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MORNING IONIC

(Charles Darwin.) If I had to live my life again I would have made a rule to read some poetry and listen to some music at least once every week; for perhaps the parts of my brain now atrophied would thus have been kept active through use.

UNCLE WALT MASON

THE MANEATER.

James Jimpton has a savage pup, and when it sees a stranger, it seems to wish to chew him up, and put his life in danger. With smiling eyes James Jimpton sees where'er abroad he sallies, the people shunning up the trees, or sprinting down the alleys. Some morning James will call his dog, and call and whistle vainly; it will be deadlier than a log, and out of business, plainly. Some angry victim of its jaws will feed it deadly bitters, and whoop around with glee because he slew that worst of critters. It's strange how many take delight in causing grief to others, who seem to work, in foolish spite, against all men and brothers. It's strange because the man of sense must know that course is dotty; it stirs up hatred most intense, and causes language naughty. And why should any fellow wish to go forth seeking trouble? We have enough unasked, oddsail! Why try to make it double? We have to treat our neighbors well, not on their corns be treading, or this old world in which we dwell will furnish rocky sledding.

Memorandum for the General Assembly: "Judge not that he not judged."

Great Britain is now trying to get a line on all the peeping periscopes.

"Johnny, get your gun, get your gun," is now the popular song with the American mercantile marine.

War hurts and helps. The exports of Irish linen from the Emerald Isle was \$10,000,000 more in 1916 than in 1915.

The latest is that the Colonel will go to Jamaica. Evidently he wants to giager up.

Henry Ford is the modern day example of the desire to be "first in peace and first in war."

If the United States Congress puts through that "bone-dry" law it will stop the "leak" in the whiskey barrel.

Just at this juncture we are led to inquire as to what has become of the egg and the boycott?

"Capitol building," says the Charlotte Observer, "Capitol" and "building" Where are we "at"?

Present day popular pastime—Swatting the newspapers. The newspaper paper trust and members of Congress are both at it.

No, dear Paulina, it will not be possible to have any law passed to regulate the appendix. The surgeons will continue to cut up about it.

In view of the fact that after awhile we will have the baseball season with us we arise to protest against any law to prevent strikes.

The defection of the Yarrowdale Americans by Germany brought to a narrow margin the "overt act" position of the United States.

The newspapers of this country will never root for Smoot, who tried to put them out of business by a big jump in the cost of postage.

Senator McClellan now throws an educational bill into the ring which calls for a change in the matter of electing county boards of education. But this coin is always needed for change.

The Democratic platform adopted at the State Convention is a recommendation of the franchise to the women of the country by the States upon the same terms as to men. The Democratic majority in the North Carolina House of Representatives should ponder upon this official position of the Democratic party.

Headed for the Isle of "Bone-Dry." Where there's not a drop of corn. Now a scintillation of old rye. The old rye gets more farmers.

THIRTEEN.

Including today there are just thirteen days in which the General Assembly of North Carolina will be in session as a paid body. If it concludes to go ahead with work afterwards it will be with no salaries for its members.

There should be a speeding up of matters, for many important measures are yet to be given attention. It is evident that from now on there will have to be longer sessions, with these perhaps taking place morning, afternoon and night. With local legislation all disposed of in the first week of the session the work that is now in hand should have been further on the way to finality.

This paper has heretofore called attention to the number of bills introduced in both the House and the Senate which had the appearance of being local legislation. Yesterday Speaker Murphy appointed a committee to investigate the calendar and throw out all the bills that appear to the committee to be in contravention to the amendments relating to local legislation adopted at the election in November. This is a wise step. It is reported that more than seventy of such bills have already been found.

There is enough State-wide legislation to keep the General Assembly busy till the close of the session, perhaps beyond it. And with today there remains but thirteen working days. Speed up should be the rule.

NO INCREASED POSTAGE.

Good news it is to the newspapers of the country that there is to be no increase in the postage rates for these publications. And it should be good news to the people generally, for it is because of the present rates of postage on newspapers that it is possible to furnish them to subscribers at such subscription prices as now prevail.

The newspaper has come to be a recognized part of home life. It serves the people in many ways. It serves the government. If there is a reasonable rate of postage due to any, it is due to the newspapers of the country. If the postage rates had been increased by Congress the necessity of increasing the rates of subscription is obvious.

