

CAR SHORTAGE CONVENTION HELD

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 4.—A considerable number of the large shippers throughout the country, representing various industries, gathered in Chicago today to discuss the car shortage problem. The Lumbermen's Association took the initiative in bringing them together to exchange ideas and to recommend informally some solution.

The majority appear in favor of federal legislation penalizing the railroads for failure to deliver cars requisitioned by shippers, after a reasonable time.

In calling the gathering, the chief purpose of the movement is to be to secure the enactment of a federal law requiring the assessment and payment of reciprocal demurrage. Under such a law, the speaker further explained, the railroads themselves would be penalized for failing to provide shippers with cars within a reasonable time after their requisition, just as the shippers are now penalized for failing to load cars delivered within a reasonable time. Such a law, he said, would go a long way toward relieving the car shortage now existing, and would prevent its recurrence and the enormous accompanying losses in the future.

The speakers explained that the present movement is not inimical to the railroads themselves, but to the car service abuses which have allowed to grow to such enormous proportions. For years the railroads have enforced rules to exact demurrage from shippers for failure to load cars within a reasonable time. This was generally recognized as just and calculated to secure prompt shipment and more satisfactory car service, and the right of the roads to exact this demurrage under reasonable rules has seldom been questioned. But when the roads themselves fail to deliver cars requisitioned for loading, and when shipments are delayed for weeks and months by reason of the failure to place cars at the shippers' disposal, the shippers naturally feel that the rule should work both ways and that the demurrage should be reciprocal.

The coal and lumber trades are leading the fight for reciprocal demurrage. Present conditions in the lumber trade, especially in the South and West, are said to be deplorable. The car shortage problem is causing enormous financial loss to lumber manufacturers and the same applies to a greater or lesser degree to the coal, grain and other trades.

Failure to make car deliveries has materially reduced the current receipts of the shippers, and as a result some of the strongest concerns in the country have recently been compelled to borrow money at heavy interest to handle their payrolls and other obligations. Not only are the firms themselves affected, but their laborers are also sufferers, so that the total loss of time and money as a direct result of the railroads' failure to supply cars is incalculable.

A WONDERFUL HAPPENING
Port Byron, N. Y., has witnessed one of the most remarkable cases of healing ever recorded. Amos F. King, of that place, says: "Buckley's Arnica Salve cured a sore on my leg with which I have suffered over 30 years. I am now eighty-five," warranted to cure all sores, by C. M. Shuford, W. S. Martin, Druggists, 25c.

Storm at Sea.
New York, Jan. 4.—News of a severe storm in the Southern seas was brought here by the steamer Advance, from Colon, four days behind schedule.

Traffic Demoralized.
Louisville, Ky., Jan. 4.—Traffic on all the railroads operating in the western section of Kentucky and on several lines in other parts of the State, is demoralized as the result of the heavy rains.

No Reconciliation.
London, Jan. 4.—An inquiry authoritative quarters elicited a definite denial of the reports that a reconciliation between the Duke and Dutchess of Marlborough has been effected.

Marriage would be a great success if a man's wife would not make him put on rubbers.

Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Don't Know It.

How to Find Out.
Fill a bottle or common glass with your water and let it stand twenty-four hours. If a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys; if it stains your linen it is evidence of kidney trouble; if it has a frequent desire to pass it or pain in the back is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

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SEVEN PER CENT. DIVIDENDS

Declared by Directors of N. C. Railroad—Improvements Being Made.
Greensboro, Jan. 4.—The Directors on the part of the State and of the private stockholders of the North Carolina Railroad, now under a ninety-nine years lease to the Southern Railway, met in semi-annual session here yesterday afternoon and declared a dividend of seven per cent.

Reports from the president and the superintendent of maintenance showed that lessees were complying with their contract of lease and many betterments in addition to keeping up property had been made. It was arranged at this meeting that the citizens of Burlington should be allowed to build a modern hotel building on the site occupied by the hotel burned down three years ago, which belonged to the railroad property. All differences heretofore existing between the lessor and lessee regarding the replacing of the property and the distribution of the insurance on it, were adjusted, and advantageous terms for the State were agreed upon between the lessee, the Burlington syndicate.

