued this afternoon by Messrs. Darrow and Lloyd, the miners' attorneys, who accompanied Mr. Mitchell to Washington. They clearly indicate that they think the coal road presidents acquiesced in Mr. MacVeagh's plan of a settlement out of court and then repudiated him. The statement is as follows: "The commission adjourned for ten days in pursuance of an arrangement between the parties to give opportunity for conciliation on account of a telegram which he understands was written by George F. Baer in the presence of and with the consent of every railroad concerned and was signed by Wayne MacVeagh. This telegram was written after a careful reading of the tentative agreement which had been prepared and written by counsel of both parties and which had been submitted to the commission. At the request of Mr. MacVeagh, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Darrow and Mr. Lloyd went to Washington to consult upon some minor details of the agreement. There was no friction or important disagreement between the parties at the meeting in Washington. Later in the day, after the conference in New York with the independent operators, Mr. MacVeagh received a telegram calling off all negotiations and advising that the matter be settled by the commission in a regular hearing."

"The man who wrote the telegram to Judge Gray, stating that the main features of the contract were acceptable, was the same man who signed the telegram to Wayne MacVeagh three or four days later, stating that negotiations must end."

"A copy of the tentative agreement is in the hands of Hon. Wayne MacVeagh, Mr. Wilcox, of the Delaware and Hudson Company; Carroll D. Wright and probably Mr. Baer."

"We can see no reasons for the expression of any opinion, the facts speak for themselves. We have been ready at all times to consult with any one, and make any reasonable adjustment, but we have no anxiety whatever over the case and its results and shall be ready for business when the commission meets."

While admitting that they did much towards breaking off the negotiations for a settlement out of court, the independent operators do not hesitate to say that they were not required to advance much argument to bring the coal roads presidents to their way of thinking.

One of the independent operators said today: "The big companies had come to our way of thinking before we met them."

THANKSGIVING SERVICES.

North Carolina Day is Celebrated With Appropriate Exercises.

(Special to News and Observer.) Durham, N. C., Nov. 26.—Thanksgiving services will be held at different city churches tomorrow, with the exception of the First Baptist. Rev. Dr. E. A. Yates will preach at Main Street church, and at the other churches the regular pastors will conduct the services. The day will be observed as a holiday by most of our people.

The Durham Graded Schools observed North Carolina Day with appropriate exercises today. In connection therewith an excellent Thanksgiving program was rendered. At the Edgemont \$50 was subscribed for the benefit of their library.

State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner, County Superintendent C. W. Massey, Judge R. W. Winston and P. C. Graham attended an educational gathering at the high school in Mangum township today. Prof. Joyner, Judge Winston and others delivered addresses.

Tomorrow night the Pythians will give a banquet in their castle hall.

Asheville Schools Celebrate.

(Special to the News and Observer.)

Asheville, N. C., Nov. 26.—North Carolina Day was celebrated in the city schools with appropriate exercises today.

The observance of Thanksgiving will be general here, the business houses all closing. The holiday promises to be celebrated more widely in this city than in several years.

Mr. and Mrs. George Vandervilt are entertaining a house party.

A rope often gets tight because that is the way it is taut.