

WILL CANCEL EXPORT RATES WILLARD STATES

WORK OF MARITIME CORPORATION TO BE STOPPED.

Some Interesting Figures Regarding Freight Rates, Gathered by Board of Trade.

The League of Cities of the South organized some time ago at Wilmington, in connection with the South Atlantic Maritime Corporation for the purpose of securing lower rates for Wilmington, Charleston, Brunswick, Savannah and Jacksonville, was active in securing a port rate and establishing a line of vessels plying from these ports to and from South American ports.

Yesterday W. Vance Brown and I. B. Rogers, of this special committee, received notice from the South Atlantic Maritime Corporation in which they were advised that Daniel Willard, on behalf of trunk lines serving North Atlantic ports, has served notice that the Interstate Commerce Commission, upon return of the railroads to their owners, will be asked to cancel the recent export rates granted to Gulf and South Atlantic ports, which means re-establishment of the discriminatory rates which have heretofore compelled the outgoing traffic of the country to move through a funnel of which New York is the main end.

From New York to Havana the distance is 1136 miles. From Charleston to Havana 848 miles. From New York to Vera Cruz the distance is 2,070 miles, from Charleston to Vera Cruz the distance is 1,455 miles or 29.7 per cent nearer. From New Orleans to Vera Cruz the distance is 739 miles, almost 61 per cent nearer than New York. But the ocean rates are the same. That is why New York has become a congested funnel. In this connection Senator Randall says: "The idea of freight being compelled to pay the same from Pensacola, Mobile or New Orleans to Havana and Cuban destination as from New York to Havana, is so unfair that the spirit of American fair play will never consent when it is once called to the attention of the American people."

The truth is that the allocation of ships to southern ports and the granting of fair rates, combined with the earnest desire of the middle-west to use the most economical and natural routes of shipment, threatens to bring about the very thing, which the nation ought most emphatically to avoid, and which is stated, is the distribution of its foreign trade through a number of ports. This does not threaten the financial integrity of the eastern trunk lines, which will continue to have more business through New York than they can properly handle, but they seem to resent the impending readjustment just the same. There are those, indeed, who suspect that the campaign to prevent the construction of the authorized naval dock at Charleston is inspired by a determination to prevent the development of adequate facilities in the south and artificially perpetuate the dominance of New York.

The country views with apprehension political alliance for economic aids where the purposes in view are obviously selfish. A Board of Trade official states: "But when 22 states and their prosperity imperiled by a purely arbitrary system of rate making and are bluntly informed that the relief they have been able to obtain may be nullified by the action of other states, then it is time for such conferences as took place in Washington Tuesday night when representatives from that great territory of the Mississippi valley speaking for the people of 22 whole states and parts of four others, not counting the South Atlantic states, comprising more than half of the population of the Union and 53 per cent of its voting strength, issued their ultimatum to the effect that they are going to foreign countries through the ports that can serve them best."

"There was no bluff in that ultimatum. It was not an hysterical outburst. It was simply the statement of a calm, deliberate decision, reached after months and even years of consideration. If, therefore, the Interstate Commerce Commission now has the authority or is likely to re-establish the artificial differential enjoyed by New York, congress will, as congress ought, provide against the possibility of such a result by the inclusion of a provision in the pending bill of a proper inhibitory provision, to be effective not in the case of southern ports only, but also of any ports similarly threatened by the intricacies of rate-making."

For Indigestion

Mi-O-Na Is Guaranteed To Promptly Relieve Stomach Distress.

People go on suffering from little stomach troubles for years and imagine they have a serious disease.

They over-eat and force on the stomach a lot of extra work.

But they never think that the stomach needs extra help to do extra work.

If these people would take a Mi-O-Na Tablet with or after meals it would be a great big help to the stomach in its strain of extra work.

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BUNCOMBE AND MADISON TO PAVE ROAD CONNECTING COUNTY SEATS

Commissioners of Both Counties Make Application For Federal and State Aid—Buncombe's Road Cost \$160,000—Commissioners Also to Construct Hard Surface Road to Leicester.

