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RALEIGH LETTER

(By Maxwell Gorman.)
Raleigh, May 26.—The freight rate termination hearing which has been in progress in Raleigh the past several days will be resumed next Thursday. Interstate Commerce Commissioner Eastman will again be present. It has already been developed that the Carolina points will receive more consideration and better rates as a result of this hearing—which is a continuation of the persistent fight of the North Carolina Corporation Commission has led for several years. The suit means much to not only the merchants and shippers, but to the public in this state and will affect the consumers must pay according to many articles of commerce. The result of the continued hearing will be the result of the persistent fight of the North Carolina Corporation Commission, the Raleigh chamber of commerce and other bodies in the state will be actively present.

Reorganize N. C. National Guard
The appointment of Major Gordon Smith to be assistant adjutant general of the state is said here to be the initial step in a state-wide movement to reorganize the North Carolina National Guard, under the auspices and with the co-operation of the War Department at Washington. The new assistant adjutant general will go to Washington in a few days to take up the matter with the authorities there. He was brigade adjutant of the 60th brigade at Camp Sevier, and expressed his opinion that the war has increased interest in military life among the 100,000 North Carolinians who saw service, overseas or in the camps on this side, during hostilities.

ESTER E. SEELY—NOT JACK FOUST, OF ASHEBORO

No word has come from Jack Foust that he has returned to the Otranto. The Otranto went down last fall. Jack had joined the navy at Winston-Salem, and was on his way to France when the Otranto with all on board went down, only a few surviving after being washed ashore. Several weeks ago the newspapers had a picture of a youth who had been found on the outside of the Curson hotel in London, at two o'clock in the morning wearing his night clothes. His memory a blank and could not call his own name.

Several people in Asheboro believe the picture to be that of Jack Foust, whom whom was Mr. W. L. Foust, brother of the lost boy, and his sister as certain it was her brother, but he is not. His name is Lisle Streval Seely, son of Charles J. Seely, publisher of the Sayre (Oklahoma) Headlight. The young man was attached to the American aviation corps at Dunkirk, France. His identity was settled by an officer under whom he worked. Young Seely returned to this country, landing in New York, May 17, his mind restored, and has gone to his home. Parents and friends have given up hope of ever hearing from Jack. His sister received her allotment and his father his arrearages in pay until his death.

Partnership Returns
Collector A. D. Watts, of Statesville, N. C., has the blanks for partnership returns and will be glad to send them to all who apply for them. He has not a list of partnerships and it will be necessary for application to be made to him for blanks.

Under the present Revenue Law it is the duty of all partnerships to make returns, but as partnerships they do not pay taxes. It would be well for all partnerships to immediately apply to the collector for these blanks, as the time for filing returns expires on June 5th, after which time penalties will be exacted for failure to file returns.

New Asphalt Road from High Point

The Guilford county authorities are going to build a new concrete or asphalt road from the Randolph county line at Archdale, connecting with the asphalt streets in High Point. A similar road will be built from the Davidson county line in the direction of Thomasville connecting with the asphalt streets in High Point. A similar road will be built extending one mile from the corporate limits toward Winston-Salem. High Point is now connecting with Greensboro by road built of this kind, which will probably be built this year. This will enable Randolph people to get into High Point. Heretofore the worst roads to contend with in going to High Point were within and near the city limits of High Point.

Steamer Burned Near Baltimore
Several of the 156 passengers on the Old Bay Line steamer "Virginia," which burned in Chesapeake Bay, last Saturday morning, were injured, but none lost. Many thrilling rescues were made by members of the crew of the burning vessel and officers and crew of the Chesapeake liner, "City of Norfolk," which was close by when the fire occurred and stood by the ship till the last.

The 100th anniversary of the beginning of missionary work by the M. E. church is effectively commemorated, and the M. E. Centenary movement, in which millions of dollars are being raised for the purpose of extending the work of the M. E. church. While other churches have had their campaigns of kindred kind, yet, the M. E. church was the first to inaugurate this plan, although the execution of the organization was deferred.

