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STATUS OF STRIKE.

Locomotive Engineers Taking No Part in It.

SCHEDULES MAINTAINED.

Body of Masked Men Take Fireman from Engine.

Brakeman Reported Seriously Injured by Striker-Guards are Carried on Every Engine—Engineers Doing Everything Possible to Keep Their Contract With the Company—Embargo on Through Freight Will be Removed and Through Trains Will Begin Running.

Houston, Texas, December 26.—Reports to the headquarters of the Atlanta system of the Southern Pacific lines today show that the lines are experiencing little difficulty in operating trains on account of the strike of the locomotive firemen on the Houston division of the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio line. Fourteen freight trains out of sixteen scheduled, were handled and all of the yard engines except two at San Antonio were working. All scheduled freight and passenger trains and two extra freight trains were operated on the Victoria division and in Texas and New Orleans east of Houston, all scheduled trains were started.

At Lobo, near El Paso, Fred Kutz is reported to have been assaulted by brakeman Binger and so severely injured that he could not continue the run.

H. E. Willis, assistant grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, says that his organization is thoroughly satisfied with the situation and its members are going to do all possible to maintain their contract with the railroad company and to keep trains moving.

New Orleans, December 26.—A Southern Pacific fireman was today taken from his engine by a body of masked men at Opelousas, La., according to a report received here by E. B. Cushing, general superintendent of the Southern Pacific. Mr. Cushing had no information as to what treatment the captured fireman received. Except for this incident, Mr. Cushing said that the firemen's strike has caused no serious trouble on this end of the Southern Pacific, Atlantic division. Two guards are carried on every engine and all passenger and local freights have been moved about on time.

Mr. Cushing announced that the Southern Pacific expects tomorrow to remove the embargo on through freight which has been maintained since the strike began. He said that through freight for Louisiana and Texas points will again be accepted and that the through freight trains will begin running.

TESTS PATIENCE.

The Most Patients Wilmington Citizen Must Show Annoyance at Times.

Nothing spoils a good disposition. Nothing taxes a man's patience. Like any itchiness of the skin. Itching Piles almost drives you crazy. All day it makes you miserable. All night it keeps you awake. Itch! Itch! Itch! with no relief. Just the same with Eczema. Can hardly keep from scratching it. You would do so, but you know it makes it worse. Such miseries are daily decreasing. People are learning they can be cured. Learning the merit of Doan's Ointment. Plenty of proof that Doan's Ointment will cure Piles, Eczema or any Itchiness of the skin. Read the testimony of a Wilmington citizen.

C. H. Horton, printer on the Morning Star, residing at 109 1-2. Dock street, says: "I had a rash on my body which had been bothering me for some time and often almost set me wild. I used lots of medicine and remedies, but without relief until I procured Doan's Ointment from Bellamy's drug store. I found it to be most excellent. I do not believe it was ten minutes after I applied it before I had relief. I am glad to let others know of an effective preparation like Doan's Ointment proved to be in my case."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

The mayor had the usual bunch of holiday offenders before him yesterday. There were nearly 25 defendants and most of them were charged with being drunk. The mayor released most of them on payment of the costs.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

Pleasant Holiday Functions—Whiskey Gets in Its Work—People and Their Pleasures in Fayetteville.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Fayetteville, N. C., December 26.—One of the most beautiful holiday events of many years was the Christmas tree at the Highsmith hospital. Towering to the ceiling against the west wall of the broad corridor of the operating building was a magnificent holly tree, laden from the lowest limb to the topmost branch with beautiful, useful and artistic gifts, mostly for the staff of a dozen nurses, the resident physician and the clerk but many being handed out to patients and friends of the institution. Nearly all the ministers and the physicians of the city were present, besides a great assemblage of other guests, prominent Fayetteville society people. After the distribution of presents a delightful supper a la fourchette was served in the electrical room. There was piano, violin and other music, and at the close staid city fathers, handsome matrons, preachers and surgeons joined the young folks in a pleasant "donkey party" contest. Santa Claus was personated by Mr. J. H. Myrover, who by unanimous consensus of opinion enjoyed the proud distinction of being the most hideous St. Nicholas ever coming over seas from the frozen regions of the north. The decorations, which were most elaborate, tasteful and effective, were planned by Miss Flippis, head nurse, Miss Moran and Miss Butler, and the scene was most striking under the radiance of electric lights. Those receiving many gifts were Miss Flippis, Mrs. Moran, Misses Kindley, Sessions, Robinson, McNeil, Letch, McGilvary, Butler, White, Watson, Thomas; Drs. J. F. Highsmith, Seavy Highsmith, J. Highsmith, Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Melven.