The county commissioners yesterday made application for federal and state aid for the construction of the long talked of connection with the Madison county highway, from Craggy, to Sandy Mush and this application will probably go to Raleigh during the next day or two.

The Madison county highway comes to the Sandy Mush section, connecting with the Buncombe county line, and information from Marshall is to the effect that the Madison county commissioners have just voted to ask for federal and state aid, in perfecting their link of the highway, to meet the Buncombe county road. This news was contained in a letter from R. S. Ramsey, chairman of the Madison county commissioners.

There has long been agitation for a good road connection between Asheville and Marshall, which will also be a part of the Dixie highway, and it is believed that before the year is out these two roads will have been completed. Chairman Patton states that the exact route to be selected for the Buncombe end of the highway, will be left to the state highway engineer, who will probably be sent here during the next few days to survey the route.

The highways from the two county seats would meet at a point near the old Gudgeon mill place, on Sandy Mush. Already there is a paved highway from Asheville to Craggy, a distance of about four miles, this much of the road will be used as a part of the general highway, the work on the new road to start from Craggy.

Bids were asked yesterday by the

county commissioners for the construction of a hard surface road from Craggy to Turkey Creek, a point two miles beyond Leicester, the bids to be in by March 15. The highway is to be 18 feet wide, with a concrete curb on each side, and is to be constructed of Tepehala asphalt over the old macadam base.

It will be necessary to fill and make uniform the old macadam base on this road which was put down several years ago and which now is showing much wear. In many places it is believed that this base will be completely ruined if it is not repaired at once.

This road will open up the Leicester and Sandy Mush sections, two of the richest townships in the county and which now have only the old macadam road, which extends to Turkey Creek, the point to be hard surfaced. The proposed road will start at Craggy and go to Leicester, through the village to Turkey Creek, a point two miles on and will greatly improve the work on the paving will start at probably start within the next few weeks and be continued until finished, sometime during the summer or fall.

It probably will not be necessary to delay traffic on this road, at all, during the paving, as the base is already there, and one side of the road can be paved at a time.

The paving of this road and the building of the connecting road with Madison county will probably be among the most important road building achievements of the present board this year, with the exception of the Asheville-Black Mountain highway, which will be paved during the summer.

CHAIN GANGS WILL BE ABOLISHED SOON

PROHIBITION PLAYING HAVOC WITH GANG.

Only 20 Men on Force in County Now—Used to Maintain Three and Four Gangs at Time.

Buncombe county's convict system is fast dying out and in a few years, if not sooner, the county commissioners believe that the county chain gang will be a thing of the past. At present the gang is the smallest since the system was first started many years ago, there being less than 20 prisoners, white and colored, on the gang now. The majority of these prisoners are negroes, only three white men being on the gang.

Commissioner Stradley, of the department of public institutions, gives prohibition the credit for this great reformation in the chain gang. He points out that only a few years ago when moonshiners and bootleggers were running rampant in this county, despite the efforts of the officers, the chain gangs were full and it has only been a few months since the county was supporting three or four gangs, while one takes ample care of the entire force now.

The gang, which has been doing road work on Early mountain for several weeks, and colored, on the gang now, where the prisoners will be engaged in working the county quarry, getting out rock for road work, until the road on Early mountain and in that section, dry out so that the repairs and improvements can be continued. The machinery and camp will be kept at Early mountain, with a caretaker, until the gang is returned there, which will probably be in March or April.

NEGROES CHARGED WITH ROBBING STORE

Johnson and Yerlock Said to Have Robbed Sands Company.

Charged with breaking into and robbing the local store of Sands and company, on Depot street, Robert Johnson and Elwood Yerlock, negroes, were arrested by the police last night. They were released under bonds of \$300 for their appearance in police court this morning.

Only one other arrest had been made by the police up to midnight last night, George Delumple, colored, being arrested on charges of slandering.

