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REQUESTS OF RAILROADS TO CORPORATION COMMISSION FAILS

Request Made by Railroads to Commission for Adoption of Southern Classification of Freight Rates Refused to Commission To-day.

Bryan Attendants Return and Reports Successful Trip. Preparations for State Fair. May get Madame Nordica. Dr. McIver's Probable Successor.

Special to the News.

Raleigh, N. C., September 20.—Nearly three months ago the principal railroads in the state filed with the Corporation Commission and requested the adoption of what is known as a southern classification of freight rates. A reason the railroads gave for the adoption of this classification was that it would make North Carolina rates uniform with those of other states interstate business.

The Commission now announces its refusal to adopt the southern classification.

The Commission was also asked about the same time by the railroads to change the minimum carload shipment of fertilizers from 20,000 to 30,000 pounds. This request was also refused today by the Commission.

State Chairman Simmons, of the Democratic Executive Committee, Mr. A. D. Watts and Secretary Leinster of Democratic headquarters, have returned from their trip through the State with Wm. J. Bryan, Governor Glenn will not return for a day or two, having left the party in Salisbury and gone to Stanly county to deliver campaign speeches. Chairman Simmons says that barring the terrible calamity that befell them in the death of Dr. McIver on the Bryan special, the trip was a gratifying success, the distinguished Nebraskan being received with great zeal by the people all along the route. He was especially gratified at the reception Charlotte gave the distinguished Nebraskan.

Secretary Joseph E. Pogue of the North Carolina State Fair, to be held here in October, says applications for space both in the exhibition halls and in the midway are coming in now very rapidly. So much so that it is every indication that all space will be taken within the next week or so. And those who desire choice space had best lose no time in applying to the secretary for it.

The fair management has been casting about for some days to find some especially big attraction to take the place of President Roosevelt, who was here last fair and Wm. Jennings Bryan who they were unable to get for the fair this year. One special attraction that is about to be booked is the great singer Madame Nordica. Her manager has signified that Nordica can sing here Friday night of fair week (Oct. 19) and if the heavy guarantee can be assured the engagement will be closed without delay.

In connection with the talk about the probable successor to Dr. Chas. D. McIver as president of the State Normal and Industrial College the list of trustees of the institution on whom will devolve the duty of electing the new president will be of special interest. They are as follows: First Congressional District, D. T. McMullen, Elizabeth City; Second District, A. J. Connor, of Rich Square; Third District, B. E. Aycock, Fremont; Fourth District, R. T. Gray, Raleigh; Fifth District, S. M. Gates, Hillsboro; Sixth District, Col. Walker Taylor, Wilmington; Seventh District, T. B. Bailey, Mocksville; Eighth District, J. L. Nelson, Lenoir; Ninth District, C. H. Mebane, Newton; Tenth District, J. D. Murphy, Asheville. State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner, who is most prominently mentioned for the presidency is chairman ex-officio of the board.

BRYAN IN ATLANTA.

Brilliant Programme Arranged For Reception of Mr. Bryan.

Atlanta, Georgia, September 20.—Mr. Bryan and Mrs. Bryan arrived from Augusta early. The programme for the day includes a reception from 11 to 12 o'clock luncheon to Mr. Bryan and a public address at Ponce de Leon park during the afternoon and a dinner to-night at which 400 plates will be laid.

Mr. Bryan is expected to make a second speech of the day at this dinner.

COMMISSIONER OF EXPOSITION.

Charles W. Kohlsam Tours England in Interest of Jamestown Exposition.

HIGHER WAGE DEMAND.

Movement for Higher Wages than Ever Demanded by Railroad Employes to be Initiated in Chicago.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Ill., September 20.—The Tribune says, "A movement in the direction of higher wages, greater in scope than any demand previously made by the operating employes of railroads will be initiated in Chicago next week by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers."

"The engineers aim to embrace every western road in the projected movement and to present the demands jointly and simultaneously."

"Hitherto the engineers on each system have been content to act separately. The plan in contemplation, and said to have received quasi-endorsement of at least two of the great railway brotherhoods to take a stand in which every operating employe in the railroad business in the West shall be represented in request for higher wages."

"The movement of the engineers, it was announced, will be pushed regardless of the attitude of the other brotherhoods although their co-operation is desired."

INSTALL ELECTRIC SYSTEM.

Southern Pacific Begins Work of Installing System on Line Over the Sierra Nevada Mountain.

By Associated Press.