Two negro women, Emma Blackman and Mary Smith, engaged in a fight in Smith's fruit store on Person street Monday night, when the latter slashed the former all around the neck with a razor. The Blackman woman was carried to the Cochran Annex of the Highsmith hospital.

Miss Grace Jennings gave a delightful party last evening, complimentary to her cousin, Miss Isabel Grey, of Jackson, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. John Maloney last evening entertained their friends with a beautiful Christmas tree, and after the distribution of gifts fine music was rendered.

KILLED BY S. A. L. TRAIN

John Lawrence Struck and Thrown 100 Feet—Dispensary's Large Sales.

(Special to The Messenger.)
Raleigh, N. C., December 26.—The liquor sales at the dispensary Christmas eve was \$4,400, \$400 more than last year. Three-fourths of this was carried out of Raleigh.

At New Hill station, this county, a Seaboard Air Line train last evening killed Santa Claus, in the person of John Lawrence, a fireman, who dressed in the appropriate costume, spent the day driving from house to house. He stopped at the station to get oysters for a Christmas supper, and was struck, thrown a hundred feet and instantly killed.

CUTTER AGAIN LEAVES PORT

Goes off South Carolina Coast to Destroy a Dangerous Derelict.

The revenue cutter Seminole left port yesterday shortly after noon in response to orders received from the government on Tuesday, for a cruise along the South Carolina coast, off Cape Romaine, where a dangerous derelict is floating. The cutter has orders to locate the derelict, which is in the path of coastwise shipping, and to destroy it.

KILLED IN RAILROAD WRECK

Brother of Lord Charles Beresford, Admiral in British Navy.

Washington, December 26.—The state department today was officially advised by Henry B. Dyke, assistant solicitor of the Soo Line at Minneapolis, of the death in a wreck on that road, December 23, of Delavay J. Beresford, brother of Lord Charles Beresford, an admiral in the British navy, and asking that the department notify the British ambassador with the view of having him advise relatives and direct disposition of the body. Secretary Root immediately notified the embassy officials who have cabled to England for instructions. The embassy officials also notified Lord Charles Beresford of his brother's death.

AN ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE

Christmas Intoxication Thought to Have Been the Cause.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Fayetteville, N. C., December 26.—Archie McLean, a youth, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. N. McLean, of this city, attempted suicide last night at his home on Haymont by shooting himself with a revolver in the mouth, the ball glancing round and lodging in his neck. He was carried to the Highsmith hospital and may recover. Mortification over Christmas intoxication is thought to have been the cause of the act.

TROOPS IN CONTROL

Mississippi Riot Not as Serious as First Reported.

EXCITEMENT AT AN END.

Trouble Caused by Action of a Reckless Mob.

Governor Vardaman Goes to the Scene. No Fresh Outbreak at Scooba. Three Negroes Killed and Three Wounded—Feeling Against Negroes Intensified by the Killing of a Conductor on Mobile and Ohio Railroad Monday Night.

Memphis, Tenn., December 26.—Advices tonight from Scooba and Watahala, Miss., where race rioting required the presence of troops, say that quiet prevails at both towns as well as throughout the surrounding territory and that the troops and civil officers have control of the situation.

According to the most trustworthy reports the disturbance of the last few days in Kemper county was not as serious as at first reported. The trouble is attributed to the actions of a reckless mob, which is searching for a negro who attacked Conductor Moore a Mobile and Ohio train last Sunday and shot and killed Constable O'Brien, of Watahala, killed three negroes and wounded several others. Feeling against the negroes was intensified by the killing by negroes of Conductor B. N. Wood, of the Mobile and Ohio railroad at Crawford on Monday night, and believing that the mob was beyond control Deputy Alexander, of Scooba, asked that the troops be sent there. Two companies of state troops are now encamped at Scooba.

Jackson, Miss., December 26.—Governor Vardaman and several members of his staff left for Scooba, Miss., this evening at 6 o'clock on a special train. He carried with him about 25 members of the capital city guards, under command of Captain Albert Fairley, Adjutant General Frigg preceded him about three hours going on the regular train to Meridian, Miss., where he will secure a special train which will carry the governor and militia direct to Scooba. The governor says there has been no fresh outbreak at Scooba, but that it has been impossible for him to get any definite news from there and he has gone over to make a personal investigation and relieve the strain on Colonel McCant's soldiers.

Advices from Watahala state that excitement there has subsided and business is being carried on as usual.