TO MEET HUSBAND IN MANILA SOON

Mrs. Emma Eichelberger applied yesterday to United States District Clerk W. S. Hyams, for a passport to the Philippines to meet Lt.-Col. Eichelberger, who has been serving with the American army in Siberia for some time. She expects to meet Col. Eichelberger in Manila.

Mrs. Eichelberger was formerly Miss Emma Gudgeon, of this city and is well known here.

DAUGHTER OF REV. F. W. STANTON DIES

The seven year old daughter, Esther, of Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Stanton, died recently at the home of her parents in Franklin, Ohio.

Rev. Mr. Stanton was formerly of this city and was pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church on French Broad avenue. A number of friends of Rev. and Mrs. Stanton of the city will regret to hear of the death of their daughter.

FLAME THROWERS USED ON N. Y. SNOW

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—More than 13,700 snow shovellers, 1,000 emergency trucks and a steam shovel made up the army which today forced a retreat of much of the snow and ice which has choked New York's streets for nearly a week. Two soldier flamethrowers attacked several hundred square feet of snow in a test at Fifty-Ninth street and Central park, but proved of little use in the day's warfare.

W. P. CHALLICE DIES

ROANOKE, Va., Feb. 9.—William P. Challice, for 43 years superintendent of the United States bureau of engraving and printing, died in Washington tonight from an attack of influenza, according to a message received here by Mr. Challice's son. He was 68 years old and a native of Brooklyn, N. Y.

NEGRESS WHO JUMPED OFF BRIDGE IDENTIFIED

Said to Be Wife of Johnson Negro. Employed at Canton—She Refuses to Talk.

Bessie Shepherd, colored, who is believed to have tried to commit suicide by jumping off the New Asheville bridge Sunday morning, was reported to be much better at a late hour last night at the Mission hospital. It is understood that the bridge where she jumped off is about 40 or 50 feet high; it is considered remarkable that she was not seriously injured as the water below there is very shallow and rocky.

It was stated last night that a negro man by the name of Johnson, employed as janitor by the Champion paper company at Canton, is her husband, and that he had come to the city to take her back home with him.

It is understood that during the war Johnson volunteered and was sent overseas, and during the time that he was in service he received no news concerning her or any of her relatives, and when he came back she could not be found, but that she had left a message stating that she had gone to Salisbury to work and had secured a position there as a cook. When Johnson arrived in Salisbury no trace could be found of his wife and he returned to his home at Canton. It is believed that Johnson's wife thought that he was dead and that she would end her grief by committing suicide. It was stated that she would be able to leave the hospital within a few days and would go back to Canton.

Bessie Shepherd has refused to make any statement during the time she has been at the hospital, as to why she jumped off the bridge. A large part of the first day she was unconscious, caused by being in the water so long and being exposed, it is stated.

ADD NEW CLUBS TO THREE EYE LEAGUE

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—The three eye league was expanded from six club to an eight club league today at the annual meeting of the organization, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Rock Island, Illinois, were given franchises. Applications also came from Cairo, Ill., Hannibal, Mo., Quincy, Ill., Racine, Wis., and Paducah, Ky.

The league decided to play a schedule of 140 games, opening April 29. Al Tearney was reelected president.

THIN PEOPLE SHOULD TAKE PHOSPHATE

Nothing Like Plain Bitro-Phosphate to Put on Firm, Healthy Flesh and to Increase Strength, Vigor and Nerve Force.

Judging from the countless preparations and treatments which are continually being advertised for the purpose of making thin people fleshy, developing arms, neck and bust, and replacing ugly hollow angles by soft, curved lines of health and beauty, there are evidently thousands of men and women who keenly feel their excessive thinness.

Thinness and weakness are often due to starved nerves. One body need more phosphorus than is contained in modern foods. Physicians claim there is nothing that will supply this deficiency so well as the organic phosphate known among druggists as bitro-phosphate, which is inexpensive and is sold by Smith Drug Store and most all druggists under a guarantee of satisfaction or money back. By feeding the nerves directly and by supplying the body cells with the necessary phosphoric food elements, bitro-phosphate should produce a welcome transformation of the appearance; the increase in weight frequently being astonishing.

