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TAR HEEL TOPICS

Items Gathered From All Sections of the State

Interest in Rate Hearing.

A Special from New York City to the Charlotte Observer says: The dispute between the authorities of North Carolina and the Federal Courts over the observance of a 2 1/4-cent rate law reached another stage, when former Judge Montgomery, of North Carolina, who was appointed by Judge Pritchard, of the Federal Court, as special master to take depositions, sat here and heard the testimony of several witnesses.

General Counsel Alfred P. Thom, of the Southern Railway Company of Washington, represented his company's interests at the session. The testimony was taken behind closed doors at the office of the Southern Railway in this city.

Counsel representing the North Carolina corporation commission at the day's hearing included former Judge James E. Shepherd, Walter E. Daniels and F. A. Woodward, former Gov. Charles Aycock, of North Carolina, and Speaker E. J. Justice of the State House of Representatives, were also present.

Vice President H. B. Spencer, of the Southern, who is the son of former President Spencer, was a witness. He was questioned at length as to the Southern Railway, its cost and equipment and many minor details. Depositions will be taken in Washington and other cities after the hearings here have concluded.

J. M. Barr, formerly president of the Seaboard Air Line, now a lumber merchant of North Carolina, and who was called as an expert on railway operations, testified that in his opinion the carrying of local freight in North Carolina costs three times as much to operate as through trains and the local trains were frequently only partly loaded.

Mr. Barr said that a higher rate was charged by railroads in this State for carrying local freight than for through freight, but he did not believe the difference in price was sufficient to equal the increased cost of local traffic.

Mr. Barr said that he did not believe a fair profit from passenger traffic was possible at present in that State and that possibly there was no profit whatever.

It was brought out that passenger traffic within the State was somewhat mixed and that a number of so-called through trains on the Southern Railway between Washington and Atlanta made stops at towns and way points in the State, so that as a matter of fact it was not possible to calculate with exactness the cost of carrying local passengers on these trains as distinct and apart from through passengers.

Following his examination by counsel, Mr. Barr was interrogated by Speaker Justice. "Do you know," said the latter, "that at one time there existed what might be called a gentleman's understanding to the effect that the Seaboard Air Line should refrain from extending its lines until certain North Carolina territory under fear of reprisals by the Southern Railway?"

"There was no express understanding," Mr. Barr replied.

He was then asked whether he knew that certain business houses in the State had actually been driven out to seek other fields for business because the Southern Railway had built up a monopoly in various parts of North Carolina.

The witness said that he did not know that to be a fact. To other questions intended to show the Southern's supremacy in North Carolina Mr. Barr in most instances pleaded that he was not in possession of sufficient actual facts to testify accurately regarding them.

Heroic Women Honored.

Wilmington, Special.—An immense gathering of people attended the elaborate ceremonies in connection with the unveiling of a monument to the heroic women of the lower Cape Fear during the revolutionary period, the scene of the patriotic exercises having been the historic Moore's Creek battle ground, in Pender county, near Currie. The weather was ideal and people came from far and near, including a large party from Wilmington which returned on a belated train.

The exercises opened with an invocation by Rev. D. McClure, D. D., presentation of the monument was by former Representative E. A. Hawes, of Pender, who paid glowing tribute to the material ancestry of the people of the lower Cape Fear. The acceptance was by President J. F. Moore, of the Moore's Creek Memorial Association, who spoke eloquently of the lofty patriotism which inspired the people of this section and the State.

The formality of the unveiling was by Miss Lillian Colvin, assisted by Miss Katie Bannerbaum, this being followed by a beautiful decoration of the shaft by 13 young ladies representing the 13 original colonies, directed by Misses B. B. Lucas and Jennie Hawes. The address of Hon. Charles R. Tillman, Congressman from the third district and always a staunch friend of the Moore's Creek Monument Association, was the feature of the day. He spoke eloquently and most fittingly. After the exercises a delightful picnic dinner was served on the grounds and that every detail of the arrangements was carried out perfectly spoke volumes of praise for the several county committees which had these matters in charge. The exercises were interspersed by the singing of patriotic songs and music by an excellent band, "Dixie," "The Old North State," and "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," having been favorites among the many selections rendered.