Following an amendment to the postage bill introduced on Thursday by Senator Smoot, of Utah, for a one cent rate on drop letters, he coupled with this another amendment offered by Senator Bryan, of Florida, by which postage rates on newspapers and magazines would be increased fifty per cent this year and one hundred per cent next year, the rates to be made one and a half and two cents a pound. The adoption of this amendment would have brought a great hardship upon the papers.

Yesterday the Senate, on motion of Senator Lodge, eliminated this provision from the postage bill. This was on a point of order that such amendment had no place in the measure under the rules of the Senate. This action relieves the acute situation which carried a great threat to the newspapers of the country. We are glad to say that for this session the prospects are that the fight to insert this provision is over. Such an action would have been absolutely unjust to the newspapers and the public.

ON A. AND M. GROUNDS.

The General Assembly should put its foot down on any proposition to erect a new building for the Department of Agriculture on the present site.

The joint committee on agriculture yesterday afternoon heard argument for and against the proposition, but finding that there were too few members of the committee present declined to take action after going into executive session. Another meeting has been called for Tuesday morning at nine o'clock.

The only argument presented in favor of the use of the present site was that of accessibility, it being argued in opposition that with a building at the A. and M. College this would be very nearly as accessible to visitors to the city, that there was no desire to remove the museum from its city environment.

The points made for the placing of a new building on the A. and M. College grounds were that the college and the department should be close together because of the similarity of the work of each, that there would be no cost for the site, that the State would then have a piece of property worth \$100,000 in the city and could afford the funds to erect a new building on the college grounds, that the location of the building on the college grounds would prove of service to the farmers of the State and the students of the college.

It is the hope of many of the friends of both institutions that there will be reached an agreement by which the college grounds will be selected as the site for a new building. That is the proper place for it.

WHY NOT REPEAL IT?

There has been passed at the present session a "by request" bill concerning the removal of bodies from cemeteries in Mecklenburg county which has aroused a storm of protest from patriotic organizations of Charlotte, in this these protests like organizations over the State joining.

A State-wide measure along the same line as the Mecklenburg county bill was given an unfavorable report by House Judiciary Committee No. 2, and it is now sought that the law affecting

Mecklenburg county cemeteries be repealed. The matter of this law was not known to the people of that county, and it is felt by those that protest that a great injustice to them is found in the act.

The Mecklenburg delegation should ask for the repeal of the law. And concerning this here is what took place with regard to a like law enacted which affected Hillsboro. In that town there is a cemetery for negroes. A bill to have the bodies removed to another place was introduced and passed. There came a protest from Hillsboro. Because of this protest the introducer of the bill asked its repeal.

That is what was done for a negro cemetery at Hillsboro. Should not the delegation from Mecklenburg county now ask for the repeal of the law which affects alike the white and the negro cemeteries of Mecklenburg county?

JUSTICE FOR PUBLISHERS.

That the newspaper paper manufacturers have found that they will not be permitted to run rough-shod over the publishers of the country is recognized by the manufacturers in their offer made yesterday to agree to prices of newspaper paper from the first of March to the first of September of this year fixed by the Federal Trade Commission.

That there has come such an offer is due to the activity of the newspaper publishers and the thoroughgoing investigation made by the Federal Trade Commission. The work of these brought forth such testimony as to evidences of a conspiracy to raise prices among the newspaper paper manufacturers that the Department of Justice of the United States took up the matter, while in New York the grand jury also began an investigation.

The proposal now being considered by the Federal Trade Commission is as to whether or not the offer of the newspaper manufacturers to sell at prices to be fixed by the Commission shall be accepted. Though the newspaper manufacturers specifically deny that there has been any conspiracy to raise the price of paper, yet it is manifest that their offer to accept prices found to be just by the Federal Trade Commission is a virtual admission that they have been making extortionate charges.

First of all we hope that the Federal Trade Commission will take such steps as will protect the newspapers from the present extortionate prices. Because of these over a thousand newspapers have been forced to go out of business. Continued high prices will drive other papers to the wall. Right now the public in many parts of the country has been forced to pay higher subscription rates because of the high prices for newspaper paper, the prices charged by the manufacturers being equivalent to highway robbery.

No matter what is done by the Federal Trade Commission the Department of Justice should continue its investigation, and if it is shown that there has been a conspiracy among manufacturers to increase the price of newspaper in defiance of the anti-trust law there should be punishment. And besides this the manufacturers who may be found to have gouged the newspaper publishers should be forced to disgorge some of their ill-gotten profits. All that is asked by the publishers of newspapers is that they receive justice in the charges for newspaper. Their view is that by reason of the war the newspaper paper manufacturers have advanced the price of paper without justification, that the cost of manufacturing has not increased.

