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RALEIGH SHRINERS LEAVE ON SPECIAL FOR CEREMONIAL

Expect To Land Spring Event Of Sudan Temple For Raleigh in Meeting Today

SPECIAL TRAIN CARRIES NOBLES AND CANDIDATES

Shriners' Yuletide Ball in City Auditorium With Good Crowd Dancing and Refreshments Feature "The Night Before"; Proves One Of Shrine's Successful Events

The mid-winter ceremonial session of Sudan Temple Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine will be held in New Bern today when several hundred candidates from Eastern North Carolina, including about thirty from Raleigh and Wake county, will be taught the joys of desert travel. Following the Shriners' Yuletide ball in the City Auditorium, the Raleigh Nobles, numbering three score or more with their wives and friends, boarded a special train at the Union Depot for New Bern, expecting to bring back the announcement that the spring ceremonial of Sudan will be held in Raleigh.

New Bern is all dressed up for the reception of the Shriners, and the first event in the program for their reception took place last night when a dance was participated in by several hundred of the vanguard. The real ceremonial comes today and will be capped off tonight by a dance and a reception.

The program for the day includes a business session with election of officers at 10 o'clock in the Masonic Temple this morning; an oyster roast and fish fry at 1 o'clock in the afternoon at Dill's warehouse; ceremonial session at 2:30 in the afternoon at Banner warehouse; a special matinee for the ladies in the Masonic Temple at 3 o'clock; and an exhibition drill by the patrol at 9 o'clock followed by the Shrine ball at the Farmers' warehouse.

Divan Sudan Temple

The Divan of Sudan Temple is composed of the following: William A. French, Illustrious Potentate; William B. Smith, Illustrious Potentate; John H. Anderson, Assistant Rubban; Raymond C. Dunn, High Priest and Prophet; Jake T. Lassiter, Oriental Guide; Caleb D. Bradham, Treasurer; Joseph F. Rheim, Recorder; Alexander B. Andrews, James C. Braswell, William A. French, Joseph F. Rheim, Imperial Council Representatives; Furman N. Reingers, First Ceremonial Master; Leonard J. Polansky, Second Ceremonial Master; L. C. Robertson, Jr., Marshal; Fred W. Ayers, Captain of the Guard; Fred B. Crowson, Outer Guard; William H. Newell, Jr., Director; Allie Cook, Assistant Director; J. T. Mallard, Alechemist; William T. Hill, Captain of Patrol; J. H. Morse, Drum Major; William H. Smith, Director.

The ball at the auditorium started off at 9 o'clock with plenty of pep, but little of the Shrine flavor. Gradually, the Shrine is eliminating outside stunts of all sorts, and the ball last night, with the exception of John Goat Allen's "klaxon korus" that harmonized vociferously at intervals, the event proved to be a straight dance, with good music, and not too many dancers to crowd the floor.

Early in the evening the dress circle began filling up and a good crowd of spectators remained until past midnight. At one time nearly three hundred couples were on the floor. Many came in after the show at the Academy that was a rival attraction during the earlier hours.

From the standpoint of the dancers, the Shriners Yuletide Ball was a more complete success than previous Shrine Balls, many of which have been crowded to the point where dancing was restricted to a limited shuffle in restricted circle.

Refreshments Were Served During The Evening.

During the whole of it, anxious fresh meat stood about expecting at any time to be made the center of attraction. But this feature was saved for today.

Anxious Fresh Meat.

Down at Union Station, these same candidates hesitant about rushing for none too safe reservations lingered about until the limit of the time for boarding the special train destined to carry them to New Bern. In spite of Noble Abernathy's promise of absolute rest, and Noble John Allen's assurance that quiet would prevail, not many boarded the train with a feeling that breakfast would come in New Bern after a good night's sleep.

Candidates from Raleigh and Wake county included: L. L. Mallard, E. K. Farror, N. E. Edgerton, Jr., M. A. Rushon, J. S. Biggan, Fred Jeffries, W. D. Bartlett, Loomis M. Goodwin, P. W. Gower, H. A. Peterson, H. R. Acton, Russell C. Walton, N. C. Williams, J. H. Hightower, H. B. Hudson, W. H. Mills, Trent Mays, Dr. Hubert Potent, M. W. Forest, P. H. Mangum of Wake Forest, G. P. Davis of Wake Forest, J. A. Yarbrough of Wake Forest, N. L. Roughton of Garner, J. H. Ellington of Cary, Charles E. Flowers of Wake Forest, F. W. Dixon of Wake Forest.