Thinness also carries with it a general improvement in the health. Nervousness, sleeplessness and lack of energy, which are always secondary excessive thinness, should soon disappear, dull eyes brighten and pale cheeks glow with the bloom of perfect health.

THE WOMAN WHO'S ALWAYS WISHED

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STELLA VITAE is sold at your drug store; on this distinct agreement that if the very first bottle does not help you, your money will be refunded. Why not try it?

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The sensation of the year in the drug trade is Aspironal, the two-minute cold and cough reliever, authoritatively guaranteed by the laboratories, tested, approved and most enthusiastically endorsed by the highest authorities and proclaimed by the common people as ten times as quick and effective as whiskey, rock and rye, or any other cold and cough remedy they have ever tried.

All drug stores are now supplied with the wonderful new elixir, so all you have to do to get rid of that cold is to step into the nearest drug store, and the clerk half a dollar for Aspironal and tell him to serve you two teaspoonfuls with four teaspoonfuls of water in a glass. With your switch in your hand, take the drink at one swallow and call for your money back in two minutes if you cannot feel your cold fading away like a dream within the time limit. Don't be bashful, for all druggists invite you and expect you to try it.

Everybody's doing it, so everybody's doing it right. When your cold or cough is relieved, take the remainder of the bottle home to your wife and babies, for Aspironal is by far the safest and most effective, the easiest to take and the most agreeable cold and cough remedy for infants and children.—Adv.

OWNERS SAY THEY ARE LOSING MONEY

At Present Fixed Prices of Coal—Commission Acts.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Protests of a great number of bituminous operators that they are incurring a loss under the present maximum fixed prices and the 14 per cent wage increases to miners led the coal strike settlement commission today to decide on appointment of a special committee to begin the compilation of a data bearing on the necessity for a readjustment of these prices in all fields.

Announcing that the purpose of the committee was solely to facilitate consideration of the price question by the commission, without authority to order any readjustment of prices. Such authority, he said, would be asked for only if the commission finally concluded that new price levels were necessary. Appointment of the committee, however, following the representation of current losses by many

Hair Curled This Way Looks Naturally Wavy

Tonight, after you have brushed out your hair, dip a clean tooth brush into some plain liquid salivine and draw it through the hair strand by strand. This is by far the best thing you can use if you want your hair to appear naturally wavy and curly, glossy and beautiful.

When you bend yourself in the mirror tomorrow morning, you will now never go back to the drying, de-vitalizing curling iron. Liquid salivine is neither sticky nor greasy, and will not discolor the hair, spot the scalp, or produce any harmful effect whatever. A few ounces, which of course can be had at any drug store, will last for weeks.—Adv.

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OLD DOMINION SHIP GRADUALLY SINKING. NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Cracked and stem-battered from stem to stern, almost broken in two amidships, the old Dominion liner Princess Anne, abandoned except by her two first officers, was slowly being submerged by the sea tonight, as she lay stranded on the sand shoals off Rockaway. Unfavorable weather prevails, shipping officials declare there is little hope of saving any part of her cargo, of which a small amount is still above water. The 52 passengers and 21 members of the crew had been taken off the previous day by the police boat patrol. The steamship and her cargo is valued at \$1,000,000.

Hair Often Ruined By Careless Washing. Soap should be used very carefully, if you want to keep your hair looking its best. Most soaps and prepared shampoos contain too much alkali. This dries the scalp, makes the hair brittle, and ruins it. The best thing for steady use is Mulsified coconut oil shampoo (which is pure and creamy), and is better than anything else you can use. One or two teaspoonfuls will cleanse the hair and scalp thoroughly. Simply moisten the hair with water and rub in. It makes an abundance of rich, creamy lather, which rinses out easily, removing every particle of dust, dirt, dandruff and excessive oil. The hair dries quickly and evenly, and it leaves the scalp soft, and the hair fine and silky, bright, lustrous, fluffy and easy to manage. You can get Mulsified coconut oil shampoo at any pharmacy. It's very cheap, and a few ounces will supply every member of the family for months.—Adv.

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