In securing the present offer of concession from the newspaper manufacturers the newspaper publishers of North Carolina have rendered service. Both the North Carolina Press Association and the Afternoon Newspaper Association have been active in the matter. It was at the State Newspaper Institute of the North Carolina Press Association at Chapel Hill that there were steps taken to present to the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Justice the evidences of there being a conspiracy to raise prices, Mr. H. B. Varner, of Lexington, being chairman of the committee and making the charges which impressed the Department of Justice. It is a glad thing to know that here is now light breaking in the situation which is proving ruinous to the newspapers of the country, and that here is to be a reduction in the cost of newspaper.

130 ELECTORAL VOTES.

That there is a growing recognition of the right of women to the ballot is shown by the increase in the number of States in which women have been made eligible to vote for President. If they can vote for the highest official in this country then why not for the others?

With Ohio just conferring the Presidential ballot upon women there are now fourteen States which cast 130 electoral votes in which women vote for the President. This is nearly one-third of the entire electoral vote of the country, and far more than half the number of votes necessary to elect.

In the last election the electoral votes from the equal suffrage States numbered 91. Since then North Dakota has added five votes and Ohio twenty-four, this bringing the total to 120. What the figures will grow to in 1920 is yet to be seen. And the testimony is that the women are proving worthy of the ballot. Anyone ought to know that this would prove to be the case.

And it now looks as if we will have to again cross the border into Mexico.

PLAN TO PREVENT ANY MORE LEAKS

Adopt Resolutions Forbidding Employment of Newspaper Men

New York, Feb. 16.—Measures aimed to prevent a recurrence of the President's peace note "leak" incident were voluntarily taken here today by the New York stock exchange. Resolutions were adopted at a special meeting of the board of governors condemning the employment by exchange brokerage houses of newspaper men to give them advance or confidential information.

The resolution pointed out that the investigation of the House rules committee into the "leak" brought out that certain members of the exchange employed newspaper men for that purpose. This referred to evidence adduced at Washington that E. F. Hutton & Co., brokers, received advance information on the peace note from a newspaper man employed by F. A. Connolly & Co., the Hutton firm's Washington correspondent enabling them and their customers to anticipate the break in the market that resulted when the note was made public.

The "J. I. L." mentioned in testimony yesterday was definitely established to day as being Jesse L. Livermore, a well known speculator. The testimony showed that "J. I. L." was carrying at the time of the "leak" a \$7,000,000 or \$8,000,000 short interest. Oliver Harriman, broker, the witness who told of this account, refused to divulge the owner's name.

House Committee Considers Bill To Raise Revenues

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Mitchell, Avery and Yancey counties. By request.

H. B. 1173, McBe, to protect the tri-county fair at Spruce Pine.

H. B. 1174, McBe, to provide for the disposition of waste from the mines in Mitchell county.

H. B. 1175, Coffey, an act to amend chapter 115 public laws of 1915, relative to the board of trustees of the Appalachian Training School.

H. B. 1176, Davis, to regulate the sale or barter of vinous, spirituous or intoxicating liquors in Dare county.

H. B. 1177, Brock, to authorize the auditing of books of various county officials of Davie county.

H. B. 1178, Brock, to amend the laws of 1913 abolishing road commissions.

H. B. 1179, Brock, to give the people of Davie the right to vote on local measures applying to Davie county.

H. B. 1180, Wright, to increase the number of trustees of the University.

H. B. 1181, Rogers, to incorporate the Holiness Church in Clay county.

H. B. 1182, Grier, to amend chapter 88 of the public laws of 1913 relative to tax levies.

H. B. 1183, Grier, to require Insurance Commissioner to pay fees and licenses to the State Treasurer monthly.

H. B. 1184, Grier, relative to the statute of limitations applying to deeds of trust.

H. B. 1185, Breece, to provide for licensing public cotton gins.

H. B. 1186, Breece, to regulate the sale of seed cotton.

H. B. 1187, Lovv, to create and establish County Assemblies and impose certain duties.

H. B. 1188, Wilson, relative to Transylvania county.

H. B. 1189, Kirtrell, to amend sections 3366 and 3367 of the Revisal of 1905.

H. B. 1190, McLendon, to authorize the commissioners of Tyrrell to levy a special tax. By request.

H. B. 1191, McLendon, the same.

H. B. 1192, Farriah, to renovate and repair the State Capitol.

H. B. 1193, Grant of Onalov, to amend chapter 1506 of the Revisal of 1905, relative to Judges of Superior Courts.

H. B. 1194, Kiser, to prohibit charging a greater rate of interest than six per cent.

H. B. 1195, Darden, to amend chapter 617 of the public laws of 1909 and to permit the board of commissioners to increase the pensions of Confederate veterans.