RAMSEUR NEWS

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Scarboro and "Little Bill," of Winston-Salem, spent the week-end with their friends, T. A. Moffitt and family.

Mrs. Nora Barfield and daughter, Mrs. Driver, of Farmville, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. C. A. Marley and family.

Revival services began at the Methodist church Sunday. Rev. N. C. Williams, of Shelby, arrived Monday to conduct the preaching. Prof. T. O. Pender, of Mebane, has the singing in charge.

On May 17th, Saturday night, Miss Mary White was happily married to Mr. June C. Johnson, both of this place. The marriage took place at the home of the groom's brother, W. E. Johnson, Rev. Bulla officiating. The bride is a popular young lady, the daughter of Mr. Joe White. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Johnson and has recently returned from France where he was in several battles. He was wounded as the readers will remember. We wish for the happy couple a long and joyful life.

The Centenary committee was delighted to report that our church went over our allotment. We are proud to be a part of this great movement.

Miss Lizzie Smith and Miss Morgan attended the Redpath Chautauqua at Asheboro Saturday night, reporting a good program.

E. J. Steed, R. I. Kearns and A. C. York made a business trip to Charlotte last week.

W. E. Luck, of High Point, spent Sunday in town.

Our good neighbor W. H. Watkins, Jr. is cultivating a fine crop of melons and cantaloupes this year. He has made fine preparations for a "crap" and will likely have lots of friends a little later in the season.

Mr. Leroy Caudle, of Liberty, was a pleasant visitor at E. B. Leonard's Sunday.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. J. A. Ward who has recently undergone an operation at High Point is improving.

Mrs. Green and child, of Salisbury, visited her aunt, Mrs. C. A. Bowdin, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Morris visited friends at Durham and Raleigh last week.

Miss Pauline Smith gave her graduating recital in music at the auditorium Friday night. The program showed much talent and ability on the part of Miss Smith and the able teacher Miss Elizabeth Smith.

Mr. John Vickory and Miss Lela Branson were happily married at Carthage May 18th.

Married

At the Methodist Protestant parsonage, Randleman, Mr. Gerney Lee McDonald and Miss Bessie M. Allred were most happily married Wednesday evening, May 14th, Rev. J. A. Ledbetter officiating. These are splendid young people of Worthville. Their many friends wish for them a long and happy life.

Strikes at Charlotte and Concord Mills

The cotton mill strike situation at Charlotte has been bad for several days and reached an ugly stage last Monday, when president C. W. Johnson, of the Highland Mills, was attacked by the striking element who threw eggs and hurled abusive language at him. Police were called, but failed to end the trouble. The Louise Mill, owned by A. J. Draper, was closed Monday because Mr. Draper would not employ union men and practically all the operatives had joined the union.

There is also a strike on at Kannapolis Mills near Concord.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE AT FRANKLINVILLE

Children's Teachers to Meet June 7th and 8th

Sunday school leaders in all parts of the county will be interested in the work of the children's division conference to be held at Franklinville June 7th and 8th. At a meeting of the board of religious education of the county Sunday school association last March it was voted that a conference for teachers and leaders of children under twelve years of age be held some time in May. Owing to circumstances which were unforeseen at that time the meeting could not be held in May but will be held on the above dates in June.

The leaders who will participate in the program are well acquainted with the work of their departments and will bring to the conference the result of their experience and study. Mrs. M. W. Buck, of Burlington, who will have charge of the cradle roll, beginners and primary departments was for several years a member of the graded union of the city of Chicago and has been actively engaged in Sunday school work in different parts of the country. Miss Ada Ballard who will conduct the conferences on junior work is pastor's assistant of the West Market Street Methodist church, of Greensboro. Her experience in general church work as well as the work of the Sunday school well qualifies her for the work she will do at this conference. The teachers and Sunday school leaders of the children's division throughout the county will appreciate this opportunity which the county association is providing.

