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Two and Half Cent Rate To Be Put In Effect In South Carolina

Southern Railway Agent After Conference Of Officials, to Put New Rate in Operation After April 1st.

Act is Spontaneous—Similar Rates May be Given North Carolina and Several Other States Says Finley.

Special to The News. Columbia, S. C., Jan. 3.—The Southern Railway will put into effect on April 1st, 1908, a 2½-cent rate voluntarily.

President W. W. Finley made this statement to Governor Ansel today at a conference in the governor's office which was attended by Governor Ansel, Attorney General Lyon, and members of the Railroad Commission...

Mr. Finley stated to the governor that the Southern Railway appreciates the liberality with which South Carolina has treated the railroads and the fact that no rate laws have been enacted in this state.

Two and one-half cents for straight tickets; 2½ cents for family mileage books, good for 500 miles; 2 cents 1,000 mile and 2,000 mile books.

The rate fixed by statute in South Carolina is now 3 cents and a bill to reduce the rate failed of passage at the last session of the general assembly.

Whether or not any legislation, looking to the reduction of rates should be passed Mr. Finley said he would leave to the governor, the attorney general and railroad commission to consult about, but the rates named would be made effective April 1st, with or without legislation.

He declared that it is the intention of the Southern to secure similar rates in North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Virginia if possible, and then the interstate rates would be made to conform to this schedule also.

Also Tennessee, which has passed no rate law will be treated in the same way of South Carolina.

HARDEN SENTENCED Editor of Die Zukunft Must Serve Four Months.

By Associated Press. Berlin, Jan. 2.—Maximilian Harden, editor of Die Zukunft, was sentenced to four months' imprisonment on the charge of libelling Count Kuno Von Moltke.

Did She Attempt Suicide? By Associated Press. New York, Jan. 3.—That Mrs. John Van Ness Roberts, well-known in New York society circles, is dying of an over dose of strychnine, self-administered, was reported to the coroner today.

Dedicate Mooresville Building. Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 2.—Hon. J. Y. Joyner, state superintendent of public instruction, has gone to Mooresville to take part today in ceremony for the dedication of a handsome and commodious new two-story brick graded school building just completed.

Were long Time Without Food By Associated Press. New York, Jan. 3.—Seven shipwrecked sailors, believed to be survivors of the Norwegian bark Germanic, brought here, told a fearful story of suffering before being picked up by the oil tank steamer Newton in mid-ocean, after drifting about in a small boat since Dec. 9.

Price of Sugar Advanced. By Associated Press. New York, Jan. 3.—All grades of refined sugar advanced 10 cents per hundred pounds today.

Bitter Feeling Between Japs and Whites

By Associated Press. Portland, Ore., Jan. 3.—The Oregonian today prints the following from its Vancouver, B. C., correspondent: "While at no stage did the fight between the three city firemen and the Japanese New Year's morning reach anything like the dimensions of the September riots, the incident has revived the bitterest feelings."

Announcement of New Bank Creates Wide Interest

The story in The News yesterday afternoon of the proposed new Central National Bank of Charlotte created widespread interest. People all over town were talking about the matter last night and wondering what Charlotte parties were connected with it.

Mr. H. M. Victor states that he has no connection with the new bank. The official board and incorporators are still withheld from publication until plans are further matured.

New Chapter in Bank Scandal

Book-keeper of Big Trust Company of San Francisco Makes Confession—Million Dollars Had Been Falsely Entered.

By Associated Press. San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 3.—Another sensational chapter was added to the California Safe Deposit and Trust Company scandal yesterday when H. L. Storres, one of the book-keepers of the concern, broke down under the merciless cross examination and confessed that false entries in the books were in his handwriting and had been made under orders from J. Dalzell Brown, the imprisoned manager of the bank and J. D. Robertson, the fugitive assistant secretary.

Mayor Entertains Officers. Special to The News. Salisbury, N. C., Jan. 3.—Mayor Boyden entertained the police force and members of the fire department at a banquet at the Hotel Jackson Wednesday night.

Firemen to Meet. Special to The News. Winston-Salem, N. C., Jan. 3.—The Winston fire department will hold its annual meeting tonight at the headquarters of Company No. 2.