WILMINGTON NOBLE IS HEAD SUDAN TEMPLE



WILLIAM A. FRENCH Illustrious Potentate

UNION EMPLOYEES PILOT MILL QUIT

Stage Another Walkout Alleging Bad Faith On Part Of Management

SECOND STRIKE FOLLOWS SETTLEMENT OF FIRST

Employees Say They Have Been Double Crossed, That They Were Promised Recognition And Contract Both Of Which Were Denied In Statement Issued By Manager Kelley

Alleging bad faith on the part of the management relative to the agreement which settled a strike of more than two months' duration Monday morning, union employes of Pilot cotton mills yesterday staged another walk-out, more complete than the first. The operatives quit work at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning. Neither the management nor the union men would make a statement last night.

The contention of the union men, it is understood, is that they returned to work with the express understanding with Mr. A. Y. Kelly, manager, that the mill management would treat with the authorized representatives of the employees and that a contract would be drawn up embodying all the terms of the settlement and that in the event the president of the Consolidated Textile Corporation could not come to Raleigh from New York to sign for the mill management, the employees' committee would be sent to New York for the signature.

Allege Breach of Faith.

On top of this, they allege, Mr. Kelly's statement in the press to the effect that no recognition of the union was accorded and no contract signed, together with the statement itself when both sides had agreed not to make a statement, constituted a breach of faith.

There is no question of the feeling with which the men quit work yesterday. It was plainly evident when they came out of their afternoon meeting in Union Hall. "Double crossed" was the characterization which many of the workers applied to the situation.

In the meeting itself the workers were reminded that during the entire strike the best of humor has been maintained and that order has not been violated. They were urged to restrain themselves from any act which might reflect upon the organization, and the entire gathering pledged good behavior.

Say Guards Imported.

The police and the sheriff, however, were informed by the union representatives that armed guards had been placed about the plant and in the mill village by the management, and were notified that although this act was highly irritating, the employees had pledged themselves to absolute order.

Last night when asked about the guards Mr. Kelly would neither affirm nor deny, stating that he had nothing whatsoever to say.

No Recognition at Other Mills.

Mr. A. A. Thompson of the Raleigh cotton mills yesterday emphatically denied that the unions at the Raleigh and at Caraleigh mills were recognized by the management or that the management dealt with committees of the bodies, as suggested in a comparison of the situation at the various mills. "Thus far, there has been no demand on the part of the union men for recognition at those mills," he said.

Coal Operators Standing Pat, Brewster Explains

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 30.—No action was taken at the annual session of soft coal operators of the country on President Wilson's coal commission. It was announced tonight, Thomas T. Brewster, of St. Louis, chairman of the scale commission said.

"With reference to the so-called Palmer-Lewis memorandum for the settlement of the recent coal strike, the operators were not at all struck, and have not been since, advised or consulted with reference thereto and have not either accepted or rejected any proposals based thereon."

PRESIDENT NOT TO CALL MEETING OF LEAGUE COUNCIL

United States Will Take No Part In Meeting Because Of Treaty Status

ASSEMBLY WILL NOT MEET IN NEAR FUTURE

Peace Treaty Compromise Talk Reaches More Formal Stage With Senator McNary, Leader Of Mild Reservation Republicans, In Conference With Senator Hitchcock

Washington, Dec. 30.—President Wilson has not been invited to call the first meeting of the council of the league nations after ratification of the treaty of Versailles has been completed, State Department officials said today.

There was a suggestion some time ago that the invitation be extended to him, but the question was not determined at that time. Some administration officials believe he would acquiesce in the request from the allied powers, but the United States will have no part in the meeting of the council by reason of the fact that the treaty has not been ratified by the Senate.

The treaty provides that the first meeting of the assembly of the league shall be called by the President, but the assembly is not expected to meet in the immediate future. The council, however, must assemble within a fortnight after ratification is completed and the carrying out of some provisions of the treaty are entrusted to it.

Peace treaty compromise talk reached a more formal stage today when Senator McNary, of Oregon, a leader of the mild reservation Republicans, discussed various compromise suggestions with Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, the acting Democratic leader.

It was said that although no agreement came out of the conference, the conversation took a hopeful turn. Afterward both Senators seemed confident that a middle ground could be found that would insure ratification early in the year.