President Hugh Chatham of Elkin states that more money had been expended by the Southern Railway in improvements than for any previous year.

Travels Far to Wed.
San Francisco, California, Jan. 3.—Among the passengers sailing today for the Philippines is Miss Flora Watson, who is proceeding to Manila to become the bride of First Lieutenant William T. Butler, of the Sixth Cavalry. The wedding will mark the climax of a romance begun a number of years ago on the other side of the American continent.

Lieutenant Butler was formerly of Morrisville, Pa. He enlisted as a cavalryman in the Spanish-American war and quickly won his non-commission chevrons. After the war he was promoted to a lieutenant. Then it was that he asked Miss Watson, a former schoolmate, to be his bride, and she consented. Being a mere ship of a girl, then, the wedding was delayed, and Lieut. Butler was sent to the Philippines.

Though the two have not met in more than eight years an ardent courtship has been kept up by mail and arrangements have been made for the marriage to take place as soon as Miss Watson arrives at Manila.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Hearings on the post office appropriation bill will begin before the House committee Tuesday. Much consideration will be given to the extensive criticism made of the present system of weighing mails to determine the compensation the railways shall have.

INSPECT ROAD IN SOUTH

St. Louis, Jan. 4.—George J. Gould, president of the Missouri Pacific and from Mountain System and brother of Howard, left this morning on a special, on a tour of inspection of the Gould lines in the South. At Tampa, Fla., George Gould will meet his wife and younger children who will leave soon on a yachting cruise.

Case of Mrs. Bessie Steele.

Lynchburg, Va., Jan. 7.—Mrs. Bessie L. Steele, wife of J. R. Steele, supposed to have wrecked the Fourth Street National Bank, of Philadelphia, being killed in the explosion. Claims she was legally married to Steele in Michigan, in 1904. She said Steele told her he was divorced. She says Steele had been sending a monthly check to Chicago, but she thought it was for his mother. She will return to Grand Rapids and endeavor to clear up the marriage.

Children Were Poisoned.
Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 4.—Mrs. Briget Carey, who was arrested a month ago on suspicion of poisoning her children, Mary, aged eight years, and Annie, aged six years, was today committed to trial by Coroner Jermon at an inquest held in the cases. The finding of the coroner's jury was that the children died from arsenical poisoning.

S. A. L. Has a Transfer Agent

Position of General Transfer Agent of Seaboard Created. Supervision of Offices at Monroe, Hamlet, Howells, Ga., Etc.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 4.—The position of general transfer agent of the Seaboard was created and E. M. McClure of Richmond, appointed to the position with general supervision over freight transfer stations at Hamlet, N. C.; Jacksonville, Fla.; Howells, Ga. and Monroe, N. C.

These stations will be the points of concentration and distribution of freight collected in cars by local trains and at these points will be reloaded into through cars for points of destination North and South, saving the haul on package freight and releasing the equipment for other uses.

At Hamlet will be established the largest and most modern transfer station South of the Potomac. Transfer agents appointed are as follows: F. A. Fetter of Petersburg, Va., at Hamlet, N. C.; G. H. Fuller at Howells, Ga. and H. S. Dedenhoff, at Monroe, N. C. The Jacksonville agent has not yet been named.

Schooner Floated.

Cape Henry, Va., Jan. 4.—The schooner, R. W. Hopkins, stranded last night, was floated today and proceeded to Hampton Roads.

Preferred Death to Weather.
Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 4.—Anthony Koocher, who is in a critical condition from self-inflicted wounds on the throat and abdomen made with a razor, said:

"I tried to kill myself because I was tired of living in this kind of weather."