H. B. 1196, Nolan, to amend chapter 833 public laws of 1915, relative to the accounts of officers of Haywood county.

H. B. 1197, Matheson, to consolidate game laws in Iredell.

H. B. 1198, Pearson, to amend chapter 822 public laws of 1915, relative to the salaries of officers in Caswell county. Introduced by request.

H. B. 1199, Pearson, to repeal chapter 353 public laws of 1915, relative to the salary of the clerk of the court in Caswell county. Introduced by request.

The House adjourned until ten o'clock today.

INTERNATIONALS TO OPEN SEASON APRIL 17

Newark, N. J., Feb. 16.—The International League baseball season will open April 17 with Rochester playing at Richmond, Buffalo at Newark, Montreal at Providence and Toronto at Baltimore, according to the schedule adopted at the league meeting here today. A schedule of 116 games was arranged and will be made public February 26. All of the clubs were represented.

ROCKINGHAM PLANNING EXTENSIVE ROAD BUILDING

(Special To The News and Observer.) Rockville, Feb. 16.—One hundred and thirty-five and five-tenths miles of good roads are to be constructed in this county!

All that the alert board of commissioners are waiting on is the properly signed petitions, which, of course, means that, rights-of-way, top-soil, etc., must be given gratis. Two hundred thousand dollars will be used in building good roads. A splendid, business-like meeting of the farmers of Rockingham county was held Wednesday of this week at Westwood. This was a resumption of the adjourned meeting of January 20th, but the attendance was much larger at the latter gathering and the farmers were there to do business. That business was done in attested by the fact that applications were handed in before the meeting adjourned, totalling \$63,000 and with the amounts already applied for through the secretary of the C. & A. Association and Mr. F. S. Walker, Farm Demonstration Agent for our county, it would not be surprising if a total of \$100,000 should mark the first application from our county under the recent act.

Among those who were at the meeting was Mr. F. S. Millsaps, of Statesville, who came especially to address the meeting upon the working of the Federal Farm Loan Act.

MOUNT AIRY BRIEFS

Negro Slaye Gets Ten Years—Boys Back From the Border.

(Special To The News and Observer.) Mount Airy, Feb. 16.—Oscar Mitchell, the negro who killed Will Reynolds, also colored, just after Christmas was tried by Jury Superior Court and sent to the State Penitentiary at Raleigh for ten years.

The R. B. Gilmer place is now occupied by the higher grades of the city school. The new building reflects great credit upon the town.

The military company at this place, having returned from the Rio Grande on the Mexican border, is now scattered about town and the boys are seeking employment at different occupations. The soldiers all look fat and well and say they have been well cared for by Uncle Sam since they left Mount Airy. They are expecting to be called into service again almost any day. While they are free they are disposed to go to work at almost anything that presents itself.

The city authorities have combined the offices of town clerk and city tax collector into one and employed Mr. McDonald, of Rocky Mount, to do the work.

Some of the big furniture factories are again running day and night on account of so many orders coming in from many different States.

GOLDSBORO TURNS OUT AMATEUR PERFORMANCE

(Special To The News and Observer.) Goldsboro, Feb. 16.—The whole city seemed to turn out tonight to witness a play rendered by local talent "The Wishing Ring" given under the auspices of the Goldsboro graded school. The play was a great success, playing to standing room. All tickets were sold early in the day. The play was full of humorous situations, and afforded an evening of rare pleasure to the large audience.

A feature of the play was a specialty dance given by little Miss Lories Rieyes, six years old, who did her part gracefully and won prolonged applause from the audience.

ARTHUR WOOTEN.

Tobacco Buyer, Well Known Through Eastern Carolina, Dies.

(Special To The News and Observer.) Goldsboro, Feb. 16.—Mr. Arthur Wooten, well known throughout Eastern Carolina as a tobacco buyer, died at a hospital in this city last night. He had been a patient there for several weeks.

