

North State Affairs

Negro Rapist Caught.

Louisburg, Special.—A negro named Richard Freeman alias Dick Harris wanted for an assault upon Mrs. Lott Scott of Black Creek town...

Site For Telephone Exchange Purchased.

Winston-Salem, Special.—The Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company has purchased a lot 55x98 feet, on Liberty street...

Washington Wants the Shops.

Washington, N. C., Special.—Washington wants the shops of the Norfolk & Southern Railroad located in this city.

Blood Hounds Capture a Man.

Fayetteville, Special.—A hurry telephone call came from Beards Station to Sheriff Watson to come with his bloodhounds immediately and he went at once.

Tar Heel Topics.

Nine applications for pardon are refused by the Governor. Geo. Griffin, serving 12 years for manslaughter from Nash county...

Southern Pine Fruits.

Southern Pines, Special.—The shipment of peaches from the orchards around Southern Pines have been late this season...

Dead Body of Boy Found in Neuse.

Newbern, Special.—The dead body of Alonzo Peterson was found in Neuse river at the coca-cola company's plant.

Fayetteville Has Big Fire.

Fayetteville, Special.—Fire Thursday afternoon at the big Holt-Williamson Mills, in east Fayetteville...

Attacked and Badly Hurt by a Cat.

Salisbury, Special.—Calvin A. Jacobs, a Franklin township farmer, was severely wounded by a cat that made a savage attack upon him at his home.

Buggy Rolled Over Her Neck.

Lumberton, Special.—Miss Mattie McWhite, of this county, came near receiving fatal injuries while driving into town.

Meet Next at Asheville.

Baltimore, Special.—The annual convention of the Southern Grocers' Association adjourned to meet at Asheville, next July.

Southern Fined \$30,000

The Case Against the Southern Railway at Raleigh Has a Sensational Termination, a Fine of \$30,000 Being Placed on the Road and a Nominal One on Green, Who Pledges Himself to Sell No More Tickets at the Old Rate.

Raleigh, N. C., Special.—The sensational trial of the Southern Railway Company and City Ticket Agent Green for violating the new State 2-1-4 cent passenger rate law which threatened an interference of Federal court process to arrest the trial in the State court...

Fearful Storm Damage.

Baltimore, Special.—A special to The News from Grafton, W. Va., says that from three to five lives lost and a half a million dollars damage is the result of a cloudburst and heavy rain storm between Grafton and Tunnelton.

More than half a million dollars damages resulted from cloudbursts, storms and floods at Newburg and along the Cheat river valley in Preston county. Houses were washed away, the main line of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad is out of commission...

A sudden rise in the Monongahela river during the night wrecked the new bridge between Monessen and Charlestown. All the false work was swept away. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Four Italians Convicted.

Hahnville, La., Special.—Two companies of militia were ordered here to protect from threatened lynching the four Italians convicted "without capital punishment" of the complicity in the murder of little Walter Lamana, of New Orleans, who was kidnapped and strangled about a month ago.

Abduction of Korean Emperor.

Seoul, Korea, by Cable.—Emperor Yi Hyeung formerly abdicated the Korean throne at 11 o'clock Friday. In his parting address he expressed regret that national calamities had marked his forty-four-year reign.

31 PEOPLE KILLED

Crowded Excursion Train and Freight Collide Head-On

HORRIBLE SCENE OF SUFFERING

Excursion Train From Iona to Detroit, Mich., Crashes Into Freight Between Selma and Plymouth.

Selma, Mich., Special.—Thirty-one people dead and more than seventy injured, many of them seriously, as the result of a head-on collision Saturday between this village and Plymouth, when a Pere Marquette excursion train bound from Iona to Detroit crashed into a west-bound freight in a cut located at a sharp curve about a mile east of Salem.

Following is the list of dead, all of whom with a single exception lived in Iona: Honer Smith, a boy. Albert Trautwine. John Tafel. Charles Hess. Herman Hess. Paul Hess. William Cornell. Don Rogers, Lowell, Mich. Dick Jones. Mrs. Abraham Eddy. Edward Gallagher. Frank Douse. L. K. Merrell. Henry Reynolds, a Pere Marquette engineer. Charles McCauley, Sr. Alf Herbert. Edward Durling. Charles Broad, aged 13. James Vizard. William Stager. William Grams. William Gott. Mrs. August Richter. Fred Fitzgerald. Brekeman Ed. Corwin. Fireman Knowles. William Evans. Frank Lathlam. Benjamin Durling. Charles Fenton, fireman of freight engine; Harry Williams; E. J. Pixley, conductor passenger train.