The people of Franklinville are pleased that the meeting is to be held there and all who come will be entertained in the homes of the people of the town. It is expected that every Sunday school in the county will be represented and get its part of the good things which are being provided.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY OFFICES BACK TO GREENSBORO

The Southern Railway, or the United States railroad administration, as preferred, has leased the third floor of the Meyers' building, Greensboro. Last Monday the offices of the northern division of the railroad company were moved into the building. The offices of the division were gutted by flames which devoured several buildings in Danville, Va., last Friday.

General Superintendent R. E. Simpson has moved his offices to Greensboro.

The divisional offices were located in Greensboro until some six or seven years ago, when they were removed to Richmond, Va. Last July they were removed back to Danville and when it was learned that the Danville offices had been burned the Chamber of Commerce and other citizens immediately notified the officials that Greensboro would be glad to welcome them home.

The division embraces all of the Southern lines north of Salisbury and is the most important division on the system. There are 16 offices, requiring between 25 and 30 employees and the securing of the offices for this city will mean an addition of about 100 people to the population of Greensboro.

Disastrous Fire at Danville

A disastrous fire swept the Dudley block in Danville, Virginia, last Friday morning, causing a loss of \$150,000, mostly covered by insurance. The most serious loss is the wiping out of the divisional offices of the Southern Railway, which moved to Danville from Richmond last July. The American National Bank also suffered heavily.

Mr. W. R. Julian, of New Salem, Dead

Mr. W. R. Julian died at his home, Climax Route 1, last Monday night, after an attack of acute indigestion.

Mr. Julian is survived by his wife who was a Miss Vickory, daughter of the late William Vickory, of Providence township, and several children.

The deceased was a prominent and highly respected citizen of the county. He was at one time manager of the Randolph Supply House.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. J. A. Ledbetter of the M. P. church of which Mr. Julian had been a member since a boy. He was 58 years old.

HENLEY-SNOW

Former Asheboro Girl Married in Charlotte

Miss Virginia Henley and Mr. Rodney Snow, both of High Point, were married recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Ingold, in Charlotte.

The marriage was a very quiet one, there being no attendants. The ceremony was performed by Dr. Bunyan McLeod, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian church. The bride and bridegroom entered the room together. The bride wore a dark blue traveling suit, with tailored hat to match, and a corsage of orchids and lily of the valley.

Miss Henley had been spending several weeks in Charlotte, visiting her cousin, Miss Alice Ingold, when Mr. Snow went over to see her and they decided to be quietly married.

The bride is the oldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. P. A. Henley, of High Point, formerly of Asheboro. She was educated at Guilford College, and is a bright, pretty and attractive young woman. Hosts of friends in Asheboro and all parts of the State wish her and her husband all joy along the journey of life.

Mr. Snow is a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Snow, of High Point. He was graduated from Staunton Military academy, Virginia, and from the University of Pennsylvania. He recently received his discharge from service and has since been connected with a motor service company in High Point. Mr. Snow is a young man of splendid business ability and delightful personality and is held in high esteem by a wide circle of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Snow left immediately after the ceremony for an extended motor trip to Atlanta and Jacksonville and other southern cities.

AVIATOR HAWKER SAFE

Missing for six days and virtually given up for lost, Harry G. Hawker and his navigator, Lieut. Commander MacKenzie Grieve, British airmen who essayed a flight across the Atlantic ocean, without protection against disaster save what their frail airplane afforded, were reported safe last Sunday aboard a British warship off the Orkneys.

Some 1,100 miles out from Newfoundland and 800 from the Irish coast, on Monday, May 19, the aviators making the best of an engine which was failing to function properly, were forced to alight on the water. The little Danish steamer Mary bound from New York and Norfolk for Aarhus, Denmark, picked the wayfarers up and continued on her northward voyage.