San Francisco, Calif., September 20.—The Southern Pacific railway began the work of installing an electric system of its line over the Sierra Nevada mountains for the purpose of helping heavy freight trains up the steep mountain grades by means of electric motors.

The installing of this system is a radical change in railroad operation in the West. It is figured that the saving in transportation will repay the Southern Pacific in a few years for the large outlay in buildings and equipping the electric system.

EIGHT DARING ROBBERS.

Eight Masked and Armed Burglars Held Citizens at Bay and Robbed Bank.

By Associated Press.

Grand Rapids, Mich., September 20.—Eight masked and heavily armed burglars held the people of White Cloud, at bay early to-day, while they rifled the Newaygo County bank and attempted also to rob the Bank of R. Gannon and Son, but the citizens gathered in such large numbers the robbers fled.

They scoured between two and four thousands of dollars in cash from the Newaygo bank.

DRAKE CASE CONTINUED.

The Drake Murder Case Continued Because of Failure of Witnesses to Appear.

Special to the News.

Greenville, S. C., Sept. 20.—The Drake murder case at Anderson has been continued on account of the failure to appear of the material witnesses, notably the daughter of the dead man who disappeared the night of the murder and cannot be located.

General King's Condition.

By Associated Press.

Baltimore, Md., September 20.—The condition of General Adam E. King, the former consul-general at Paris, ill of kidney trouble is some what improved. He is still dangerously sick, however.

5,000 CHINESE DEAD

DAMAGE \$20,000,000

Conservative Estimates of Loss of Life from Tpyphoon Place List at 5,000. Damage to Colony \$20,000,000. A Second Storm Broke Out.

By Associated Press.

Hong Kong, Sept. 20.—The full extent of the catastrophe is not yet known, but conservative estimates place the number of Chinese who lost their lives at 5,000 and the total material damage to the colony \$20,000,000.

Another storm, less violent, however, than the typhoon, broke here at midnight and blew for six hours. The damage is apparently not great.

RESERVE SLOOP IN WRECK.

The British reserve sloop Phoenix, reported ashore yesterday, is a total wreck.



UNDAUNTED!

REBEL LEADER LEAVES.

He is Reported to Have With Him 5,000 Men.

By Associated Press.

Havana, September 20.—The rebel leader Pino Guerra has left Artemisa for Guansay 21 miles southwest of Havana. He is reported to have 5,000 men with him. He will camp at Guanajay awaiting the result of the peace negotiations.

Steamer Robbed.

When the coasting steamer Rik arrived at Bahia Honda yesterday she was boarded by armed rebels who took all official correspondence and registered letters, and then searched the vessel and passengers, taking such arms as they found.

Secretary Montalvo says the government has no present intention of releasing the chief conspirators now in jail here.

WILDER'S BRIGADE.

Notable Features of Re-union Was Entertainment.

By Associated Press.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 20.—A notable feature of the re-union of Wilder's brigade of the army of the Cumberland, was the entertainment given by the Confederate veterans. The Confederate camp, Joe McConnell, of Ringgold, Ga., was host, serving a basket dinner at the foot of the Georgia monument on the Chattanooga battlefield. The Forrest camp, of the city, is also represented. Speeches by Gen. Wilder, by Congressman Madden, of Lee, of Georgia, and other famous Confederates.

FORGETFUL TOURISTS.

Lovely Lucerne Causes Visitors to Forget—Many Articles are Left Behind.

Lucerne, Switzerland, Sept. 20.—Those who have visited "Lovely Lucerne" at the height of this holiday season will hardly be surprised to learn that every year, in Swiss hotels and restaurants, articles to the value of \$25,000 are left behind by forgetful visitors in a hurry. Swiss railways derive an equally handsome profit from the sale of objects forgotten by travelers and never claimed.

Some extraordinary cases of forgetfulness are recorded this season. An Englishman had taken a room at a Zenneth hotel and deposited his baggage there, but coming back from a walk he could not remember the name nor the location of his hotel, and had to seek the aid of the police. At a Zurich hotel bank-notes to the value of several hundred dollars were left behind some weeks ago, and no one has yet come forward to claim them.

At Geneva a hotel keeper recently restored a jewel cabinet to an American woman who was under the impression that she had left it on the train. A German patentee, with offspring numbering eight, accidentally left one of his children behind at Lausanne without noticing its absence until he had reached his home.