THE CHARMING WOMAN

is not necessarily one of perfect form and features. Many plain women who could never serve as an artist's model, possess those rare qualities that all the world admires: neatness, clear eyes, clean smooth skin and that sprightliness of step and action that accompany good health. A physically weak woman is never attractive, not even to herself. Electric Bitters restore weak women, give strong nerves, bright eyes, smooth, velvety skin, beautiful complexion. Guaranteed at C. M. Shuford, W. S. Martin & Co., Druggists, 50c.

OPEN WITH PRAYER.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Jan. 5.—John A. Ross, managing editor of the Kalamazoo Gazette, announced that the news department of the Gazette would be opened every day in the future with prayer.

TYNER'S DYSPEPSIA REMEDY.

Do not begin up wind? Taste your food after eating? See specks before the eyes? Are you pale and haggard? Do you have pains vbkgjbgkjbkgj Does your heart flutter? Are you dizzy? Do you have pains in side or back? Risings or pimples on the skin? Are you low spirited? Is there a sour taste? Breath bad? Weak kidneys? Bileous? Constipated? Are you nervous? If so, you have Dyspepsia, and it is a dangerous condition. To cure, take Tyner's Dyspepsia Remedy. It is made for just such troubles and symptoms. Tyner's Dyspepsia Remedy removes acids from the stomach, strengthens weak stomachs, and cures the worst Dyspepsia or Indigestion. Druggists or by express 50 cents a bottle. Money refunded if it fails to cure. Martin & Co., Hickory, N. C.

Next to dodging the custom-house a woman seems to like best not having the street car conductor collect her fare.

A woman tries to make other people believe she trusts her husband in the hope she can make herself believe it.

HUNTING IN THE MAINE WOODS

From the Washington Post.

"There are worse things about hunting in Maine than being mistaken for a deer and shot to death," said Harry Seibold, who, when at home, is postmaster at Long Branch, N. J. "From my short experience as a hunter I am convinced that death from shooting is better than dying slowly from starvation and fatigue."

"The trouble started when I was camping on No. 39, North Hancock county, and Charles Anance, my Indian guide, came near to cutting off my hand while preparing firewood for supper. Though I had bandaged the wound as best I could, it bled so freely that Anance started out that night to walk through to Lincoln to find a doctor, while I was to wait where I was until he could send in another guide to help me in the hunting."

"Before he left I told him to send in some food, as about all we had left was the side of a deer which I had shot five days before. I accompanied him part of the way, and on returning to camp I learned that he had carried with him all our ammunition."

"I went to sleep and was awakened soon after midnight by the noise of some large animal, probably a bobcat, which climbed a tree and carried away the venison which I had hung up, and which was my chief reliance until help could come. I was now in a state of mind that was not enjoyable."

"Having no compass or map, and not knowing to within twenty miles the location of my camp, it would be foolish for me to start out into an unknown direction in a wilderness in the hope of reaching any human habitation. If I stayed close to the camp and waited, the chances were that I would perish from hunger. If I struck out to find help, it was almost certain that I would become lost and perish."

"At daylight I built a fire and made some strong coffee, after which I started out to pick up a breakfast. By 10 o'clock I had collected something like a pint of beechnuts, which the squirrels and jays had not found, and, returning to camp and removing the shells from the nuts and making some more coffee, I had had a breakfast that had been produced and procured through my own endeavors."

"From then until late in the afternoon I wandered about looking for any creature or plant that was edible. In one place I found a clump of bright fungi growing about a rotten stump, and hoped I had discovered mushrooms enough to keep me going, but then I suspected they were poisonous. Last I found nearly a quart of acorns, which, though they were bitter and astringent, were sustaining, and with these and some more coffee I made out a supper."

"My second day was passed hunting around the shores of Naticus Lake, from the waters of which I caught two small frogs, one fresh water clam, and a dozen small minnows, all of which I cooked and devoured ravenously. There were plenty of red squirrels in the trees, but for all the good they could do me they might as well have been in Europe."