Charles Hermann and Paul Hess were brothers. James Vizard was a well-known minor league ball player who had played in the Central League and also at Omaha. William Stager had come to Iona recently from Kansas City, where his mother now lives. Edward Gallagher is the son of an ex-mayor of Iona. Henry Reynolds was a Pere Marquette engineer bound for Detroit on the excursion train to take out his regular run.

The passenger train of eleven cars, carrying the Pere Marquette shop employees of Iona and their families to the Michigan metropolis for their annual excursion, was running at high speed, probably 50 miles an hour, down a steep grade. It struck the freight locomotive of the freight train with such terrific force as to turn the freight engine completely around.

The wrecked locomotive lay side by side, both headed eastward. Only a few of the freight cars were smashed and it was only a few hours' work to remove all traces of them from the scene. But behind the two wrecked locomotives six cars of the passenger train lay piled in a hopeless wreck. Four of the passenger coaches remained on the track undamaged and were used to convey the dead and injured to Iona; one coach was entirely undamaged, with only its forward trucks off the rails. These were the rear five cars. The two coaches next ahead of these were telescoped. The next car forward stood almost on end after the wreck, its forward end resting on the roadbed and the rear end high in the air upon the two telescoped coaches that had been following it.

To Prevent Western Land Frauds.

Washington, Special.—In a statement issued Acting Secretary of the Interior Woodruff says prompt action will be taken wherever cases of illegal fencing of public lands are discovered, but that inspectors and special land agents are especially occupied this summer with preventing fraudulent acquisition of public land.

Denial From President Clowry.

New York, Special.—When he learned that the striking telegraphers in a meeting at Oakland, Cal., had voted to refuse concessions offered by the Western Union Company, including, it was stated, "a 25 per cent. increase in pay after the telegraphers were at work," President Robert C. Clowry, of the Western Union, said that he wished to unqualifiedly deny that any advance in salaries had been promised to the telegraphers.

Wannamaker's Fine Stables Burn.

Philadelphia, Pa., Special.—The magnificent equipped stables on John Wannamaker's country estate, Lyndenhurst, near Jenkintown, a suburb, were destroyed by fire Sunday, entailing a loss estimated at \$100,000, including valuable articles stored in the barn. Lyndenhurst was destroyed by fire February last, causing a loss of nearly \$2,000,000.

REVISION OPPOSED

Present Administration Will Not Change Tariff Laws

THE POLICY WOULD BE SUICIDAL

Senator Hopkins, of Illinois, After Discussing Subject With President and Representative Miles, of Wisconsin Tariff Association, Says After the Presidential Election He Believes It Will Be Duty of Republicans to Revise Tariff and That It Will Be Done.

Oyster Bay, Special.—President Roosevelt, Senator Hopkins, of Illinois, and H. E. Miles, representing the Wisconsin Tariff Revision League discussed the subject of tariff revision at luncheon at Sagamore Hill. Senator Hopkins on leaving Oyster Bay said that the conclusion was reached that no tariff revision should be undertaken until after the next presidential election.

"It would be suicidal to the Republican party," the Senator added, "to undertake a revision of the tariff during the next Congress. After the presidential election, I believe it will be the duty of the Republican party to revise the tariff and that it will be done."

Mr. Hopkins remarked that he believed such an argument would appeal to and be accepted by the Republican revisionists in all parts of the country.

Mr. Hopkins had a very enthusiastic word to say regarding the presidential boom of Mr. Canon. He said: "Of course if President Roosevelt was a candidate there would be no the slightest opposition in the convention to his nomination. But I am thoroughly convinced that Mr. Roosevelt will not consider the nomination, that he is entirely sincere in declaring himself not to be a candidate under any circumstances."

"Speaker Cannon will have the entire Illinois delegation solidly behind him and I thoroughly believe that if nominated he would make the best race of any man the Republican party could put forward."

General Morteza, the Persian minister to the United States, performed the duties for which he has been made a special ambassador by personally notifying President Roosevelt of the accession to the Persian throne of Mohammed Ali, Shah. General Morteza was taken to Sagamore Hill in the government automobile.

Defends Appeal to Courts.

Nashville, Tenn., Special.—President W. W. Finley, of the Southern Railway Company, who was one of the principal speakers at the Nashville board of trade meeting delivered an address which was largely in the nature of a reply to those who have criticized the railway companies for appealing to the courts for protection from legislation, which they believe to be confiscatory in its character, and which would tend to retard the provision of additional and improved railway facilities. After referring to the rapid growth and the present prosperity of Nashville, Mr. Finley spoke of the importance of adequate facilities for transportation, pointing out that it is a self-evident truth that the profitableness of production depends upon the ability to sell the commodities produced, and the equally self-evident truth that no community can produce, profitably, more than it can send to market, and that the limit of the capacity of its carriers, therefore, limits its capacity for profitable production.