He is survived by his wife, two children Miss Lillian and Sterling Wooten; two brothers, Messrs. Shade Wooten, of LaGrange, and L. A. Wooten, of Mount Olive, two sisters and his aged mother. He remains, accompanied by friends and relatives in this city, for interment in the family burying ground in that town.

REV. LEE M'BRIDE WHITE ACCEPTS CALL TO SHELBY.

(Special To The News and Observer.) Monroe, Feb. 16.—The resignation of Rev. Lee McBride White as pastor of the First Baptist church will be accepted with regret by the congregation of that church Sunday, Mr. White having accepted a call to the First Baptist church in Shelby, to which field he will go on March 1st. Mr. White came to Monroe in October, 1914, from Georgia and has proven himself a forceful, energetic pastor and preacher and all denominations join the Baptists of Monroe in regret at his leaving the city.

GREENVILLE HARDWARE STORE MAKES ASSIGNMENT.

(Special To The News and Observer.) Greenville, Feb. 16.—The Carr & Atkins Hardware Company, a local concern doing a general hardware business here, has made a general assignment of its stock for the benefit of the creditors, and Judge Whedbee appointed J. B. Jans a receiver to take charge and dispose of the assets in the interest of the creditors. The total assets of the company are said to be around four thousand dollars, with liabilities to the amount of ten thousand dollars.

William H. Stone Dead.

(Special To The News and Observer.) Greensboro, Feb. 16.—William H. Stone died this morning at the home of his son, W. H. Stone, Jr., aged 79 years. He was a native of Granville county, and had lived at various times in Wilmington, Durham and Raleigh in his early life he was a conductor on the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad. He was admired and loved, especially by his neighbors. The funeral will be held here tomorrow.

BROWN MOUNTAIN PASSES TO U. S. GOVERNMENT

(Special To The News and Observer.) Morganton, Feb. 16.—Brown Mountain, of the mysterious light fame, was included in the recent purchases of mountain land bought in this section by the government. It is being hoped that the government scientists will be sent to investigate the light, and solve the mystery that has been so baffling.

RAD NEGRO ARRESTED.

Monroe Police Have Been Trailing Tom Davis a Year.

(Special To The News and Observer.) Monroe, Feb. 16.—On the afternoon of February 12, 1915, Mr. W. H. Outen, at that time a merchant in the city, was shot in the head and assaulted with the butt of the gun with which he had been shot. Many people have suspected Tom Davis, a negro, as having guilty knowledge of the affair and the valiant police officers of this city have kept a hot trail after him since his departure from the city on the night of the assault. They have trailed him through South Carolina and Georgia to Florida and yesterday he was arrested in St. Augustine, after he had made an escape from the chain-gang in Savannah, Ga. Previous to his going to Georgia he had robbed a jewelry store in Southern Pines, N. C., and will be taken to that town tomorrow to answer the charge, after which he will be brought to Monroe by the officers in an attempt to clear the mystery in Outen's case. Mr. Clifford Fowler, of the local police force, located Davis in Florida and will receive the \$50 reward offered by Southern Pines. After the assault Outen was taken to a hospital in Charlotte, where he remained several weeks in an unconscious condition. He has never been able to give any information as to the circumstance of his misfortune and the knowledge that Davis may possess is awaited with much anxiety.

WILMINGTON CONVOCATION MEETS AT RED SPRINGS

(Special To The News and Observer.) Red Springs, Feb. 16.—The Wilmington Convocation of the Diocese of Eastern Carolina has been in session at St. Stephen's Church this week. The meeting was opened by a sermon by Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, Bishop of the Diocese, who is very popular in Red Springs. Among the other ministers in attendance were Archdeacon Nooe, Dean Heald, Rev. Archie T. Bogner, Rev. J. S. Moody, Rev. Mr. Gribben and Rev. Mr. Nooe.

Among the delegates were noted Mrs. Bonner, of New Bern, president of the women's work in the Diocese; Mrs. Mary James, Mrs. James F. Woolvin, Mrs. Adams, Miss LeGrand, Miss Lattimer and Miss Graham, of Wilmington; Miss Bebea Tillinghast, Mrs. Leighton Hooke and Mrs. Wasten, of Fayetteville. Miss Tillinghast was the guest of Miss Caroline Servin at Flora Macdonald College while attending the Convocation.

Celebrate Golden Wedding.