"I saw several partridges and almost ran over a sleeping rabbit, but everything I sought got away easily, leaving me fretful and depressed. At night six deer came right by my camp and went on to the lake to drink. As I saw them walk past in single file, I tried to put a price upon what a single cartridge would be worth to me, but could not enumerate the figures, and gave it up and went to sleep."

Hedgehog Was Abandoned.

"On the fourth day the last of my condensed milk, sugar and coffee was gone and I was fighting off starvation with frogs, newts, and live bait. While I was wading in a bog that day looking for crabs, I saw a fat hedgehog picking its way among the wet lands and heading for a growth of tall hemlocks."

"I gave chase, but, sinking in my knees with every step, the hedgehog distanced me easily, and was far up a tall tree by the time I had reached the trunk. I had a small ax in my belt, with which I might have felled the tree in the course of two days. I thought of all I had read about hedgehogs being stupid creatures and easy to capture, though nothing seemed to hit this particular case. Then something came to me with a rush, causing me to stir myself in a hurry."

"The idea was to build a fire under the bough and smoke that hedgehog down. That plan worked perfectly, and soon the hedgehog came down and I killed it."

"I removed the inside and washed the body many times in the lake. Then, without removing any of the spines or the skin, I pasted and plastered the body thickly in soft blue clay from the banks of the lake, and hurried away for my camp and a square meal. As I turned from the woods into the clearing, I heard a strange voice say: "There he is now."

"What I saw was good for sore eyes. I paid no attention to the two men who stood waiting for my coming, but looked beyond to a great tin pail holding doughnuts and mince pie and baked beans and cucumber pickles and baked beans. I do not know which kind I tackled first, but I have a very vivid memory of those pickles and felt as if the person who had filled the pail must have been accustomed to putting up luncheons for Sunday school picnics, and wondered why the napkins had been omitted."

"As for the hedgehog which I had captured with so much difficulty, I regret to say it was left in the woods without ceremony."

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MANTEL FACTORY MOVES.

Will Change Base From Statesville to Lincolnton—Personal Notes and News Items.

Statesville, N. C., Jan. 4.—Mrs. R. K. Gregory arrived this week from Rockingham to join Mr. Gregory, who came to Statesville several weeks ago and opened a cafe. Mr. and Mrs. Gregory are staying at the home of Mr. W. H. Gregory, north of town.

Mr. Thos. H. McNeely, who has a position on the Southern Railway, with headquarters at Asheville, is at home for a few few days. On Friday of last week Mr. McNeely received painful injuries by falling from a train at Inman, N. C. He was taken to a hospital in Asheville, where he remained until Tuesday. His injuries are not serious and he came to recuperate.

Wednesday, while a telephone pole was being removed from the court alley by the Bell telephone people, it fell against the front of the store room occupied by Mr. A. H. Byers' grocery and restaurant. A large show window was smashed in and a show case and other contents of the store were damaged. Mr. Byers estimates the damage at about \$50. The Bell people will make good.

The Piedmont Mantel and Show Case Company, which has been manufacturing mantels, show cases, store fixtures, etc., in Statesville for several years, has decided to move to Lincolnton. The company has been composed of B. L. Delinger, C. A. Bell and L. L. Rhinehardt. Mr. Thos. J. Smith, of Lincolnton, has bought an interest in the business and it will be incorporated, a charter having been applied for. The paid in capital is \$5,000, with privilege to increase to \$50,000.

The company has bought a site and building in Lincolnton and will begin business there as soon as its plant can be shipped.

Messrs. Delinger, Bell and Rhinehardt will all move to Lincolnton. Mr. Delinger's family will probably remain in Statesville until spring. Mr. Bell will move his family in a few days. Mr. Rhinehardt is unmarried.