Jury Finds 20 Indictments.

Roaokoe, Va., Special.—The special grand jury ordered by Judge John W. Woods, of the corporation Court, to investigate the rioting of last Saturday, when a mob smashed all the Greek restaurants in town, adjourned Wednesday evening after finding 20 indictments. The jury will meet again on Wednesday of next week. Several score of witnesses were heard.

Lightning Fires Huge Oil Tank.

Lima, O., Special.—In a terrific electrical storm which swept this county at noon Wednesday, lightning fired one of the huge tanks of the Standard Oil Company. A quarter of a million barrels of petroleum were ignited and the city was at once enveloped in clouds of darkness, almost stifling. Cannons were brought into use to prevent a spread of the flames to other tanks nearby, there being millions of barrels of crude oil in the immediate vicinity.

News Notes.

The Korean cabinet has been dissolved. The trial of the Anson county, N. C., lynchings at Monroe, is progressing slowly. Twenty indictments have been found by the Roanoke, Va., grand jury on account of the attacks on the Greek restaurants Saturday night.

ORDERED TO ROADS

Violations of North Carolina's Rate Law Meet Punishment

ASHEVILLE JUDGE IMPLACABLE

Police Justice Reynolds Springs a Sensation at Asheville, N. C., by Co-opting the Two Southern Railway Agents to the County Roads for a Month—"Don't Give the Federal Court an Opportunity to Interfere With the State Courts," the Judge's Instructions to the Sheriff.

Asheville, N. C., Special.—Before Judge Spears Reynolds in the city police court District Passenger Agent James H. Wood, of the Southern Railway, also a member of the board of aldermen of Asheville, and O. C. Wilson, ticket seller for the Southern at the local passenger station, were tried on a charge of violating the new State rate law of 2-1-4 cents a mile for transportation, convicted and sentenced to the county chain-gang for 30 days each.

Harmon was the only witness. At the conclusion of his testimony Judge Reynolds announced that the State would rest. Judge Charles A. Moore, of counsel for the Southern Railway, and representing the indicted agents, stated that he desired to introduce no witnesses.

"Can you or will you pay a fine?" the police justice directed the question to Mr. Wood, standing just in front of the bar, and apparently cool and indifferent to the result. Judge Moore quickly requested the police justice to address any questions to counsel. Again the question was put, this time to Judge Moore, "Can you or will you pay a fine?"

Judge Moore made reply that he would have to consider the matter. The police justice, saying that he regretted to do what he was about to, directed the clerk to make an entry that the defendants be sent to the roads for 30 days each. Judge Moore thereupon stated in open court that he intended to apply for a writ of habeas corpus and requested that the prisoners be allowed the custody of an officer.

While Judge Moore was speaking the police justice was writing. Presently he handed two slips of paper to Sheriff Hunter. The papers were commitments for Mr. Wood and Mr. Wilson. "I trust," said the police justice, and handing the commitments to Sheriff Hunter, "that you will not give the Federal Court an opportunity to interfere with the State courts, which it has no right to do."

The prisoners were then turned over to Sheriff Hunter. The sheriff, at the request of Judge Moore, accompanied the prisoners to the office of Moore and Rollins. There was much interested speculation as to just what course Sheriff Hunter would pursue, whether he would send the convicted agents direct to the county chain-gang, some ten miles from the city, or hold the prisoner in custody awaiting action on a writ of habeas corpus.

Released on Habeas Corpus.

Asheville, N. C., Special.—District Passenger Agent Wood and Ticket-Seller Wilson, under sentence of 29 days on the county chain-gang by the city police court for violating the passenger rate law, were taken before Judge Pritchard on a writ of habeas corpus at 11 o'clock Friday morning. J. G. Merriman asked for a continuance of the hearing until his father, James H. Merriman, specially employed by the State, could be present. Judge Pritchard granted the request and set the hearing for 2.30 in the afternoon, and commanded Wood and Wilson to the custody of the deputy marshal. Bonds in the sum of \$200 were allowed and the indicted agents were once more in the enjoyment of their liberty.

Tennessee Bank Short \$39,000.

Gallatin, Tenn., Special.—The doors of the People's National Bank are closed pending an investigation of the condition of the bank. Some irregularities were discovered several days ago and President Payne telegraphed to Washington for an examiner who is now auditing the books. A discrepancy of \$39,000 has been found in the accounts.