The monument is of Winstonsboro blue granite surmounted by a statue of imported Italian marble in carved likeness of a beautiful woman posing "Rememberance," the top piece being six feet tall, the whole monument towering to a height of 15 feet, standing on a marble base, five feet seven inches square. Its weight is more than 25,000 pounds and it was erected at a cost of something over \$2,000, being the work of the Wilmington Granite and Marble Works, of this city. Mr. R. D. Tucker, proprietor, as successor to H. A. Tucker & Bro., the inscription on the shaft are as follows:

Front side: "To the honored memory of the heroic women of the Lower Cape Fear during the American Revolution, 1775-1781."

On the reverse side: "Unswerving in devotion, self-sacrificing in loyalty to the cause of their country, their works do follow them; and their children rise up and call them blessed."

On fourth side: "Most honored of the names recorded by the Historic Association, is that of MARY SLOCUMB, wife of Lieutenant Slocumb, riding alone at night sixty-five miles to succor the wounded on this battle place her light on the pages of history, and should awaken in successive generations, patriotism and love of country."

Virtutes majorum filiae conservant. On the third face is this inscription: "This monument was erected by the Moore's Creek Monumental Association in the year 1907."

State News Items.

As the result of a special ordinance passed some time ago by the aldermen the Southern has made Lexington a flag station for No. 34. The people of the town are pleased with this change.

The Shaw Cotton Mill, of Weldon, was granted a charter, the capital being \$100,000, authorized and \$25,000 subscribed by W. T. Shaw, W. A. Pierce and others.

Insurance Commissioner James R. Young paid into the State Treasury yesterday \$37,944 representing the receipts of the department for July. This is an especially good month's business. The commissioner also paid into the treasury \$280.41, representing a part of the insurance that was carried on the dissecting hall recently burned at the State University.

In the work of compiling and auditing the roll of Confederate pensioners as just approved by the pension board it is discovered in the State Treasury that one U. S. Dollar is a pensioner in Aslie county.

George F. Parrott, who becomes secretary-treasurer and State business agent will establish his general office at Hillsboro.

W. J. Paythress, a well-appearing white man, was arrested in Graham by Sheriff Pinix of Reidsville, Tuesday afternoon and taken to Wentworth. The warrant for his arrest was sworn out by Mr. C. K. Nolen, cashier of the Bank of Reidsville, and it charges that Paythress forged a check for \$12.50 on the said bank.

THROUGHOUT THE STATE

A Batch of Newsy Items From Mountain to Seashore.

Governor Glenn has granted a pardon to William Simms, an aged negro of Raleigh, who had been sentenced to the roads six months for assault and resisting an officer.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction is notified by County Superintendent E. T. Atkinson, of Wayne that Woodland school district has just voted a special tax for the improvement of schools without a dissenting vote and without having had a single public meeting or speech for the election. A letter from County Superintendent C. S. Wright, of Wilkes, is to the effect that Elkville, in that county has voted a special tax.

In addition to the extension of the street car line in Raleigh (more than three and a half miles of new line to be built) the Raleigh Electric Company is getting under way other important improvements. A new 500-kilowatt steam turbine generator from the General Electric Company is already there to be placed in position at the power house. The power house and car sheds are being remodeled and practically rebuilt, the construction being of brick and steel with concrete foundations. A new 440-horse power boiler is to be added to the number now in use, all these being in addition to the fine water-power plant of the company at the fall of the Neuse where the greater part of the current is generated. There is considerable double-tracking under way on Hillsboro street running out to the State fair ground. This will be completed in time for the State fair.