Mail Order House Fights Back

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 4.—An application of Montgomery Ward and company, the great Chicago mail order house, for an injunction to restrain the South Dakota Retail Merchants and Hardware Dealers' Association from maintaining a boycott against the firm came up for hearing in the federal court here today. The proceeding is of general interest as the result will go far toward determining the future of the retailers in the warfare between the catalogue houses and the retail merchants and jobbers. For years, it is alleged, the mail order houses have been cutting into the retail trade to such an extent as to drive many of the merchants in small cities and towns out of business.

At its annual meeting a year ago the South Dakota association of retail merchants devised a boycott against catalogue houses and also against all wholesale dealers who sold to catalogue houses.

COMMUNICATION FROM VATICAN

Is Published in Osservatore Romano This Morning.

Rome, Jan. 4.—Osservatore Romano published the following communication from the Vatican:

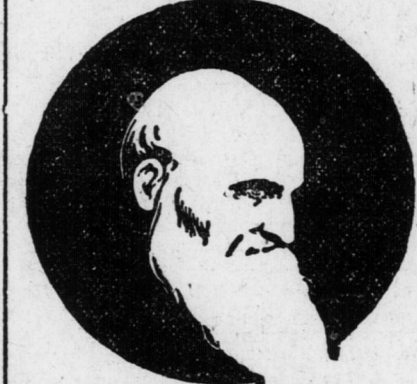
"It is stated that the French Government intends to publish the text on some of the documents which were seized at the Papal Nunciature in Paris. The Holy See declares it declines any responsibility for the publication, leaving it to the persons who may think themselves injured by the publication of the documents to use the means which they judge best to protect their rights."

Masonic Bazaar.

The proceeds of the Masonic bazaar last night netted nearly \$300, and the bazaar was attended by an unusually large number of people. All articles left over will be auctioned off tomorrow night. An interesting feature of the bazaar will be the voting contest of salesladies. Ten yards of taffeta silk will be given the most popular young lady, the one receiving the largest number of votes.

Austin, Texas, Jan. 4.—Representatives Peeler, of Travis, and Love, of Dallas, the two most prominent candidates for Speaker of the next house of representatives, opened headquarters in this city today. The legislature will meet next Tuesday.

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WINE OF CARDUI

Negro Pays Death Penalty.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 4.—Will Johnson, a negro whose arrest and trial attracted much attention, was hanged in the city prison today. The crime for which Johnson paid the death penalty was a criminal assault upon Mrs. Georgia Hembree, near Battle Hill, just beyond the city limits, on August 15th last.

Johnson was positively identified by Mrs. Hembree as her assailant. She testified that early on the morning of the assault she and Johnson in the road not a great distance from her home. The negro passed her and then turned and demanded her purse. He took the money from it and three dollars from the ground. When Mrs. Hembree tried to get away he seized her and choked her.

Johnson was identified also by Mrs. J. N. Camp as a negro who had assaulted her a short time before, and for which crime an innocent negro was being tried and was about to be convicted at the time Johnson was arrested. Johnson also was believed guilty of attempted assault on several other women.

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is the popular cry throughout the European countries; while in America, the cry of the present day is "Long live Dr. King's New Discovery, King of Throat and Lung Remedies!" of which Mrs. Julia Ryder, of Truro, Mass., says: "It never fails to give immediate relief and to quickly cure a cough or cold." Mrs. Ryder's opinion is shared by a majority of the inhabitants of this country. New Discovery cures weak lungs and sore throats after all other remedies have failed; and for coughs and colds it is the only sure cure. Guaranteed by C. M. Shuford, W. S. Martin & Co., Druggists, 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

INVESTIGATION BEGUN.

New York, Jan. 4.—The Inter-State Commerce Commission begins inquiry in this city into the affairs of the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific systems, the underlying purpose of the investigation being to discover whether or not the two railway lines are natural competitors or whether there is an agreement that may be construed as in restraint of trade.

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Chatham, Mass., Jan. 4.—Schooner Alice T. Boardman of Calais, Maine, bound from Calais for Hyannis went ashore on Handkerchief Shoals and is a total wreck. Thomas Hendry of the crew was drowned. Two others were brought ashore.

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