Young Man Accidentally Shoots Himself

Young Russell Wood, son of Mr. James M. Wood, who lives on Walnut street, yesterday while in the woods hunting near the county home, was badly injured in the foot by a shot from his own gun. The explosion was accidental, and the entire load went into the boy's foot. Young Wood was with Schurman Schulen, and his friend hurried him to town, where medical attention was given. It is thought likely that one or two toes will have to be amputated.

His Identity Disclosed

(Special to The Messenger.)
Raleigh, N. C., December 26.—The strange fact regarding Flagman Witherspoon, killed in yesterday's Seaboard Air Line wreck was that his full name and home could not be ascertained. It is found that his sister, Mrs. Love, lives at Rocky Mount, N. C. She this afternoon ordered the body sent to Sumter, S. C., for burial and it was sent there tonight. It is found that Witherspoon who entered the railway service at Richmond and who was thought to be a Virginian, had been drinking.

Partially belled whiskey bottle was found in his pocket. There were three others in the caboose with him, these escaped injury, but they cannot be found.

Appointed a Director

(Special to The Messenger.)
Raleigh, N. C., December 26.—The governor appoints Joseph H. Weathers, of Raleigh, a director of the state school for the blind at Raleigh, vice C. E. Edwards, resigned.

Two cars loaded with phosphate for Florida were burned at Caraleigh Phosphate Mills here.

Christmas Service at Grace Church

There will be a special service by the Sunday school in Grace church this Thursday night, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Fruit and groceries will be brought by the children and members of the Sunday school to be sent to the orphans at Raleigh.

Friends of the school and cause are invited to bring potatoes, fruit, canned goods and groceries, proper receipts for which will be found at the door. A very cordial invitation is extended to all.

CHRISTMAS CASUALTIES

Three Suicides, Two Homicides and an Accidental Death.

Atlanta, Ga., December 26.—Seven more Christmas casualties were reported. J. W. Caldwell, of Taylorsville near Stablesboro committed suicide this morning by shooting. No cause is known.

Harvey Mangness, of Mineral Bluff, Ga., committed suicide with a revolver Christmas day. He left a family. The little daughter of J. C. Hughes, at East Newnan, was burned to death Christmas by her dress catching fire. Sherry Brannen 10 years of age, of Eufaula, Ala., was setting off fire works last night when a roman candle struck him in the forehead, knocking him down. His head struck a curbing and his neck was broken.

William Murray, 32 years of age, committed suicide with a revolver 12 miles south of Columbus, Ga. Ill health is given as the cause. Sheriff Rogers, at Hawkinsville, Ga., shot and killed Luther Morris, a negro, who was resisting arrest. Morris was wanted for the murder of his sweetheart, Stella Flanders, by cutting her throat.

Harry Hargrove, aged 23 was shot and killed at Eastman, Ga., in a quarrel with John Grever, Burch.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity in Annual Convention.

Atlanta, Ga., December 26.—The sigma Alpha Epsilon college fraternity began its annual convention and celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of its founding here today. The first session was devoted to re-union and address of welcome and responses. The first social gathering was held tonight at the home of the fraternity, by the local members of the fraternity. About 300 members are present and all of the sixty-seven chapters of the fraternity are represented.

Among the prominent speakers today were William C. Levee, of Evansville, Ill., supreme archon; Colonel John B. Rudolph of Alabama, the only surviving founder of the fraternity, and Hooper Alexander of Atlanta, who delivered the welcoming address.

BOTH WERE DROWNED

John Davis Makes Unsuccessful Effort to Save Life of Boy.

Morristown, N. J., December 26.—Before the eyes of his young wife, George Davis, aged 25 today lost his life in an unsuccessful attempt to rescue John Arke, an 8-year old boy from drowning. The boy went out on the ice of the Rockaway river and broke through. Davis and his wife saw Arke drop into the water and Davis cut down the clothes line in his yard and tied one end about his waist. He gave the other end to his wife and started to wade across. He was floundering about in the broken ice. Lying down Davis reached out and seized Arke and shouted to his wife to haul in on the rope. She drew her husband back from the hole until the boy was out of the water. As she started to pull again the rope broke and the man and boy fell back into the water and were drowned.

RABBIS ELECT OFFICERS

Association Addressed by Dr. J. H. Kirkland of Vanderbilt University.

Nashville, Tenn., December 26.—The Southern Rabbinical association last night elected the following officers: Rabbi Isadore Lowenthal, Nashville, president.

Rabbi Henry Barnstein, Houston, Texas, vice president.

Rabbi Moses Bargman, New Orleans, secretary.

Rabbi Newfield, Birmingham, Ala., treasurer.

Executive committee: Rabbis Max Keller, New Orleans, chairman; David Marks, Atlanta, and B. C. Ehrenreich, Montgomery, Ala.