The North Carolina Patriotic Society, P. C. Ennis, secretary, is doing much to awaken interest in the North Carolina flag; so much so that it is hard now to supply the demands for these flags, the orders for them coming in for all sizes and grades of fabric. The flags are now waving over practically all the State and county buildings in compliance with the act of the last Legislature. More than five hundred State flags were shipped the past two weeks to the Jamestown Exposition in preparation for North Carolina week events. The society has just furnished two very handsome State regimental flags for the three regiments of the North Carolina National Guard that will spend the week in camp at Jamestown. They are of the finest field flag silk, with gold braid and other regulation trimmings.

Report Sent to Washington.

Washington, Special.—The first intimation of the plague at San Francisco was received Thursday by the Marine Hospital Service. The telegram read:

"Three cases and death, plague San Francisco. Diagnosis made clinically and by stained smears from spleen and glands. No reasonable doubt as to certainty of diagnosis of cases seen and verified by long continuation with health officials. Cases found within two blocks of old Chinatown."

On receipt of the information instructions were sent to Surgeon Austin to confer with the State and local authorities and make full report on the measures adopted for eradication.

Surgeon Austin telegraphed that two food had been discovered that the local board had disinfected known infected buildings and proposed to institute a campaign against rats. He said deaths in the city had been verified and that a general disinfection of suspected districts would begin. He asked for the assistance of two officers as medical inspectors and one as a bacteriologist in the State laboratory.

It is stated here that Assistant Surgeon Long is a trained bacteriologist and thoroughly competent to handle the situation that has developed.

Sixteen Deaths Reported.

Harbin, Manchuria, By Cable.—The bubonic plague has broken out in South Manchuria and sixteen deaths have been reported. Travelers proceeding into North Manchuria are being medically examined at Kwang Ching Tsu.

Passengers on Steamer Asia.

San Francisco, Special.—Among the passengers on the steamer Asia, which arrived from Honolulu was Oscar S. Straus, Secretary of Commerce and Labor. K. Ishi Yi, Secretary of the commerce bureau of the Japanese foreign office, who will visit the principle cities of this country, before returning to the Orient, was also a passenger on the Asia.

An Entire Village Almost Wiped Out By Fire.

Hancock, Mich., Special.—The village of Hubbel, 10 miles from here was nearly wiped out by fire. Twenty-two dwellings, four stores, a hotel, the postoffice and the coal sheds, trees and coal piles of the Calumet and Hecla Mine were burned. The loss exceeds \$100,000.

Receiver Asked For Big Shirt Manufacturing Company.

Utica, N. Y., Special.—Application was made before United States Court Judge Ray at Norwich for the appointment of a receiver for Curtiss Leggett & Co., manufacturers of shirts, collars and cuffs, Troy. A petition is filed by three Troy creditors who allege that the firm is insolvent. The liabilities are placed at \$1,100,000, while the assets are said to be nominally \$2,000,000. It is said the stringency of the money market has cramped the company. The company employs about 1,400 operatives.

Two Lives Lost in Fire.

Old Orchard, Me., Special.—Two lives were lost and five persons were injured, three seriously, as a result of the fire which swept through this seashore resort causing a loss estimated at \$800,000. The dead: Phillip Partridge, 24 years old, of Pittsburg, Pa., struck by Boston & Maine train at Kennebunk and killed while on way to the fire. Unidentified man, killed by explosion of soda tank, head blown off.

PLAGUE BREAKS OUT

Deaths Reported From San Francisco

DISEASE WELL UNDER CONTROL

But One of the Reported Sufferers Has Survived—With One Exception, a Foreigner From a Coastwise Steamer, the Patients Were of the Poorer Class, Dwelling in the Neighborhood of Chinatown.

San Francisco, Special.—Five cases of bubonic plague, four of which have resulted in death, have been reported to the health department. The patients with one exception were of the poorer class of foreigners dwelling in the neighborhood of Chinatown. The exception was a foreign sailor from a coastwise steamer. Prompt measures were taken by the city, State and Federal officers, and a spread of the disease is not feared.

President Jules A. Samon, of the city health board, and Health Officer Watkins said that the situation was well in hand and no occasion existed for alarm.