The reservation in the majority program dealing with Section Ten, Shantung and voting power in the League of Nations, it was said, were discussed.

During the day Senator Hitchcock saw a number of other Senators, and Senator Swanson, of Virginia, a Democrat of the Foreign Relations committee was present during a part of the talk with Senator McNary. Later Mr. McNary conferred with several on the Republican side.

CONTINUED ACTIVITY IS PREDICTED BY COMMITTEE

United States Chamber of Commerce Gives Its Annual Review Of The Year

Washington, Dec. 30.—Continued industrial activity is predicted by the committee on statistics of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States in its annual end-of-the-year review of business and crop conditions. Manufacturers, the report said, have orders in excess of their capacity and in the retail trade there is a feeling of confidence of the continuation until another harvest at least, of the demand for all classes of commodities.

Farmers are reported unusually prosperous because of the high prices of their products. The liberal spending of the farmers, the review asserted, is the backbone and sustaining power of the present volume of business throughout the country, as they are paying most cash and are purchasing more improved farm machinery and pure bred livestock than ever before.

Of the general crop situation, the report stated that rain did much damage to unharvested crops in the South and in the Southern portion of some of the Central states, reducing the yield and impairing quality. Winter wheat average will be materially reduced this fall, the report said, as the farmers believed winter wheat production at high prices was over for the present.

"Great activity in building," the committee added, "is reported in sections except where crop failures were extensive, copper mining is in a poor state, silver mining is doing well, oil production is good."

FEDERAL GRAND JURY TO INVESTIGATE "LEAK" CASE

Washington, Dec. 30.—Evidence gathered by the Department of Justice relative to the alleged leak in decisions of the United States Supreme Court will be submitted to a Federal Grand Jury here in January, it was announced today at the Department of Justice.

The Government's cause is practically complete, officials said. The nature of evidence obtained was not disclosed except that officials predicted it would be "conclusive."

Chances that there had been advance information on the decisions of the Court in the Southern Pacific oil land and the Prohibition cases, through which certain men made large sums in Wall Street have been under investigation by the Department for two weeks.

To Develop Trade In East.

Washington, Dec. 30.—To promote the expansion of American foreign trade Secretary of Commerce Alexander today urged Congress to provide funds for sending commercial attaches and commissioners to the Far East, the new European countries and Indian and

TO MAKE EXCHANGE OF TREATIES NEXT TUESDAY IN PARIS

Exchange Of Ratifications Will Be Without Ceremony, It Is Announced

PROTOCOL PROVISIONS AGREED TO BY GERMANS

Allied Troops Will Proceed On January 12 To Territories Which Must Be Evacuated By Teutons Or Where Plebiscites Will Be Held; One Hundred Trains Needed

Paris, Dec. 30.—(By The Associated Press).—Exchange of ratifications of the treaty of Versailles will take place January 6 at the Quai d'Orsay. Baron Von Lersner, head of the German delegation and Paul Dutasta, secretary of the peace conference, tonight settled all points in connection with the signature, except that relating to naval material, which it is expected will be solved shortly.

The Germans will sign the protocol, and at the same time the allies will hand a letter to them agreeing to reduce their demands to 400,000 tons if the total available tonnage has been over-estimated or Germany is gravely menaced economically. In any case, after the signature, the allies will get 242,000 tons of material and the balance based on the reports of exports who are now checking up at Danzig, Hamburg and Bremen.

The British prime minister, David Lloyd George, will be present at the ceremony which will be carried out without any display. Diplomatic relations will be resumed the following day when the French charge d'Affairs will resume their posts.

Allied troops will proceed on January 12 to the territories which must be evacuated by the Germans or where plebiscites are to be held. It is estimated that one hundred trains will be needed for this purpose.

It is explained that the Supreme Council will satisfy Germany's demand for a more specific declaration on the reduction of the tonnage asked for through affixing to the protocol the text of M. Dutasta's verbal declaration to Baron Von Lersner on the subject.

The Rhineland commission, on which the United States is not as yet represented officially, is expected to meet as soon as practicable after the treaty is promulgated. This commission will have jurisdiction over the territory occupied by the allied troops in the Rhineland, including the American contingent.

The allied military mission dealing with the subject of transporting allied troops to the districts where plebiscites are to be held under the treaty reported to the council today that satisfactory arrangements had been made with the Germans for the movement of these forces. It is estimated that it will require two weeks to get into Silesia the number of troops it is proposed to send to that plebiscite area.