Two Fatally Shot, One Seriously Wounded in Pistol Duel.

Lexington, Ky., Special.—In a pistol fight that took place in a saloon at Pound Gap, on the Kentucky Virginia line, two men were fatally shot and another seriously wounded. William Robinson and John Centers, between whom an old grudge existed, met, and Centers opened fire. Several shots were exchanged and Centers fell mortally wounded. Half an hour later "Babe" Stewart and Isaac Bentley met and began shooting. Bentley was fatally and Stewart seriously wounded.

Big Fire in Texas Town.

Chillicothe, Tex., Special.—Fire destroyed a business block with total loss of \$150,000 and light insurance. The heaviest losers are G. R. Jones & Company, hardware; J. N. Fain, drug store; Ben F. Griffin, drug store; J. L. Watson, hotel; A. L. Howard & Company, grocers; J. F. Bryan, hotel, and Chillicothe Lumber Company.

Late News In Brief

MINOR MATTERS OF INTEREST

Mr. Joseph Choate made a ringing speech at The Hague in support of the American position on arbitration. The Korean Cabinet has resigned and Tokio expects the Emperor at Seoul to abdicate.

Dr. Karl Hau, the former Washington man accused of murder in Baden-Baden, Germany, made admissions to help expedite his trial.

It is rumored that Anna Gould, former Countess Castellane, is engaged to Prince Elie de Sagan.

The suit of Alexander Gregor, who sued for damages because he had been accused of theft, was decided against him.

Kaid McLean, commander of the forces of the Sultan of Morocco, escaped from Raisuli.

The Emperor of Korea was asked to abdicate, and the end of this Empire is thought to be near.

The trial of Dr. Karl Hau, formerly of Washington, for murder of his mother-in-law was begun at Karlsruhe.

The board of inquiry is expected to report that the explosion on the Georgia was caused by a "flare-back" from the eight-inch gun. Burning powder fell into the ammunition handling room, threatening the ship with destruction.

Independent coal miners, in a petition to the Interstate Commerce Commission seek to end the anthracite coal combine.

A tremendous crowd from Richmond made Richmond Day at Jamestown Exposition a decided success.

Alice Seruggs, a negro woman of Richmond, was discovered to have conducted a school for thieves.

Mr. John W. Britt, of Martinsburg, W. Va., was killed in a runaway accident.

The Summers Coal Company, better known as the Robby Coal Company, with large holdings on the Wheeling and Lake Erie railroad and the Washburn, has just closed a deal for the Carrollton Coal Company's mine and holdings at Jug Run, near St. Clairsville, W. Va., on the Washburn extension.

A gigantic combination of independent bakeries, including those of Baltimore, is being formed in New York with \$30,000,000 to \$40,000,000 capital to fight the National Biscuit company.

The South Penn Oil Company is leasing a number of farms in the vicinity of Independence, Preston county, W. Va., for the purpose of developing the field for oil and gas.

It cost Robert M. Ward, of Winchester, \$89.51 for the honor of representing the Tenth district in the Virginia Senate, and his defeated opponent, Judge F. S. Tavenner, of Woodstock, \$571.25, according to figure just filed.

Judge Alton B. Parker, of New York made an address in support of the Constitution before the North Carolina Bar Association.

The feeling in France is one of disappointment with the tariff agreement with the United States brought over by Ambassador Jusserand.

Mr. Bonaparte states that the receivership for the Tobacco Trust is only to compel it to comply with the law.

President James McCrea, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, declared a 2-cent law was unfair to the public as well as the railroads.

The Anson County lynchings are on trial at Monroe, N. C. The State has made out a strong case against them so far.

Nine men were killed and a like number seriously burned by a powder explosion on the battleship Georgia.

Interstate railroad fares have been reduced to two cents per mile by most of the Northern and Western railroads.

Col. Charles G. Ayres has been ordered before a board to examine his fitness for retirement from the United States Army.

Senator McEnery, of Louisiana is quoted as offering to resign in favor of John Sharp Williams if the latter fails of election to the United States Senate.

Mrs. Preston Gibson daughter of Mrs. Thomas Nelson Page and the late Henry Field of Chicago is to sue for divorce.

The Virginia Corporation Commission of Virginia was notified that the injunction against the 2-cent rate order was in effect.

Max Lansburgh of Baltimore filed a suit at Charleston, W. Va., to recover coal lands in McDowell county valued at \$5,000,000.

William D. Haywood on trial on the charge of murdering former Governor Steiensenberg went on the stand in his own defense.