The infected steamer was ordered into quarantine with her passengers and will remain secluded until released by the health department. The two shacks inhabited by the other patients were fumigated, locked up and sealed. The bodies of the two Mexicans, an Italian and a Russian Pole, who succumbed, were destroyed in quick time.

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TO SKIN THE PUBLISHERS

International Paper Company Behind Print Paper Merger.

Appleton, Wis., Special.—The International Paper Company is said to be behind the print paper merger now being brought to a successful close. It is said that within 12 months the International Paper Company, which was incorporated in New York in February, 1898, with an authorized capital of \$118,000,000, will control the print paper market of the United States. To do this the company will expend from \$30,000,000 to \$50,000,000 in buying up the plants in the middle West.

Tuberculosis Discovered in Morgan's Fine Dairy Herd.

Highland Falls, N. Y., Special.—Tuberculosis has been discovered in the fine dairy herd owned by J. Picop Morgan and six of his nineteen high bred milk cows have been killed on orders cabled by Mr. Morgan. The herd was composed entirely of cows of notable pedigrees and they were kept with the greatest care in the stables of the most modern sort, the most attention being paid to proper ventilation and to all the sanitary conditions that are supposed to protect cows from tuberculosis.

Several Hundred Out of Work.

New York, Special.—Several hundred employees were thrown out of work by a fire which destroyed a four story warehouse and factory building in Furman street, Brooklyn. The loss will reach \$200,000. The fire broke out on the third floor and the building which occupied nearly an entire block, was a mass of flames when the firemen arrived. Four firemen were overcome by illuminating gas while fighting the fire. The building was occupied by the New York & Baltimore Coffee Company and several manufacturing firms.

Took a Few Drinks and Died.

San Francisco, Special.—An automobile containing two men a young woman and the body of a girl who had been a companion on a round of visits to beach resorts, arrived at the Park Hospital. The three were arrested and held until the cause of the girl's death is fully explained. The dead girl was Francis Ear, No. 1411, Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco. Her companions were George W. Ford, Harry McHenry and Pearl Shelton. The men stated that the girl had taken several drinks, fainted and soon expired.

Operators Resign Positions.

Denver, Col., Special.—Judge Riddle granted a restraining order on the application of the brokerage firm of Otis & Hough, forbidding Fred Wessel, president of the Telegraphers' Union and C. A. Adams, secretary of the same organization, to call a strike of operators in that office. This order compelled the operators in the office of Logan & Bryan to furnish Otis & Hough with market reports. The men employed by Logan & Bryan thereupon resigned.

Commissioner Neill at Home.

Washington, Special.—Commissioner of Labor Charles P. Neill arrived home from Chicago where he went on a vain effort to effect a settlement of the telegraphers' strike. He decided not to see visitors and as soon as he reached the city went to his home. For the present he is taking no part in the telegraph strike situation, but says he is ready to act as mediator if called upon.

Falling Scaffold Kills Two.

New York, Special.—Two workmen were killed and ten others injured, one of them seriously by the collapse of a scaffold surrounding a gas tank in course of construction for the Brooklyn Union Gas Company in Williamsburg. The men fell 30 feet.

News in Brief.

Seven men were badly burned by a gas explosion in South Boston.

The taking of testimony in the Southern's suits against the State of North Carolina was begun.

A settlement of the Chicago Terminal controversy was effected between the Baltimore and Ohio and Hill-Morgan group.

Arrested For Accepting Bribe.

Boston, Special.—Building Inspector John P. Clarke of this city was arrested here charged with accepting a bribe from a contractor. The arrest was made by inspectors who, it is alleged, witnessed the payment of \$40 to Clarke by the contractor.

Shoots Wife and Kills Himself.

New York, Special.—Angered over a family difference, Valentine Hess, a barber, fired two shots at his wife and then killed himself at his home in Sea Cliff, Long Island. Physicians say that Mrs. Hess will die.

News in Brief.

The Peace Congress adopted the proposal prohibiting the throwing of projectiles from balloons, and the Belgian delegate left for home with the feeling that the permanent arbitration court plan is lost.

