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TWO RAILROADS ARE BOUGHT BY THE NORFOLK SOUTHERN

They Now Own The Raleigh & Southport and Durham & Charlotte Railroads

WILL NOW BUILD FROM RALEIGH TO CONCORD

Mr. E. C. Duncan, Acting for the Norfolk Southern, and His Attorney, ex-Governor Aycock, Return From Concord and Make Announcement That the Raleigh and Southport Road Now Belongs to the Norfolk Southern and Will Be Extended to Concord as Soon as the Rights of Way Into That Town Are Secured

Raleigh has just begun to grow.

The engine that will pull the train the Norfolk Southern will run from Raleigh to Concord, will soon be making music in the Union Depot. Although the men who know all about it say that their present plan is only to go to Concord, all the world knows that when the Norfolk Southern railroad's line running from Norfolk through Raleigh to Concord gets to the capital of Cabarrus, the progressive city of Charlotte will make such inducements as will give a direct line from Raleigh to Charlotte. However, that is another story.

The News and Observer states today upon authority that the Norfolk Southern Railway Company, and interests allied with that company, have purchased from Mr. John A. Mills and his associates the Raleigh and Southport Railroad and all its properties. It has also purchased from Mr. Lenning and his associates the railroad known as the Durham and Charlotte road, which is now and has been for years in operation from Cummock to Troy. The Norfolk Southern will construct this road from Raleigh to Concord, either under its own charter or under the charter of the Raleigh, Charlotte and Southern Railroad obtained from the last Legislature by leading citizens between Raleigh and Charlotte and purchased some weeks ago by Mr. E. C. Duncan, acting for himself and his associates, his

to be the Norfolk & Southern Railway Company.

HARMON COMPARED WITH WICKERSHAM

Relative Activities of Two Attorneys-General Feature of Senate Committee Hearing

IN ENFORCING SHERMAN LAW AGAINST TRUSTS

General Attack Upon Decree of United States Circuit Court of New York in the Dissolution of American Tobacco Company Also Fanned Proceedings of Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce. Now Investigating Trust Problem With a View to the Enactment of New Legislation.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 17.—A general attack upon the decree of the Circuit Court of New York in the dissolution of the American Tobacco Company and a specific comparison of the activities of Attorney General Wickersham and former Attorney General Judson Harmon in enforcing the Sherman Anti-Trust law against great combinations, enlivened today's hearings of the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce which is investigating the trust problem with a view to new legislation.

Senator Pomerene, of Ohio, in vigorous questions directed toward H. C. Martin, a witness before the committee, asked if he knew of "any justification for the head of a department of the government to take the position that he will not enforce the criminal provisions of the Sherman Anti-Trust law."

"There appears to be little effort in the Department of Justice to enforce the criminal provisions of the law," said Senator Pomerene. "Do you know of any statute or other authority which justifies an Attorney General in taking the position that he may enforce the statute in the civil courts but declines to enforce its criminal provisions. I regard the course of the department in its failure to enforce these provisions as most reprehensible."