NEW GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

James Francis Smith Succeeds Henry C. Ide as Governor-General of the Philippines.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 20.—General James Francis Smith, who today succeeded Henry C. Ide as governor-general of the Philippines, is a native of San Francisco and a lawyer by profession. He became colonel of the First California regiment of United States Volunteers in April, 1898. He was in the battle of Malate Trenches, July 31, 1898, and was present at the taking of Manila the following month. He has a number of important military positions and several times was commended for gallantry. He was made a brigadier-general of volunteers April 24, 1899. He was collector of customs in the Philippines and associate justice of the supreme court. On January 1, 1899, he entered upon his duties as a member of the Philippine Commission and secretary of public instruction.

Petition of Bankruptcy.

New Orleans, Sept. 19.—Frank A. Wilke, a liquor dealer, filed a petition in bankruptcy today. Liabilities were over \$125,000 and assets over \$36,000.

3,500 PHYSICIANS JOIN IN PETITION

Long Petition Presenting Names of Nearly 3,500 Doctors Sent Governor Higgins in Behalf of Albert T. Patrick now Under Sentence of Death.

By Associated Press.

Albany, September 21.—Nearly 3,500 physicians of the State, representing 551 cities and towns, including some of the best known in the professions are signers of the petition presented to Governor Higgins in behalf of Albert T. Patrick, lawyer convicted and under sentence of death for the murder of the aged Texas millionaire, William Marsh Rice, September, 1900.

The petition asks for the appointment of a commission of medical experts to examine the questions at issue, chief of which is whether congestion of the lungs, alleged to have been found in the autopsy upon Rice's body, could have been caused by embalming fluid, or must be the result of chloroform, with which Jones, Rice's valet, in one of his several contradictory confessions, said he killed the old man by Patrick's direction.

With the petition were filed about 250 letters from prominent physicians reinforcing the formal petition.

A marked feature of these letters was the contempt expressed by many of the writers for "expert testimony" rendered for pay.

DEATH OF ROBERT H. HILL.

Congressman Hill Dead at Summer Home—His Past Career.

Narragansett Pier, September 20.—Congressman Robert H. Hill from the 13th district, Illinois, died at his summer home. He was assistant Secretary of State in '81; elected to Congress in '82 and served continuously during 13 terms. He was chairman of the Affairs Committee. He was 72 years of age.

Cause of Death.

Heart failure following a long period of increasing physical weakness due to advancing years finally caused the death of Mr. Hill. Two sons were at his bedside.

Steamer on Rocks.

Tacoma, Wash., Sept. 20.—The steamer City of Seattle, en route to Alaska, went on the rocks at Trial Island, ten miles from Victoria, this morning in a heavy fog. The passengers are reported safe.

Retirement of Colonel Stedman.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 20.—Col. Clarence Stedman, 5th Cavalry, was placed on the retired list of the army today at his own request. Colonel Stedman is a native of Massachusetts and has had over forty-one years active service in the army. He was graduated from West Point in 1870, and assigned to the cavalry arm, in which he reached the grade of colonel in August, 1903.

Twenty Persons Missing.

Cimmaron Bridge, Okla., Sept. 20.—Contrary to yesterday's reports it developed today that 20 persons known to have occupied the smoker on the north bound Rock Island train that went into Cimmaron river, are unaccounted for, and one additional death occurred, that of a three-year-old child.

Fire Early This Morning.

The fire department were called out early this morning to the Spring block on East Trade street. A small blaze was discovered in rear room of a little restaurant which was extinguished with the chemical apparatus.

CHAUTAUQUA STOCKHOLDERS.

Will Meet Tomorrow Evening to Make Plans to Raise Deficiency—Less Than \$700.

Manager Reid announces today that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Charlotte Chautauqua tomorrow evening in the parlors of the Young Men's Christian Association for the purpose of going over the ground to find out "where they are at."

Mr. Reid says today that the deficiency will not be so great as was at first thought, because of the fact that the first estimate of the amount necessary to get the Chautauqua out of the hole was \$700, \$250 having been raised Sunday afternoon and being credited on the debt which was then about \$1,000.

The Chautauqua stockholders propose to devise some plan for the settling of all outstanding indebtedness at once, and they will thoroughly go over the ground at the meeting Friday, and it is believed that they will not have much difficulty in getting things into such shape that they can see their way clear of all indebtedness.

The Chautauqua was the best thing of the kind ever held here and if the people should be called on to aid in any way to help the affair out of this small deficiency, there is little doubt that the money will be readily forthcoming.

TAX BOOKS ARE OPEN.

Some Have Already Called and Settled for 1906-07—Making up the Balance.

The tax books for the new tax-year of 1906-07 are now open, and are ready for the reception of taxes for the present year.