It is again reported that the Emperor Dowager of China will abdicate.

Zionists opened their congress at The Hague.

PROGRESS FOR PEACE

Resolution Proposed By Sir Edward Fry, of Great Britain, Confirming That of 1899, Unanimously Adopted By Peace Conference Amendment Regarding Laws and Customs of Throwing of Explosives From Balloons and Bombardment of Unde-fended Towns Adopted.

The Hague, By Cable.—At the plenary sitting of the Peace Conference a resolution proposed by Sir Edward Fry (British), was adopted unanimously as follows: "This conference confirms the resolution adopted by the conference of 1899 regarding the limitation of military burdens and as military burdens have been considerably augmented in almost all countries since 1890, it declares it is highly desirable to see the governments earnestly represent the state of this question."

Amendments of the convention of 1899 regarding the laws and customs of land war and the prohibition of throwing of explosives from balloons and the convention regarding the bombardment of undefended towns, etc., were unanimously adopted.

Sir Edward Fry and M. Bangeois heads of the British and French delegations, made addresses in support of the resolutions given above. After the disarmament treaty between Argentina and Chile had been read the whole conference enthusiastically applauded Senor Drago and Coneha, who were chiefly instrumental in drawing up that treaty.

M. Nelidoff, of Russia, closed a brilliant speech by saying the conference is as unprepared to face the question of armament limitation as in 1899 and any further new world injury like cases of news. He applauded the British initiative and recommended adoption of the resolution as "the only guaranty of actual progress of the question, while it would be an honor of the present conference to have contributed to an immediate vote."

A letter was read from Joseph II. Choate supporting in the name of the United States, the British resolution, and expressing American sympathy with the terms.

Auto Runs Into Train.

Great Barrington, Mass., Special.—An automobile containing a party of five persons from Bristol, Conn., collided with the New York-Pittsfield express at Asley Falls crossing, near here. Three of the motoring party were killed and the other two probably fatally injured. The dead: Charles J. Root, 40 years old, an automobile manufacturer, Bristol, instantly killed. Mrs. Root, his mother, Miss Roberts, sister of Mrs. Root. The injured are: Miss Mary Root, daughter of C. J. Root, condition very critical. Miss Cathrine Root, age 14, niece of Mrs. Root, suffering from internal injuries.

Arranging For Prosecutions.

Harrisburg, Special.—Criminal and civil suits against Capitol contractors and former State officials will be instituted in Duplin county court as soon as the legal papers can be prepared. The indictments will be presented to the grand jury at the September session. Whether all of the eighteen persons named by the Capitol investigation commission in its report to Governor Stuart will be prosecuted will be determined by the Attorney-General after consultation with his associates. The commission held a brief executive session to close up the affairs. Of the \$100,000 appropriated by the Legislature for the investigation \$10,000 was returned to the Treasury.

Blood Flows at Chattanooga.

Chattanooga, Special.—A negro cabin in the rear of 230 Oak street was the scene of a sanguinary conflict between two dusky lovers. And after the entire neighborhood had been aroused Wilson Pye was led off, bleeding and apparently half dying, and Mamie Foster, a negro, was under arrest.

Launch Burns on Water.

Norfolk, Va., Special.—The gasoline launch Edna May bound from Manteo, N. C., for Nag's Head with a large party aboard, caught fire from an explosion near Manteo and was burned to the water's edge. Miss Midget, one of the passengers, was blown into the water and drowned and the engineer and fireman are reported fatally burned. A negro in a passing sloop rescued those aboard the burning boat. The rescued were landed at a nearby point. All the rescued were burned some of them seriously.

Eighteen Perish in Wreck.

Buenos Ayres, Special.—Details received here of the wreck in Flindero bay of the American bark Prussia from Norfolk, March 20 for Port Townsend announced from Punta Arenas, Straits of Magellan, say that the captain committed suicide when the vessel ran ashore and that fourteen passengers, in addition to four sailors lost their lives.