Lacking a wireless outfit, the captain of the steamer was obliged to withhold the good tidings of the rescue until he was opposite Butt of Lewis, where the information was signalled by means of flags, that Hawker and Grieve were aboard his ship.

Immediately word was flashed to the British admiralty, which sent out destroyers to overtake the Danish vessel and obtain confirmation. This was done and one of the destroyers took the airmen off, and later transferred them to the flagship Revenge.

SERGEANT YORK CAPTURED 132 GERMANS

New York, May 22.—Sergeant Alvin C. York, of the 328th infantry, who, at the head of a detachment of seven men, killed 20 Germans, took 132 prisoners, including a major and three lieutenants, and put thirty-six machine guns out of operation, arrived here today on the transport Ohioan, wearing the congressional medal of honor and the French Croix de Guerre. Sergeant York's home is in Pall Mall, Tenn., and he was greeted on his arrival by a committee from the Tennessee society of New York, who proposed to show him what the folks back home think of him during his four days' special furlough.

Sergeant York won his honors in the Argonne drive last October. He was then a corporal and was sent out with a detachment of 16 men under Sergeant Early, to silence German machine gunners who were endeavoring to protect the advance of a German battalion. Sergeant York and seven of his men were almost immediately killed, and Corporal York took command. He silenced machine gun after machine gun, and when he returned with his prisoners the proposed German attack had ceased to be even a proposition. Sergeant York will be the guest of honor tomorrow night at a banquet given by the Tennessee society, at which Major General George S. Duncan, his former divisional commander, will speak. Another guest will be Joseph Cummings Chase, who painted a picture of Sergeant York at the front, by order of the government.

FIRST FLIGHT ACROSS ATLANTIC OCEAN COMPLETED

The arrival of the NC-4 at Lisbon, last Tuesday, marks the completion of the first transatlantic air flight in history, with the coveted honor going to a machine designed, built, and manned by Americans.

The NC-4 was greeted by the cheers of great crowds on the water front, the shrieking of whistles and the ringing of bells. The plane covered the distance at a speed of more than 80 miles an hour.

Mr. B. F. Bulla Critically Ill With Blood Poison

Mr. B. F. Bulla is seriously ill in the High Point hospital, suffering from blood poisoning. Several days ago, Mr. Bulla accidentally cut his thumb, which later became infected and developed blood poisoning. He was taken very ill on Wednesday and was taken to the hospital on Sunday. It was at first thought necessary to amputate the arm, but later tubes were inserted to drain the arm, and Mr. Bulla's condition was thought to be much better. Now comes the news that he has taken a turn for the worse and is in a serious condition.

We are not so much concerned with the business of our folks that we can't take a hand in our own affairs.

Centenary Fund \$32,000,000

With the annual stipulated contributions for missions—officially reported subscriptions in the centenary campaign of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, amount to \$48,000,000, the subscriptions aggregating \$32,077,000.

Although under the original plan for the campaign, credits were to be given for stipulated contributions, the centenary commission is now seeking to bring the subscriptions up to \$55,000,000 without regard to credits.

Twelve conference are beyond their quotas, the New Mexico and west Oklahoma conference having reported.

The Greensboro district of the Western North Carolina conference of the M. E. church will go over the top in its centenary campaign effort by from \$25,000 to \$30,000, according to an estimate by Fred N. Tate, district chairman.

RANDOLPH TO HAVE FOUR COMMUNITY FAIRS

County agricultural agent, D. S. Coltrane, has organized four community fairs for the county. These fairs will be held during October. They will be held at the following places: Ramseur, Why Not, Shiloh, and Farmer. The fair at Farmer this year will be the third for that community. The people of Farmer are very enthusiastic over the community fair idea, when asked if they wanted one of the four in the county this year replied: "We must have one." Why Not had a small fair last year. With her experience we believe they will have a first-class fair this year. Shiloh being one of the best communities in the county should certainly have a good fair though it is their first one.