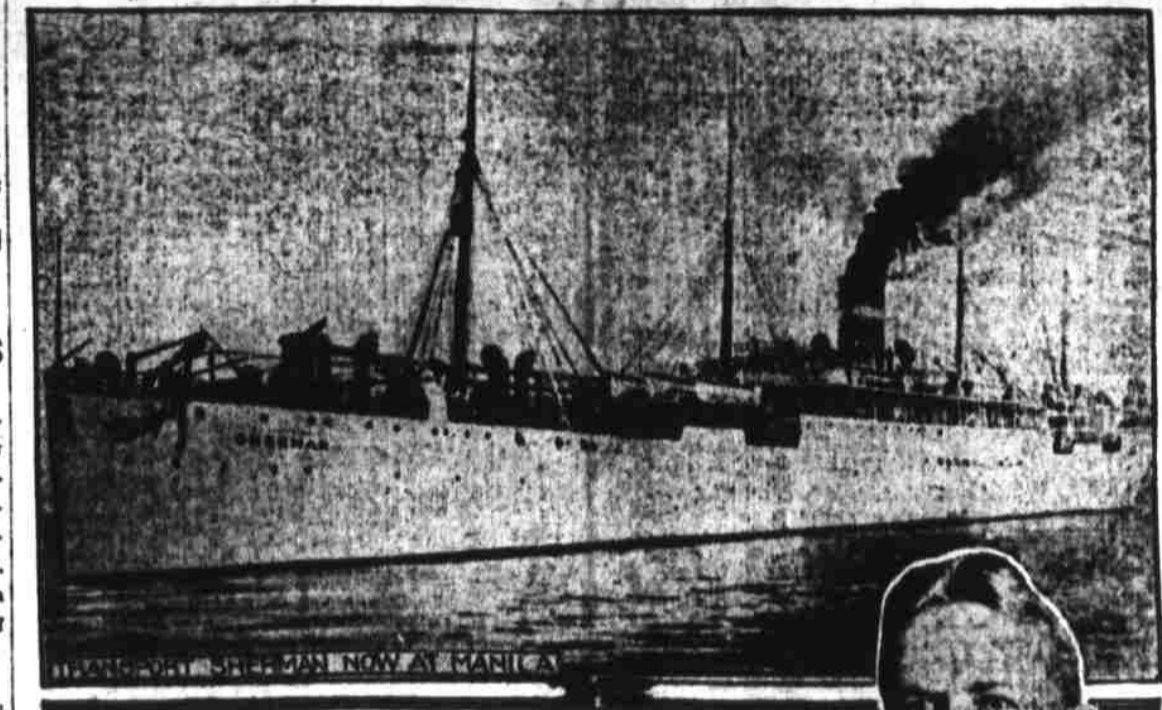
Senator Oliver was the only member of the committee who replied to the attack on the Attorney General. He said that the Sherman law was a dead letter. "I refer to former Attorney General Judson Harmon, of Ohio," said Senator Oliver, looking across the table to Senator Pomerene.

The committee showed signs of an impatient outbreak. Senator Pomerene declared it was not Mr. Harmon, but his predecessor, Richard Olney, who had said, in substance, that the law was a dead letter. Mr. Harmon, he said, took up and pushed to a decision in the Supreme Court the Trans-Missouri rate case, and made every effort to revivify the Sherman law. Other members of the committee said from taking part in the discussion and it was finally dropped.

The dissolution decree in the American Tobacco Company case dividing the trust into four separate organizations, was characterized several times during the hearings as a "construction of the Sherman law that failed to restore competition."

There are clearly two movements under way for changes in the Sherman law, said Senator Cummins. "The first for a mitigation of the provisions of the law, the other toward a supplementary act that will make it a more efficient instrument in preservation of competition."

TRANSPORT SHERMAN HELD AT MANILA TO TAKE U. S. TROOPS TO CHINA IF NECESSARY



Washington, Nov. 17.—General J. Franklin Bell, commander of the American forces in the Philippines, has been ordered to select such regiments as he may deem proper for service in China should it become necessary for foreign governments to interfere to preserve order there. The transport Sherman is being held at Manila to take the troops to Chinwangtao, from which port they would have to travel to Peking. The Sherman is a vessel of 5,000 tons and was formerly the flagship of the Atlantic Transport line. Under the proposed sailing the Navy reserves the power to land troops whenever necessary to protect the railroad and telegraph lines for the purpose of maintaining communication with the respective embassies and legations. When the present revolution begins to spread northward toward Peking the foreign governments began consideration of protecting this railroad by an international force. Each government will send a small body of troops for the purpose. The troops will act in the capacity of an international police force and will only be used to protect the integrity of the railroad and telegraph.

WHY THE GAMBLERS KEPT A BIG FUND A SUSPENSION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS

Evidence Before Civil Service Commission at Chicago Is That It Was to 'Ease Up Public Officials'

(By the Associated Press.) Chicago, Ill., Nov. 17.—Charges that Chicago gamblers kept a fund on hand of \$10,000 for use in "easing up" public officials was made by Harry Brodski, former gambler, before the Civil Service Commission today in its investigation into public gaming and other vices.

Brodski said he came to Chicago last May at the request of Benjamin Hyman and other friends, with the intention of organizing gambling and cleaning up the city. He said he found Chicago a wide-open town with gambling controlled by Mont Jones, Tom McGinnis and others.