BROKE ALL RECORDS

North Carolina's Big Day At Jamestown Exposition

FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND PRESENT

Governor Glenn and Lieutenant-Governor Winston do Themselves and Their State Proud By Magnificent Speeches to the Biggest Crowd That Jamestown Exposition Has Seen Since it Opened.

Jamestown Exposition, Norfolk, Va., Special.—Thursday was Banner Day in the history of the Jamestown Exposition. In point of attendance no other day has approached it. Fully forty-five thousand North Carolinians were on the grounds when Governor Glenn was telling of the glories of the State and good humoredly telling his Virginia friends how many times North Carolina had been first. It was a fine looking crowd too—these 45,000 thousand Tar Heels. They were the observed of observers, the guests of honor everywhere, and everybody in the management vied with the others to make North Carolinians feel at home.

More North Carolinians were assembled here together than were ever before in one place since the war. There they were fighting to keep the Yankees out of Richmond. Now they are having a fine time helping Virginia to celebrate an important event in the life of the whole continent.

The program as arranged and published was carried out in fine shape and the people were delighted with the speeches of Governor Glenn and Lieutenant-Governor Winston. They were both in the shape and fetter of the day was fine; the North Carolina spirit was in the very atmosphere; the music was inspiring, and the Third Regiment band of which Raleigh is so proud covered itself with glory.

The speech of Lieutenant-Governor Winston was happy, witty, bright and up to Frank Winston's best. His broad smile and satisfied air of "Look at old North Carolina—She's the Top of the Pot" gave a good feeling before he began his splendid patriotic address.

Governor Glenn was given a cordial greeting. It was his first appearance out of the State since the railroad war in North Carolina in which he won national fame. The "down-homers" all wanted to see him and shake hands with him, and the home folks wanted to say "God for you, Plain Bob Glenn," and strangers wanted to take the measure of the man who has brought the Southern Railway to their knees. The Governor's theme was North Carolina and he measured up to the occasion, surpassing the expectations of the North Carolinians who were proud that the State was represented on the biggest day of the Jamestown Exposition by a man who was fully able to thrill the magnificent audience that hung upon his stirring and patriotic words. He had no manuscript or notes, but spoke from the shoulder and stirred the people as he used to stir North Carolina people in the old days of 1898 and 1900 when the people were aroused by his eloquence.

North Carolina flags were presented to the three North Carolina Regiments by Secretary of State J. Dixon Grimes, State Auditor B. F. Dixon and State Treasurer B. R. Lacy, thus giving the audience a sample of oratory from five of its chief public officials. The military parade, reviewed by the Governor of North Carolina, Governor of Virginia and Governor of Massachusetts was the biggest parade on any Governor's Day during the Exposition. Twelve regiments of U. S. Cavalry took part. The North Carolina troops departed themselves beautifully and won much praise for their splendid drilling and maneuvers. Its a fine body of soldiers, as credit to the State and they received many compliments from good judges out of the State and "the Down Homers" grew enthusiastic in praise of the North Carolina troops. An air ship was sent up right over the North Carolina troops while they were drilling.

At night the reception was held. Governor and Mrs. Glenn, assisted by the State officials and their wives, members of the Governor's staff and their wives, members of the North Carolina Exposition and their wives and prominent North Carolinians. The beautiful North Carolina building was illuminated brilliantly at night was a scene of brightness—the beauty of brave men and fair women, the glory and chivalry of old North Carolina. The North Carolina folks and the "Down Homers" had a fine time here. It seemed that the whole State was here at the reception and if any are left at home this is to say "You don't know what you are missing." It makes one proud to know that he has tar on his heels at Jamestown this week.

Press Service Improved.

Chicago, Special.—Decided improvement was made in the condition of the Associated Press wires. The entire leased wire circuit between San Francisco and New York was placed in operation shortly after 6 o'clock tonight. Up to that time the Western wires had terminated at Denver. A number of operators who went out on Monday returned to their work during the day.