The association was addressed today by Dr. J. H. Kirkland, chancellor of Vanderbilt university.

WILL RESUME BUSINESS

Arnold Lee and Company Make Settlement With Their Creditors.

New York, December 26.—Arnold Lee & Co., stock exchange brokers, who failed last Saturday, have affected a settlement with their creditors on the basis of 50 cents cash and 50 cents in notes. According to the assignee, Lee & Company's liabilities were about \$900,000 and with assets of about \$800,000. The firm will resume as soon as certain legal formalities have been complied with.

Not Seriously Damaged

Norfolk, Va., December 26.—The Old Dominion Liner Jefferson, which is being lengthened at the Newport News ship yards, was not seriously damaged in last evening's fire there. It was officially reported today that the liner's pilot house was scorched and the deck rail in places was slightly afire at times with some paint blistered from the hull and upper side of the ship. Otherwise the steamer was unharmed either about her hull or superstructure. Her repairs will be completed and she will be out again in February.

Two Killed in Collision

Tacoma, Wash., December 26.—Two persons were killed and eleven hurt, one fatally, in a collision today between an interurban train from Seattle and a work train. The collision occurred near Edgewood.

The wreck occurred on a sharp grade in a deep cut. Two flat cars were piled on the first passenger car crushing it to splinters.

HILL'S BOND ISSUE

Injunction Asked Against Great Northwestern Company.

THE BILL OF COMPLAINT.

Acted in Violation of the Laws of Minnesota.

Court Asked to Restrain Defendants from Any Action in Matter Until Application is Made to Proper Authorities—Reasons for Increase of Stock Unknown to Officials of the State and They are Unadvised of the Necessity and Propriety of the Same.

St. Paul, Minn., December 26.—Attorney General Young and R. A. Stone, assistant attorney general, this afternoon began an action in the Ramsey county district court on behalf of the state of Minnesota against the Great Northern Railway Company asking for a permanent injunction against the company, its officers, agents and servants, from proceeding in any manner with the proposed issue of capital stock recently authorized by the board of directors in New York. The attorney general also asks that the court also restrain the defendants from receiving and collecting the amounts due on any subscriptions which may have been, or which will hereafter be made, or from taking any action to carry out these plans until the Great Northern Company shall have first made application in writing to the railroad and warehouse commission of the state of Minnesota and procured the commission's consent to the issue of stock. A temporary injunction pendente lite is also asked for.

The attorney general in his bill of complaints, after reciting that the Great Northern is a corporation of the state of Minnesota, and that the company's original authorized capital stock is \$30,000,000, that being the limit fixed by the company's charter, says that between February 1, 1890, and March 1, 1896, the defendant made several large increases of capital stock until on March 1, 1906, the total aggregated substantially \$150,000,000; that all of the increases were made without applying to and obtaining the consent of the railroad and warehouse commission of Minnesota, as required by law; that prior to December 11, 1906, the defendant determined to increase the capital stock to \$210,000,000 by an additional issue of \$80,000,000, notice of which was served on the stockholders by President J. J. Hill who invited all to subscribe for a pro rata share of same; that the defendant's officers are now preparing to sell and issue the stock to stockholders of record January 4, 1907.

The bill of complaint further states that unless prevented by an injunction, the defendant will issue and sell the stock without first applying to and procuring the consent of the state railroad and warehouse commission, thereby depriving the state and its officers of the right and opportunity of investigating the proposed stock issue and examining into the propriety and purposes of the same. All of which the complaint says is contrary to the state laws. The bill further says:

"If the defendant increases its stock as now proposed the aggregate thereof will be \$210,000,000; that the defendant has been and it is now paying annual dividends at the rate of 7 per cent. on all of its capital stock and will pay dividends at the same rate on all of its present capital stock, if this increase is consummated as now intended that this increase of \$80,000,000, if effected, will therefore increase the fixed annual charges of the defendant by the sum of \$4,200,000, a great portion of which will have to be paid by the defendant's Minnesota patrons as charges on freight and passenger traffic local to Minnesota; and, that it is further alleged that if these plans are consummated they will be effected without the surveillance or the consent of the state of Minnesota."

The bill alleges that the reasons for this increase of stock is unknown to the officials of the state of Minnesota and that they are unadvised of the necessity and propriety of the same. The petition alleges that by its "willful and wrongful neglect and refusal" to make application to the state railroad and warehouse commission before proceeding with the preparations for the proposed increase of capital stock the defendant will deprive the state of Minnesota in the premises and prevent that scrutiny and publicity contemplated by the law.

Service was had on officials of the Great Northern railroad this afternoon.