Ellis Loring Dresel, an American member of the peace conference, as expert on German affairs, it is understood, will go to Berlin as soon as ratifications are exchanged. He will be accompanied by a staff. This is presumed here to be a temporary expedition until diplomatic relations with the United States are resumed. He was appointed acting commissioner and charge d'affaires in October.

HALF MILLION DOLLARS LOST IN TAMPA BLAZE

Florida Newspaper Prepares To Get Out Issue By Multigraphing

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 30.—Loss which early estimates placed as between \$500,000 and \$600,000 was caused by a serious fire-front fire this afternoon which, fanned by a stiff breeze, destroyed two blocks in the wholesale district. The fire zone was bordered by the river on the west, by Tampa street on the east, by Whiting street on the south and by Washington street on the north.

So fast did the fire spread that firemen nearly were cut off and had to abandon 1,000 feet of hose. Captain J. D. Boas was burned about the face and is under a physician's care. Several other firemen were burned, but not so seriously. The business section of the city was tonight without electric lights or power and police were ready for any eventuality which might arise because of the darkness. Thieves robbed offices in the Citizens Bank building this afternoon while the fire was in progress, getting several purses.

The Tribune was preparing tonight to issue by multigraph, as it looked as if there would be no power until a very late hour, if at all. This is the worst fire in several years and came at the end of a year marked by losses which were remarkably light.

MERCHANT CALLED FROM HIS STORE AND MURDERED

Asheville, Dec. 30.—News received here tonight from Etowah in Henderson county is to the effect that Sheriff Cady, with posse, is still searching the mountains in an effort to locate the murderers of William Erwin, a prominent merchant of that place, who was called out from his store and killed last night.

WILL PLACE WOOD ALCOHOL IN CLASS WITH OTHER KINDS

Internal Revenue Commissioner Will Ask For Legislation On Subject

PROPOSE HEAVY TAXING OF ITS MANUFACTURE

Expect Also To Require Permits From All Persons Engaged In Traffic; Federal Authorities Have No Power Under Existing Laws To Proceed Against Traffic In It

Washington, Dec. 30.—Legislation subjecting the manufacture and sale of wood alcohol to the same restrictions as grain alcohol will be recommended to Congress as a result of the many fatalities from the use of wood alcohol as a beverage, Commissioner Roper, of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, announced tonight.

The form of the proposed legislation has not been decided definitely by the bureau. It is understood, however, that officials have in mind the placing of a heavy tax on the manufacture and sale of wood alcohol and requiring of permits by all persons engaged in the traffic. This would provide the government with a definite record of the movement of wood alcohol from manufacturer to consumer, and would make possible immediate action by the authorities in case of violation of the regulations.

Officials said it had become obvious that weaknesses in the national prohibition amendment as well as the internal revenue laws must be remedied insofar as wood alcohol is concerned.

Federal authorities under existing law, it was said, apparently are without one legal thread upon which to proceed against persons trafficking in the poison.

"It is obvious," said Commissioner Roper, "that wood alcohol is in no sense a liquor or beverage as described in either the prohibition amendment, or the internal revenue laws, nor can it be considered a narcotic under the provisions of the Harrison Narcotic law. It is well known to be a deadly poison and should be regarded and treated as such. In most of the States, if not all, wood alcohol is recognized as a poison and stringent laws have been passed regulating its use and safeguarding the public from its abuse. No such law exists, however, for the use of Federal authorities."

The department of agriculture's bureau of chemistry, which is entrusted with enforcement of the pure food and drug act, also has informed Commissioner Roper that it has no effective control over the distribution of wood alcohol and that so far as it is concerned entirely new legislation is necessary before the new menace can be dealt with effectively.

TWO SCORE FEDERAL AGENTS LOOKING FOR POISON LIQUOR.

New York, Dec. 30.—Two score Federal agents were dispatched tonight on a hunt through Greater New York and the other sections of this revenue district for poison liquor. Manufacturers of perfumes, hair tonics, flavoring extracts and furniture polish, were investigated on a wholesale basis to "nail down" non-beverage alcohol, in an effort to prevent recurrence of Christmas "wood alcohol" tragedies.

