

Norfolk Southern First Train Out of Charlotte Today

Marks Epoch In City's Railroad Development
Train Left Sixth Street at 11:30 This Morning For Raleigh, with Officials And Directors on Board-- Many Witnesses.

Today was epochal in the history of Charlotte and the Norfolk Southern Railway and with the departure of the first passenger train from this city at 11:30 o'clock this morning, the opening of the road through from Raleigh to the center of the business district of Charlotte was completed.

Other members of the party included Messrs. W. A. Witt, general superintendent of the Norfolk Southern; F. L. Nicholson, chief engineer of the road; Mr. Bradley, district superintendent with offices in Raleigh; E. D. Kyle, traffic manager of the Norfolk Southern; T. L. Chadbourne, general counsel for the road, and members of the board of directors who accompanied Mr. Perry from the North to participate in the initial inspection tour over the completed lines.

The train which started on the initial run from Charlotte this morning consisted of an engine and three coaches, one day coach, one diner and one combination observation car and sleeper.

The event was known to only a few people but quite a party of citizens were present when the train took its departure, moving slowly over the newly laid tracks out towards the northern limits of the city, crossing the tracks of the Seaboard and Southern on the route and finally reaching the open country on the line to Mt. Gilead.

In order to complete the tracks of the road from the Seaboard intersection beyond Twelfth street to the depot site on Sixth street, a force of about 200 men have been engaged since Tuesday morning, and the feat which they have accomplished is regarded by railroad circles as one worthy of note. The entire track for half a mile was laid in four days' time, and to accomplish this required hard work and great haste.

The present tour of the officials and directors will embrace the entire lines of the Norfolk Southern including the lines to Aberdeen and Asheville. The branch line leaves the main route to Raleigh at Starr, and goes on to Asheville and Aberdeen. The party leaving this morning will make the whole journey taking in every foot of the new route as well as the branch lines. This is the first official inspection of the entire line that has been made by the Norfolk Southern officials and directors.

Regular schedule December 1. It was learned today that the road will inaugurate a regular schedule

MRS. STEVENS HEADS U. D. C.

By Associated Press. New Orleans, Nov. 16.—Mrs. Daisy McLaurin Stevens, of Mississippi, was unanimously elected president general of the United Daughters of the Confederacy at the convention here today, as the only other candidate, Mrs. Nathan D. Ella, of Virginia, had withdrawn from the race.

By Associated Press. Savannah, Ga., Nov. 15.—General Superintendent Johnson of the Central of Georgia Railway, who is at the scene of Thursday's wreck on the Clayton and Ozark branch of the board, wires the general manager's office here that the report of 22 dead telegraphed from Clayton yesterday is an exaggeration.

Steamship Ulidia Reaches Savannah With Cargo Afire

Savannah, Ga., Nov. 15.—With the decks so hot that it is well nigh impossible to stand the heat the British steamship Ulidia, Capt. Robert McClenahan, from Savannah for Hamburg, which sailed at 3 o'clock yesterday, came hurriedly into port this morning at 5:30 o'clock with a stubborn fire in a cargo of cotton in No. 3 hatch.

The crew which under the direction of the master and first officer H. Jacobsen, had fought the fire all night as the slow and heavily laden freighter fought to regain a harbor of refuge is worn from the strenuous duty. The masters' wife, Mrs. Mabel McClenahan, was forced to leave her cabin which is blistered from the heat and steam and it was only by a herculean effort that the fire was confined to the hatch where it was discovered. The big ship was hot from stem to stern and there was some danger of the fire eating its way into the other sections of the hold.

The Ulidia is owned by Joseph Fisher & Sons, of Newry, Ireland. The damage will be several thousand dollars, fully covered by insurance. The fire was practically under control at 10 o'clock.

PROMINENT CITIZEN OF MT. AIRY DIED TODAY

A telegram to Mrs. Willis T. Wilkinson, of 711 Hawthorne Lane, this morning announced the death, in Mt. Airy, of Mr. A. H. Merritt, an uncle of Mrs. Wilkinson. The telegram was sent by Mr. Haywood Merritt, and said: "Father passed away at 11:30 last night." Mrs. Wilkinson left this morning to attend the funeral service.

SUFFRAGETTES INVADE WASHINGTON

Washington, Nov. 15.—Suffragist sympathizers swooped down on historic Lafayette Park and the vicinity of the white house and state, war and navy offices before daylight today armed with quantities of chalk and covered sidewalks and street pavements with "Votes For Women."

THE WEATHER. Forecast for North Carolina: Unsettled tonight and Sunday, probably local rains; warmer tonight in southeast portion. Light to moderate winds, mostly northeast and east.

HUERTA ISSUES STATEMENT OF DEFIANCE

Definite Developments in Situation Are Expected to Take Place Today—Washington Awaits Advances From The Storm Center.

ENGLAND JOINS IN URGING HUERTA'S REMOVAL

In Late Afternoon Statement Huerta Practically Makes Peaceful Settlement of Trouble Impossible—Will Maintain "Dignified Attitude Towards Washington."

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By Associated Press. Latest dispatch from Mexico City, Nov. 15.—"In view of Venustiano Carranza's repudiation of any form of mediation or alliance with the United States Provisional President Huerta can do no less than join him in his expression of patriotic sentiment and maintain unaltered his dignified attitude toward Washington."

PELLAGRA ENDS LIFE IN SPARTANBURG.

By Associated Press. Spartanburg, S. C., Nov. 15.—Made desperate by suffering, William M. Meares, a pellagra victim, last night committed suicide here. He was a carpenter, 52 years old.

SHIP LOST WITH CREW OF FORTY

By Associated Press. Montreal, Nov. 15.—The steam collier Bridgeport, sailing from Sydney, Cape Breton, with a crew of forty-two and a cargo of 10,000 tons of coal, has been lost and probably all aboard have perished, according to an official announcement made today by the Dominion Coal Company, which chartered the vessel.

New Congress Meets

Mexico City, Nov. 15.—Senators and deputies elected recently to form the new Mexican congress in place of that dissolved by Provisional President Huerta met at 3 o'clock this afternoon in their respective houses to choose temporary speakers. Early today President Huerta has given no indication that he intended to alter his program to comply with the demands made by John Lind, personal representative of President Wilson, that he prevent the organization of the new congress.

Juarez Falls Into Hands Mexican Constitutionalists

Federals Completely Surprised By Strategy Of Rebels

The Death List is Said to Have Been Small -- Three Americans Were Killed--Significance Of This Rebel Victory.

By Associated Press. El Paso, Tex., Nov. 15.—Cinco de Mayo, the most important northern port of entry in Mexico was captured by Constitutionalists under General Pancho Villa and General Maclevo Herrera early this morning with small loss on either side. Three Americans killed. Three Americans were killed in Juarez during the fighting.

Bullets Fall in El Paso. House window in the heart of El Paso at 3:30 this morning. The White House is but half a block from the postoffice on Pioneer Plaza, near all the hotels. The plaza was full of people when the bullet struck the plate glass and broke it.

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Major Cervera Maresca, commanding the rebel detachment guarding the international bridge placed the total number killed in Juarez at twenty-one, seventeen Federal and four Constitutionalists.

Exonerates The Buffalo Grant

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Reporters Barred. Newspaper men were not allowed to cross into Mexico this morning. Both Mexican rebel soldiers and United States cavalry refused to allow any person to go into Mexico, though all who sought refuge from the city were permitted to cross into the United States.