(Special To The News and Observer.) Angier, Feb. 16.—Mr. and Mrs. James A. Adams, of New Kennebec, celebrated their golden wedding on Wednesday evening, all of their children being present except one son, who lives in Oklahoma. There were twenty-four grandchildren present. About 5 o'clock all repaired to the dining room where a bountiful supper was served, after which games were participated in by the grandchildren, while the older members of the family very pleasantly passed the time by swapping stories of by-gone days. Music was furnished by Mr. R. C. Page, the star fiddler.

Those present to enjoy the occasion were: Joseph A. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Adams, Mr. L. P. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Harvel and Miss Emma Adams, together with all the grandchildren except four.

EXTRA GUARDS AT STANDARD OIL PLANT AT WILMINGTON

(Special To The News and Observer.) Wilmington, Feb. 16.—Extra guards have been stationed at the local distributing station of the Standard Oil Company, although officials have refused to discuss why it was thought necessary to take this step in view of the fact that Wilmington, like the rest of the country, is quietly awaiting the developments that have been looked for since diplomatic relations were broken with Germany. Col. Walker Taylor, collector of customs, issued a statement this morning to the effect that there was nothing new so far as this district was concerned, and that he had not received additional orders from Washington in several days.

Monroe People On Foreign Trip.

(Special To The News and Observer.) Monroe, Feb. 16.—Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Staeck, of this city, who are touring abroad, writes to friends from aboard the Canadian-Australasian Royal Mail Line steamer from Honolulu to New Zealand, that from the latter place they expect to go to Australia and thence to India, China, Japan and then back to North Carolina, reaching Monroe about May 1st. Mr. Staeck is one of the leading attorneys of the Monroe bar and one of the progressive men of the county.

MEMORIAL SERVICE IN HONOR OF THE LATE JUDGE DOUGLAS

(Special To The News and Observer.) Greensboro, Feb. 16.—The Guilford County Bar will hold a memorial service in honor of the late Judge Douglas at the courthouse in Greensboro, North Carolina, February 22nd, at twelve o'clock noon. A memoir of the judge will be read and appropriate addresses made. The bar of North Carolina and the public generally are cordially invited to be present.

WORK COMMENCES ON NEW HOTEL AT MONROE.

(Special To The News and Observer.) Monroe, Feb. 16.—Work began yesterday on the excavation for the new \$100,000 hotel and bank building to be erected on the corner of Franklin and Main streets. The brick and some other material have been placed for the erection of this structure. The commercial building adjoining this and that of Tharp Hardware Company will begin construction within the next few days.

Wadesboro Items.

Wadesboro, Feb. 16.—H. H. McLendon and B. M. Covington have formed a partnership for the practice of law. The former has long been a practicing attorney. Mr. Covington is a recent graduate of Wake Forest.

Locusts in Albemarle.

(Special To The News and Observer.) Albemarle, Feb. 15.—Attorney Mack P. Spears, who has been practicing his profession in Charlotte for some time, was located in Albemarle.

RAILROADS READY TO DO FULL PART

Their Resources Placed at Disposal of The Government in The Event of War

(By The Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 16.—The railroads of the United States today informed President Wilson that the resources of their organization are at the disposal of the government in the event of war.

Officials of 18 roads were appointed a special committee of national defense President Fairfax Harrison, of the Southern Railway, being chairman. He was the chairman of the committee formed by the railroads last fall to expedite the transportation of troops to the border, which will be supplemented by the committee named today.

W. W. Atterbury, vice-president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, sent the telegram to President Wilson notifying him of the action of the railroads.

The committee was named today at a meeting of the American Railway Association's executive committee and will act under the direction of President Wilson's National Council for Defense. Daniel O. Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio, and a citizen member of the council in charge of transportation and communication, will act in an advisory capacity both for the new committee and for the council in the railroads' preparedness measures.

Geographical division was made of the country corresponding with the four army departments, and a sub-committee of railway heads was appointed for each territory, the headquarters of each to be in or near the city where the commander's headquarters is located.

In the southern part B. Scott, president of Southern Pacific lines in Texas and Louisiana is chairman; B. F. Bush, receiver of Missouri Pacific; C. E. Schaff, receiver of Missouri, Kansas and Texas, are his associates.

At the meeting today there was no discussion of the work which the government might call upon the roads to do. The new committee will meet in Washington as soon as the council for national defense wishes, it was stated, prepared to assure the Federal body that the roads will carry out instructions faithfully.