Hotel and restaurant men throughout New York tonight predicted the biggest New Year's eve celebration ever witnessed in this city and "private stock" whiskey, brandy, rum and wine openly were announced as welcome for 1920, despite the dry law and its enforcement. High prices are being paid for tables along the great White Way, and prospective celebrators defiantly have declared that John Baylors is to be their guest "once more." More deaths reported here and throughout the country today, although in far less volume than that day after Christmas indicated that wood alcohol drinks continued to levy their toll. Additional arrests were predicted here and in surrounding territory.

Louis di Vito, Joseph Giuseppe and Vito Cello, who were arrested last night when officers discovered 1,500 gallons of wine on their premises, were arraigned in court today charged with violation of the war-time prohibition act and held in \$ 500 bail each for hearings January 7.

New York, New Jersey and New England's officials were in conference on the wood alcohol situation late in the day, and a wide investigation has been planned into the traffic in poison, it was announced at the internal revenue offices.

VOTE GOVERNMENT CREDIT FOR THREE MONTHS TIME

Paris, Dec. 3.—The Senate today unanimously voted the government's credit for three months and the new loan bill adopted by the Chamber of Deputies yesterday, providing for the issuance of five per cent bonds redeemable during sixty years with drawings every six months to designate the bonds to be redeemed in each half yearly period. Discussing the loan, Alexander Ribot asked Premier Clemenceau regarding guarantees of the German indemnity by the allies. The Premier replied: "That cannot be taken up now because of the situation at Washington."

Mr. Ribot commented: "I hope that when we have put order in our finances our allies will consent to aid us, or rather to stand their share of the defense of the common cause."

Spent New Year's afternoon at the President's house, Thursday, 31st (A. S. C.)

WILL LEAD RALEIGH SHRINERS TO NEW BERN



NOBLE H. S. STORR, President of Raleigh Shrine Club.

OUTSIDER LINKED UP WITH LYNCHING

Witnesses At Franklinton Hearing Implicate New York Traveling Salesman

ALL FRANKLINTON THERE MAYOR FORD TESTIFIES

No Violence To Officers And Lone Man Cuts Off Switch Witness Testifies; Nobody Able To Identify Anybody And Solicitor Fails To Get Legal Assistance

By IRVING CHEEK.

Louisburg, Dec. 30.—Invading the domain of Franklin county territory for the second time in an effort to learn the identity of the man who lynched Powell Green, slayer of R. H. Brown, at Franklinton last Saturday night, Solicitor Herbert E. Norris today secured the first real clue with which he expects to implicate members of the mob that figured in the crime.

As a result of the resumption of the coroner's inquest yesterday it developed that William Haynsworth, a New York, who had been lingering in Franklinton several days, is now wanted by the officials. A search for the stranger was immediately ordered by Solicitor Norris for his appearance before the coroner's jury. That Haynsworth was active in securing the rope used by the mob after the negro's dead body was cut from the tree and, it is believed, can give more information on what took place on the road to Raleigh than has yet been divulged was brought to light in the examination of witnesses.

Haynsworth Not Located.

Besides being identified as the man who seized the rope and placed it in his automobile, Haynsworth was connected with Green's garage in Franklinton, located near the mayor's office where Chief Winston and his deputies made the start to Raleigh. Evidence also disclosed that the lynching rope was a low line used generally by garages in pulling disabled autos into the shop for repairs. Investigation by Solicitor Norris revealed a new tow line in Green's garage.

Haynsworth was not to be found today, although Solicitor Norris made an effort to get in touch with the New York. Information was to the effect that the man had not been seen since Sunday. He has an automobile now parked in Green's garage.

Solicitor Works Alone.

When the inquest was resumed this morning Solicitor Norris did not have the help promised by Governor Bickett, Messrs. Malone and Yarbrough, whom the Governor requested to assist in the investigation, were unable to take part in the proceeding that day. After accepting the appointment Mr. Malone declined to serve as assistant because of illness in his family. He was released from his previous agreement. Mr. Yarbrough was unable to attend the hearing because of business in Raleigh, but Solicitor Norris announced at the end of the hearing that future investigation would be conducted by Mr. Yarbrough. The Louisville attorney is to call the jury together again for the next hearing after he has had time to gather additional evidence.

Only Two Cars In Road.

That only two cars were at the scene where the prisoner was taken from Chief Winston and that the road was never entirely blocked, was the evidence furnished by Robert Speed, automobile driver, who was called into service for the trip to Raleigh.