The fair to be held at Ramseur has been completely organized. The officers are:

Mrs. W. D. Lane, president; Mrs. D. E. Highfill, vice president; Mrs. F. C. Craven, secretary; Mrs. John M. Brady, treasurer; J. A. Ward, chairman, livestock department; J. O. Forrester, chairman, field crop department; other members of committee are: E. C. Watkins, C. L. Bray, and H. B. Moore. In order that these fairs may be their best it is necessary that farmers begin right away to prepare for the collection of their exhibits. In a short while they should go over their fields of wheat and oats and secure a number of stalks to make a real nice sheaf or bundle. The women should begin to get up their exhibits and especially the canned products.

REDPATH CHAUTAUQUA HERE

Excellent Program Being Rendered

Chautauqua, which is one of the really big events of this town, opened last Friday afternoon. For the past five years, the Swarthmore Chautauqua has been coming to Asheboro and delighting the hundreds of people in attendance. This year, the Red-Path is entertaining and instructing large crowds two and three times daily for the week.

The program opened Friday afternoon with Prayer by Rev. C. L. Whitaker, chairman of the local guarantors, and appropriate remarks by Superintendent Cleasby, after which the Berkley Sextette rendered a most delightful program of higher class music. At night, Miss Ada Ward, of London, England, gave a forceful lecture on "Getting Together". She told in an interesting manner of her experiences entertaining "Tomies on the Western Front."

Saturday afternoon, the Harvester Company delightfully entertained the audience with songs and readings at night they entertained again, after which Capt. Perigord, of the French army, who fought at Verdun, gave one of the most interesting addresses of the week. Capt. Penigord's unit went into battle with 6,000 men, but came out with only 1,500. Capt. Perigord was in the uniform of the French army and wore the French war cross and various other decorations.

On Monday afternoon, the Great Lakes String Quartet, orchestra on the S. S. George Washington, which carried President and Mrs. Wilson to and from the peace conference, rendered a number of selections of classical music. At night, they and Mme. Augusta Lenska, Russian prima donna, gave a grand concert.

Dr. Charles Zeublin, of Boston, formerly of the University of Chicago, was present Tuesday afternoon and gave his dynamic lecture on "The World's Highway." Dr. Zeublin said in part:

"If 'Westward the star of empire takes its way,' what is to be the direction of world progress when imperialism comes to an end? The history of commerce is the history of Phoenicia, Greece, Rome, Spain, Portugal, the Netherlands, Britain. There it reaches its climax. For several hundred years Britain has been mistress of the seas. In 1855, the United States was threatening this supremacy; but Britain's iron ships and our Civil War put us out of the running until the devastation of the World War gave us our new chance. In the World War Germany committed commercial suicide. If Britain's position seems no longer so clear, she still dominates the North Atlantic Ocean and this ocean is the contemporary Mediterranean Sea. Nothing can ever take away the domination of the world by the peoples surrounding the North Atlantic Ocean. If this domination is maintained by imperialism it means perpetual war; if by democracy it insures the just organization of the world."

Whatever else is done to avoid an infinitely more devastating war than the last one, we must have freedom of the seas in peace. This means that all strategic waterways shall be under international control—not only the Dardanelles and the Kiel Canal but the Suez and Panama Canals. Until we are ready to pay this price we are imperialists, inviting war.

At night came the debate on Government ownership of railroads, with Dr. Zeublin for the affirmative and Hon. Leslie M. Shaw, former secretary of the treasury, for the negative.

Dr. Zeublin said:

"The Germans might have marched victoriously into Paris instead of coming to receive their instructions as to their place in the sun if the railroads of the United States had remained in private hands. Civilians of limited patriotism have had abundant cause of complaint at restricted service, but the railroads were not mobilized for civilian benefit. They have been run primarily to rush our soldiers and supplies to France and to bring back the victors. Every welcome to returning soldiers is a rebuke to those whose ignorance or interests would surrender the roads to private owners."