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WILL THE SEABOARD COMPANY DISSOLVE? WHAT WILL BUYERS DO WITH NEW ROADS

Important Statement Concerning Company Which Controls the Seaboard Air Line

THE FIRST PREFERRED STOCK TO BE RETIRED

The Arrangements for Doing That Are Said to Be Already Made By Selling S. A. L. Railway Adjustment Income Bonds to a Banking Syndicate—Plans to Be Undertaken for Paying Off the Second Preferred and Common Stock, in What Way is Not Yet Revealed—The Other Particulars Are Carried in the Following Story.

(Special to News and Observer.) New York, Nov. 17.—Plans are under consideration for a dissolution of the Seaboard Company, the holding company with which is lodged control of the Seaboard Air Line Railway.

The first step in carrying out the plan, it is learned, will be the retirement of the \$6,360,000 first preferred stock of the Seaboard Company. Arrangements for doing this have already been made, it is understood, by the sale of about \$6,500,000 Seaboard Air Line Railway adjustment income bonds to a banking syndicate. These bonds are believed to have been held in the treasury of the Seaboard Company.

The first preferred stock of the Seaboard Company is redeemable at par, at the option of the company. Dividends at the rate of 5 per cent a year have been paid upon it and it has since a 10 per cent cumulative issue since July 1, 1910.

With the sale of the adjustment bonds and money now in the treasury sufficient funds will be available to pay off the first preferred stock. With the retirement of this issue, the authorized capitalization of the company will be \$12,500,000, consisting of \$2,500,000 preferred and \$10,000,000 common stock.

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UGLY TEMPER WAS CAUSE OF MURDER

Exhibition of It By Prisoner Described at Trial of Spencer for Killing Miss Martha Blackstone

(By the Associated Press.) Springfield, Mass., Nov. 17.—Eric Uvea and persons who had worked with him as the principal witnesses called today in behalf of Herbert J. Spencer, charged with the murder of Miss Martha Blackstone. They related many stories of Spencer's seemingly uncontrollable temper, and threats he had made to harm persons if a father would appear on the stand but he was not called.

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DUPLIN COUNTY'S NEW COURTHOUSE TO CELEBRATE THE PEACE CENTENNIAL

Corner-Stone of New Structure Was Formally Laid By The Grand Lodge of Masons At Warsaw Yesterday

(Special to News and Observer.) Warsaw, N. C., Nov. 17.—The cornerstone of the new Duplin County Courthouse was laid yesterday at Warsaw by the Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina. Grand Master Richard S. Harbert, of Wilson, presiding, and among the other Grand Lodge officers present were Hon. H. A. Owen, of Gibson, Grand Foreman, and E. M. Bradley, of Raleigh, Grand Tyler.

After an appropriate address by Grand Master Harbert on the grandeur of the new structure, the cornerstone was laid and there were many different songs depicted in the stone, among them, "The Star Spangled Banner," "The News and Observer," and "The Peace Centennial."

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JEALOUSY INVADERS CHINESE CABINET

The Manchu Nobles Are Reported to Have Lost Much Power Since the New Imperial Family Was Formed

(By the Associated Press.) San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 17.—A Shanghai dispatch to the Chinese Press from here says that since the new cabinet was formed Manchu nobles have lost much of their power and that great jealousy has resulted.

MORAVIAN SYNOD FINISHES ITS WORK

Last Day's Session at Salem Home Church—Increase in Communicants and Number Sunday-School Scholars

(Special to News and Observer.) Winston-Salem, N. C., Nov. 17.—The Moravian Synod of the Southern Jurisdiction adjourned its 44-annual session this afternoon, after a three-day session.

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SILENT PRAYER OF FIVE MINUTES DURATION BY ENGLISH SPEAKING PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, SUGGESTS MR. ROOT

Report That is Regarded as Reliable Says U. S. Secretary of State

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Nov. 17.—A tentative suggestion, as far as possible, of the observance of five minutes of English speaking people throughout the world for a silent prayer for peace, was made by Mr. Root, Secretary of State, today.

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