In his testimony, Speed stated that he was traveling about 30 miles per hour when two cars passed him. After going about a mile from town, he testified, one car partially blocked the road but not enough to prevent him from steering around it. He had passed the car standing across the road when someone jumped on the running board of his note and cut off the switch, he stated. Others then boarded the car which contained the prisoner and officers, Speed testified, and then demanded the prisoner.

No Violence To Officers.

No threats were made by the members of the mob and no violence was done to Chief Winston or the specially deputized men as far as he was able to see, stated Speed.

In reply to the question of identifying the man who jumped on the running board of his car or any of the men who gathered around the Franklinton highway, Speed testified that he was unable to identify any of them.

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MARSHAL TO MOVE OFFICE FORCE TO WILMINGTON SOON

"Duke Of Brunswick" Authorized By Attorney General To Make The Transfer

AGITATION UNDER WAY FOR SOME LITTLE TIME

Both North Carolina Senators Endorsed Application of Marshal George H. Bellamy; Removal Gives Internal Revenue Department More Room; Protests Expected

The News and Observer Bureau, 603 District National Bank Bldg. By R. E. POWELL. (By Special Leased Wire.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—United States Marshal George H. Bellamy, at Raleigh, was today authorized by the Attorney General to move his office and force from the Capital city to Wilmington.

Agitation looking to the move has been carried on for some little time and today Attorney General Palmer formally gave his consent with the understanding that in the event the expense of operating the marshal's office in Wilmington is greater than Raleigh the office would be moved back.

Senator Simmons and Senator Overman endorsed the application of the "Duke of Brunswick" asking that the change be made. The marshal's office will be moved into the customs building at Wilmington, one of the most comfortable and commodious structures in the South, and the change will give Collector Bailey more room for his revenue staff in Raleigh.

Gives Revenue Workers Room.

Permission to make the change reflects the opinion on the part of those vested with authority to grant it that the business of the Federal Court for the Eastern district will not be interfered with in any manner. It is primarily designed to make room for the revenue workers in Raleigh and to utilize an entire floor in the customs building at Wilmington which has never been used. Apart from these things is the personal convenience of Marshal Bellamy, a factor not to be minimized in effecting the change. "The Duke" in Wilmington will be at home in almost every sense of the word. He is no less well known there than he is in Brunswick, where for nigh to half a century he has been the political sage.

Another thing which Mr. Bellamy argued to the Senators, in applying for their permission to move the office, is that it is more convenient to get to Lenoir, Wilson, New Bern and other points in the district from Wilmington than it is from Raleigh.

The change, it was announced here today, to take place on January first and in the meantime both Senators are anticipating a protest from Raleigh. The marshal's office is an institution about the capital city and Raleigh folks, when apprised of the purpose to make the change, are expected to offer objections.

Retail Merchants Protest.

A committee representing the North Carolina retail merchants association, which will be headed by E. R. Oettinger, of Wilson, today made an appointment to see Attorney General Palmer tomorrow when, it is said on good authority, the fight against the profit margins established by Commissioner Henry A. Page will have another inning.

The engagement was made through Frank A. Hampton, secretary to Senators Simmons and Overman, and announced that Mr. Page would come here for the session between the merchants and the Attorney General. He is understood to be standing pat on his original platform.

Complaints by the hundred are coming to both North Carolina Senators and all the members of the House regarding the past prohibition provision which was in the East-Pomerey railroad bill. Under that bill, lawyers and surgeons employed part time by railroads would not be permitted to ride on passes. Families of the general counsel of railroads would not be permitted to receive free transportation.

Lawyers Much Concerned.

Although it was stricken from the Cummins bill, fear that it might be put back in during the conference between the House and Senate committees has started quite a howl. Prominent attorneys in North Carolina have written the Senate that it would force them to give up their railroad practice entirely as the compensation, without the pass privilege for themselves and members of their families, would not justify retaining the business of the railroads.

The doctors who are local surgeons have a similar plaint. They are not inopportune in making protest because members of the House committee will undoubtedly insist on this provision being included in order for them to yield on provisions of the Cummins bill which they do not like.

Georgia Bankers Protest.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 30.—Resolutions protesting against regulations of the Federal reserve system, which they claim would force them to cash checks at par, and thus lose thousands of dollars a year in exchange, were adopted here today at a called meeting of the Georgia Country Bankers Association. The system already in effect has been in effect in a majority of the Federal reserve districts and has not been successful, it is claimed, in any of them.

It was announced that one of the members of the committee unanimously adopted the resolutions of protest here today.