The work of compiling the books, putting down the name of each taxpayer in the whole county, with his returns across the "double-page" ledger, has all been completed, and most of the receipt books likewise finished.

This is one of the biggest pieces of work that has to be done by any county officer, and it has required the time of several men for nearly two months to complete it all. The books will be open for about eight months, or until next summer when the last call is made for taxes to be paid by the hundreds of tax-payers in the county, or rather taxpayers.

There has been a large increase in taxes placed on the books this year, as compared with the preceding year, something like a million and a half in returns, which means many thousands to be collected this year above last year. Nowhere is the steady growth of the county better illustrated than in the tax books, which show every new addition to the property, real and personal, of the people, and also of the growth of the manufacturing which has been enormous.

ADVERTISING WASHINGTON.

Greater Washington Special Left This Morning Over Southern for a Tour Through Several States—Will Visit Charlotte.

A number of prominent merchants of Washington, D. C., have instituted a unique scheme by which to advertise the Capital City. The Greater Washington Exposition Special left this morning at 7 o'clock to make a 1500-mile trip through Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and North Carolina. The train consists of two express cars and one hotel pullman car and contains exhibits of the leading wholesale houses of Washington.

The train will arrive in Charlotte over the Southern next Tuesday at 8 p. m. After spending the night here the party consists of leading merchants with their traveling salesmen will leave over the Seaboard at 12 o'clock Wednesday for Monroe.

The scheme will likely bring the Capital City before the public in a much better way than could have been done by other methods. The results of this advertising scheme will be watched with interest.

Lieut. Woodruff Nominated.

By Associated Press.

New Haven, September 20.—Lieut. Governor Woodruff was nominated for Governor by the Republicans.

DURHAM HAPPENINGS.

Negro Lawyer in the Toils—Death of Col. C. S. Winstead—Other News Notes.

Special to the News.

Durham, Sept. 20.—C. F. Rich, a prominent negro lawyer in this city, was yesterday afternoon arrested on a warrant from Vance county and placed under a \$2,000 bond for his appearance before Clerk of Court Perry to answer to the charge of conspiracy and libel on the 27th of September. The plaintiff in the case is J. R. Hawkins, apparently a wealthy negro in Vance county, and claims that Rich attempted to disgrace him and defraud him out of a considerable sum of money.

The matter began in the courts several months ago, when two Durham negroes through their attorney, Rich, brought a civil action against the American Union Industrial Company of Vance county, and they secured judgment for \$107.50. The representatives of the American Union Industrial Company, sold the negro's in the civil suit a lot in the city and collected the payments to the amount of \$300 weekly. After some time it was seen that the company owned no property in this city and it was a fraud. When the civil matter came for trial Rich made some reflecting comments on Hawkins, who claims that he had resigned the position as general manager and was not responsible for the action of his former representatives.

Will Bane, a negro was shot through the neck last night while returning from an excursion to South Boston. The alleged attempted murderer who did the shooting jumped from the train, and made his escape. The negro Bane was shot through the side of his neck and his injuries will not prove serious. The shooting occurred while the train was awaiting for orders at Roxboro.

Mayor P. C. Graham has been confined to his home several days with sickness. Acting Mayor I. F. Hill has been spending several days out of the city and police court for the past few mornings has been postponed.

Col. C. S. Winstead, a prominent citizen of Person county, died early yesterday morning after a lingering sickness of several months. Col. Winstead is one of the most wealthy and popular citizens of Person and his death will be deeply regretted.

For a number of years Col. Winstead practiced law in Person, but of late years has practically retired from business. One of his early law partners was the late Judge E. C. Reade and then in latter years he was associated with Mr. A. L. Brooks, now solicitor for this district, Congressman W. W. Kitchen and Mr. T. W. Bradshaw.

The death of a negro, John Strowd, attracted considerable attention in Durham yesterday, the doctors being of the opinion that the negro met his death from a blow over the head dealt him by the foreman of the automatic room at the Blackwell Durham Tobacco Factory. The negro after the trouble started home but fell in the street unconscious and died shortly afterwards without regaining consciousness. A coroner's jury was summoned yesterday and an inquest was held over the remains which resulted in the fact the negro's death was caused from natural causes. The doctors operated extensively in his head, but could find no symptoms to show that death resulted from concussion of the brain.

The recent equinoctial storm caused a very high tide prevail here. The water ran half a block up Middle street. Several merchants were forced to move their goods to higher shelves. One or two boats broke loose from their moorings and went adrift. The steamer "Carolina" snapped her cable and butted into the A. & N. C. R. R. bridge doing considerable damage. The passengers on the train from Morehead City had to be transferred to another train while the bridge was being repaired. The tide overlapped the high sea wall on East Front street a thing unusual.