Where is Jap Fleet? By Associated Press. Paris, Jan. 3.—Patric in its issue this afternoon, asks in big headlines: "Where is the Japanese Fleet," and publishes an alarmist story based on reports that it has been seen cruising off Hawaii.



Affairs of The Seaboard Rwy

Receivers Take Charge of Company's Affairs—Statement Concerning Course to Be Followed By The Receivers.

By Associated Press. Norfolk, Va., Jan. 3.—In a general notice issued by S. Davies Warfield and R. Lancaster Williams, who were appointed receivers for the Seaboard Air Line, it is recited, after a statement of their appointment and as to the duties imposed upon them by the court.

Until further notice, all tickets, passes and other forms of transportation issued by the above named company or either of them will be recognized and accepted by conductors, employes and officers of the undersigned receivers to the same extent as the same heretofore accepted by the companies.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 3.—The order of the court yesterday, directing the payment of outstanding checks of the Seaboard Air Line to other railroads provides that the receivers forthwith authorize and instruct the various banks having on deposit at the opening of business on this day moneys to the credit of the Seaboard Air Line pay out of the said moneys and all of said checks or drafts given prior to this day by the said railroad or any claims herein before specified and which but for the said receivership would have been payable out of said funds; but this order shall not apply to any funds of the company deposited in any bank since January 1st.

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Sister of Harry Thaw Wants Nullification of Marriage

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Not Surprised. Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 3.—News from England that the Countess of Yarmouth, formerly Miss Alice Thaw, had begun proceedings for the nullification of her marriage did not create much of a surprise, as it has been known here for some time that all was not well between the couple.

News Heard in New York. New York, Jan. 3.—News from London of the beginning of a suit for the nullification of the marriage puts a new aspect upon the Countess's absence.

Charlotte Destined to Be Great Financial Center

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Entangled In Meshes of Law

J. T. White, Wants To Purge Himself of Contempt Charge But Recorder Can't Change his Sentence of 30 Days.

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Night Riders on Rampage --Set Fire To Number Of Large Buildings

Farmers Will Arrange Convention Program

The regular monthly meeting of the Mecklenburg County Association will be held at the court tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. This meeting will be one of vital importance to the farmers of Mecklenburg and all are urged to be present.

Well Known Citizen Passes Away After Long Suffering. Mr. W. J. Neely died at his home at 217½ North Tryon street this morning.

The following acted as pall bearers: Messrs. W. H. Cathey, W. L. Wallace, Arthur Gray, J. P. Garner, J. M. Daventray and G. W. Neely.

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Forsyth Court to Convene

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Many Shots Were Fired And Report Has it Two Men Were Wounded—Villagers were Taken Unawares.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 3.—A long distance telegraph message to the American from Russellville, says that night riders visited that town at 12:45 o'clock this (Friday) morning.

There were between 50 and 75 masked men in the party and they were in Russellville about an hour.

Russellville is a town of about 4,000 inhabitants and is the county seat of Logan county which borders on the Tennessee line. It is in the heart of the "dark" tobacco district.

Three men were fired upon and wounded by the marauders, and a telephone girl operator and the police were held prisoners for nearly three hours.

Frank G. Works, tobacco warehouse loss on contents and building, \$15,000. American Snuff Company, factory and contents, loss \$15,000.

Roberts & Brown planing mill, loss \$12,000. Alfred Underwood, grocery, loss, \$2,000.

King & Proctor, stable, and Joshua Knowles, cottage. Chief of Police Bruce, as he heard noises, hastened to the fire tower, where he attempted to sound the alarm, but was overpowered by four masked night riders.

Two merchants, J. R. McLean and J. Henry Moseley did not hurry into their homes as fast as the night riders desired and were shot.

The most seriously injured was Dr. Roberts, who heard the confusion, and thinking the riders had left, ran out to see what had happened and was shot.

The mob appeared well organized, with a commander and lieutenants. All were mounted and wore white caps, false beards and masks. Except for the firing at those who appeared on the streets there was little shooting.

The business of the riders was the destruction of the two tobacco warehouses. This is the third raid by the night riders in Western Kentucky and comes in face of the announcement by the governor that the disorder must cease.

It is moving day in Charlotte for the hogs.

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Newark, N. J., Jan. 3.—Frank Elbert, a friend of Mrs. Theodore S. Whitmore of Brooklyn, view the body at Harrison and identified it as Mrs. Whitmore.