Personal initiative we must have in greater measure than private ownership ever permitted. All employees must have a financial interest in efficiency, but the speculative boards of directors must go, and stockholders' proxies be scrapped along with wooden cars. Government ownership and private operation are the answer to both the speculator and the politician.

Gov. Shaw argued that the real issue in this controversy is between individualism and collectivism and the ultimate end sought is State Socialism.

If the government ever owns the railroads "pork" will be refrigerated not by the barrel but in refrigerator cars. New roads will be built wherever votes are needed and no congressman will be returned whose influence is found to be insufficient to secure the construction of a road into every rural community in his district, to stop express trains at every village, and to build a union station wherever a street car line happens to connect with a steam road, in addition to this and worse than all, individual initiative in the most important of all fields of human endeavor



ALTON PACKARD.

Alton Packard, widely known as a master cartoonist, humorist singer of songs and withal a moralist, will appear in a joy night supreme on the concluding program of the Redpath Chautauqua.

As a cartoonist Mr. Packard sketches upon sheets of paper and canvases eight feet square, said to be the largest sketches ever attempted on the platform, so they can easily be seen in detail from any part of the big Chautauqua tent.

Packard's humor has a rare quality of being supremely human and may be best described as genial. The feeling that prevails in a packard audience is said to be so different from that of any other that he is called the cartoonist and humorist who is so different.

Packard's work is all original. Even his songs are all his own composition and some of them are very funny. His songs "Yaller Dawg," "When You Get What You Want You Don't Want It," "Smile and Look the Other" "Get Up" and others always roars of applause.

AT CHAUTAUQUA TOMORROW. "IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE"

A complete production of "It Pays to Advertise" will be given by a company of eight tonight.

"It Pays to Advertise" is a sparkling American comedy full of good, clean, wholesome laughs.

The central character is soaked in the gospel of advertising.

It is the familiar story of the rich father and the idle son. The father makes a wager with his stenographer that she cannot induce the son to go to work. She succeeds in getting him interested in a business proposition. He forms a partnership with a fellow who believes with all of his heart and soul and amazing nerve that it pays to advertise.

The father is a soap manufacturer and the young fellows enter the same field, flooding the territory with ads of their soap. The ad campaign was a tremendous success but the young enthusiasts forgot to make soap. The public demands the new soap and the youngsters force the soap trust to buy them out at an enormous price.

STATE AND GENERAL NEWS

Postmaster General Burleson recommends that the telephone and telegraph systems of the country be returned to private ownership.

Allied troops everywhere are ready for an immediate advance into Germany, should the Germans not sign the peace terms.

On the opening day of the Congress pledged to pass the equal suffrage amendment for which she has worked for years, Dr. Anna Howard Shaw received the Distinguished Service Medal. Secretary Baker pinned on the decoration. Dr. Shaw is chairman of the women's committee Council of National Defense.

The first meeting of the Thirtieth Division Association is to be held at Greenville, South Carolina, September 29, next. Seven southern cities competed for the honor.

The volcano of Kalpat, in Java has burst into eruption wiping out more than 30 villages and causing deaths estimated at 15,000, according to a Central News dispatch received in Amsterdam last Monday.

Weaver M. Mann, who relinquished the superintendency of the High Point schools a year ago to enter the army, has been re-elected to the position, to take charge as soon as he returns from France.

"Madam Walker" reputed to have been the wealthiest negroess in the United States if not the entire world, and credited with having amassed a fortune of more than one million dollars through the sale of a "hair restorer," died at her home, Irvington-on-Hudson, a few days ago.

Many arguments are won through silence.

will be throttled, the way opened, and the first step taken towards State Socialism.

Yesterday, Kryl's band was the attraction, giving a concert in the afternoon and again entertaining at night with the spectacular pageant, "War, Victory, and Peace."