"THE MANGER THRONE"

Beautiful Christmas Cantata Rendered Before Large Audience at St. James Church Last Night.

A most delightful occasion, and one which attracted a large and appreciative audience, was the splendid rendering by well known local vocalists of the beautiful Christmas cantata "The Manger Throne."

The cantata was sung last night in St. James Episcopal church, which was filled with music lovers who expressed in admiring words their appreciation of the high class of music rendered. "The Manger Throne" tells in simple words, set to harmonious and beautiful music, the story of the birth of Christ.

It is divided into four parts, with the following sub-titles: "The Annunciation," with solos by Mr. Holdea and Mr. Dushan; "The Vision of the Shepherds," with duet by Mr. Kuff and Mrs. Fenley, and solos by Mr. Kraft and Mrs. MacRae; "The Wise Men" with solos by Mr. Fenley and Mrs. Yates; and "Bethlehem," with solos by Mr. Fenley and Miss Barker. In each part there was splendid choral work, and the harmony of the voices was perfect.

Before the fourth part Rev. R. W. Hogue, rector of St. James made a short, appropriate address with "Music and Harmony," as his subject, from which strong, practical lessons were drawn.

The music was furnished on the organ by Mr. E. H. Munson, the regular church organist, and under whose direction the Cantata was given, and on the violins by Mr. C. F. MacRae and Mr. John Kneisel.

The singers that took part in the Cantata were:

Soprano: Mrs. C. F. MacRae, Mrs. J. W. Yates, Mrs. E. H. Munson, Mrs. J. S. Longfellow, Mrs. J. D. Edwards, Miss Lucy McIntosh.

Alto: Mrs. J. D. Smith, Mrs. W. A. Shellburne, Mrs. Greene Fenley, Miss Carrie Barker, Miss Belle Anderson.

Tenors: Mr. Chas. Dushan, Mr. Greene Fenley, Mr. H. Womersley.

Bassos: Mr. W. G. W. Kraft, Mr. E. M. Beery, Mr. A. S. Holden.

HOMICIDE IN WAKE COUNTY

Negro Kills His Son-in-Law—Charters Granted—Off on a Hunting Expedition.

(Special to The Messenger.)
Raleigh, N. C., December 26.—In Barton's creek township, this county, Squire Rogers, colored, shot and killed his son-in-law, James Prince, with whom he had had trouble for several years. Prince has for months been wanted for forcible trespass at Rogers' house. He went to the house yesterday armed with a large knife, tried to enter and was shot down at the door. His slayer at once notified a magistrate who after hearing, discharged Rogers.

Charters were granted the Brano Drug Co., North Wilkesboro, to do a wholesale and retail drug business, capital \$25,000; Rocky Mount Peppermint Bottling Co., capital \$50,000; American Folding Furniture Co., capital \$30,000. The American Naval Stores Co., of Savannah, domesticates itself in North Carolina.

Auditor Dixon and Treasurer Lacy, tomorrow with F. B. Arendell, of Raleigh, F. D. Dolling, a prominent cotton mill man and representative-elect from Gaston, and Conductor Moss, of the Southern railway, will go to Carteret Lodge, this side of Morehead city, to shoot ducks and deer. They will be the guests of Mr. Heiwit, superintendent of this great hunting preserve of 20,000 acres and which is owned by a number of Durham gentlemen.

BATTLESHIP CONNECTICUT

Vessel Returns to Norfolk After a Successful Test.

Norfolk, Va., The United States battleship Connecticut, built at the New York navy yard, and which has been having a series of tests at sea for the past ten days, returned to Hampton Roads yesterday after a test to establish the responsiveness of the vessel to her helm, which is declared to have proven successful.

It is reported that the Connecticut has had some trouble with her condensers and an examination of these by the general board of inspection is said to be scheduled for Friday when the Connecticut will begin coaling preparatory to leaving for southern waters for which she may proceed in advance of the fleet scheduled to start about the middle of January.

PEOPLE GREATLY ALARMED

Chilean Town Partly Destroyed by Earthquake

Santiago, Chile, December 26.—Half of the town of Arica, in the province of Taena has been destroyed by an earthquake, and other towns in the neighborhood have suffered more or less severely. The seaport of Iquique, 120 miles south of Arica, was not damaged. With the recollections of the August disaster fresh in their minds, the people in the earthquake zone are greatly alarmed.

Body Identified

Norfolk, Va., December 26.—The man burned to death in a camping tent on the Jamestown Exposition grounds Monday night has been identified as Burt Haws, a white painter, who had been employed on the exposition grounds, and is supposed to be from Chicago.