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SOUTHERN'S TWO NEW TRAINS.

More Definite Information Given—The Composition of this Elegant Through Train.

From good authority comes some good news about the report of the two new trains to be put on the Southern Railway to be known as Nos. 99 and 100.

It is stated that the trains will be run on a schedule leaving Washington early in the evening going South and arriving in the Capital city early in the morning from the South. It is proposed to run these trains from New York to New Orleans, making a very fast schedule and stopping only at the more important cities along the route. The new trains will be made up of four Pullman cars, one smoking car, one club car, and perhaps a day coach. From this it will be seen that the train will be put on to meet the demands of a high class of travel and will be at the same time one of the finest on the road. The schedule, it is said, will be all that could be desired in the way of a fast connection between New York and the far South and New Orleans. These new trains are partly designed to relieve the heavy travel on Nos. 37 and 38, the vestibule trains already in operation.

It is expected that the new trains will be put into service on the first of November.

ENTIRE CAROLINA COAST IS STREWN WITH WRECKAGE

Shipping at Wilmington is Disastrously Affected by the Recent Storm. Reports of the Great Destruction are now Pouring in From all Sides.

Many Vessels Damaged and Destroyed by the Hurricane. Schooner R. D. Bibber Wrecked and Seven of Crew Lost. Damage to Other Vessels.

Special to the News.

Wilmington, N. C., Sept. 20.—Shipping is disastrously affected. Storm reports are now coming in. The schooner Fannie Prescott, which reached port today, towed by the steamer Compton, Captain Jacobs, says the entire coast is covered with wreckage. Many vessels were damaged and destroyed by the hurricane. The Prescott lost all her life boats. The tug Blanche reached Southport last night towing the wrecked schooner, R. D. Bibber, which lost seven members of its crew during the storm. An unknown six-masted schooner, showing the distress signal was picked up by the Standard Oil tug and towed to some other port.

An unknown four-masted schooner was beached at Little River, S. C., near here. A British tramp steamer ship anchored nearby at the same place, appears broken into. This news has been positively reported.

Tugs from Wilmington, Charleston, Georgetown are now at sea to render assistance to the distressed vessels. The British steamship, Greatman, just arrived here, escaped destruction by putting to sea during the storm.

The government breakwater of rock near Fort Fisher was greatly damaged. Engineers are now there to estimate the damage.

THE STORM AT NEW BERN.

Did Considerable Damage—Young Man Shot—'Blind Tiger' Apprehended—Other News.

Special to the News.

New Bern, Sept. 20.—Cole Brothers Circus showed here Tuesday. The crowd in attendance is said to have been very large. Good order prevailed—a testimony to the value of prohibition. High handed swindling was practiced by fakirs on the circus ground. One country man was robbed of over \$100 and several of smaller amounts.

Tuesday night a young man by the name of Charles Bryan Weddington was shot in the head while standing near the merry-go-round and seriously injured. The author of the shooting is unknown, as is the motive for the deed.

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THREE LEVIATHANS LAUNCHED TODAY

Three Gigantic Ships Launched from Various Shipyards of Britain. They are this Majesty's Ship Shannon, the Maurelania and the Adriatic.

By Associated Press.

London, September 20.—The three Leviathans are to be launched from various shipyards in Great Britain today. His Majesty's ship Shannon, the longest armored cruiser in the world, the Maurelania, the new Cunard, a sister ship and identical to the turbine steamer Luisania, and the White Star liner, Adriatic, which, next to the two huge Cunarders, is the largest ship afloat.

The Adriatic will be the first of the trio to take water. She is the largest vessel ever built at Belfast. Her displacement is 40,000 tons. She is 710 feet long, 75 feet 6 inches beam and 59 feet 6 inches deep. Her gross tonnage is nearly 25,000.

The general lines of this vessel are similar to the Baltic, and she has all the improvements seen in America; of the Hamburg line. The Adriatic has nine decks and seven cargo holds and has been constructed more for the regard of the comfort of the trans-Atlantic passengers than for speed.

That Insolvent List.

The tax collectors of the three districts of this county are patiently waiting for the completion and correction of the "insolvency list," which is in the hands of the chairman of the board of county commissioners, and which must be formally turned over to the tax collectors by the chairman of the commissioners before they can go ahead and straighten out their books, closing them for the tax year just closed. The list is expected to be in shape, however, in a few days, so that the tax books can be closed at once thereafter.