

RAILROAD TEST CASE PRINCIPAL QUESTION

Attorney General Gregory and Railroad Attorneys Trying to Find Case That Will Cover Practically All Points in Dispute--Would Save Much Work.

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Nov. 23.—Railroad lawyers and Attorney General Gregory continued today their conferences in an attempt to agree on one suit that would cover all the points involved in the many cases started by the railroads.

The difficulty in reaching an agreement arose mainly, it is believed, from the anxiety of the railroad representatives to pick from the many cases one covering typical cases faced by all railroads.

Railroad attorneys thought the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe case, started at Kansas City today, involved all points at issue better than any other. The department of justice officials were inclined to favor the Missouri, Oklahoma and Gulf case, which Federal Judge Hook yesterday held unconstitutional.

Selection of a test case would relieve the department from defending a multitude of suits already filed, as it is understood all railroads would agree to abide by the result of it.

SLAYER OF TRAFFIC OFFICER CONVICTED

Salisbury, Nov. 23.—Ollie Tolbert, a Southern Railway trainman on trial in Rowan Superior court, was found guilty on a charge of manslaughter. Tolbert's automobile struck and almost instantly killed W. M. Linker, a special traffic officer, October 26, while Tolbert was going down west Ines street to the Peoples Fair Grounds.

The jury got the case late last evening. At 9 o'clock the jury returned a verdict of guilty of manslaughter. The verdict was taken by the clerk, Judge Carter not being in the court that hour.

LONDON DIED IN HIS LITERARY BOOTS

(By Associated Press.)
Santa Rosa, Cal., Nov. 23.—The fact that Jack London, the author, who died last night at his Glen Ellen farm near here, spent his last conscious evening in writing, caused his intimate friends to discuss his unusual capacity for work.

London complained of indigestion when he went to bed Tuesday night, but notwithstanding his pain sat propped up in bed writing a story. His physicians attributed death to a gastro-intestinal attack of uraemia. The body will be taken to Oakland Friday for burial.

CONFERENCE MEETS IN GASTONIA TODAY

(By Associated Press.)
Gastonia, N. C., Nov. 23.—The twenty-seventh annual session of the western North Carolina conference of the Methodist Episcopal church south convened here today with Bishop John C. Kilgo, presiding.

The conference faced a great deal of business and it was believed the sessions might continue into next week. Included in the eleven districts of the conference are 254 pastors and of this number 132 are closing the first year on the charges to which they now minister, 71 their second, 30 their third and 20 their 4th year. The latter must receive new appointments as the result of the "time limit" of the church which permits no minister to remain on one charge more than four years.

Because several of the large churches will receive new pastors by appointment at this conference, unusual interest is being manifested in this feature of the meeting. The West Market Street church, Greensboro, the Brevard Street church, Charlotte, First church Statesville, and the churches at Ashboro, Leaksville and Mooresville are open because of the "time limit." Two presiding elders, those of the Asheville and Morganton districts also are among the "four year" men.

HUGHES CONGRATULATES PRESIDENT AT LAST

Lakewood, N. J., Nov. 23.—Chas. E. Hughes, Republican candidate for president in the recent election last night sent President Wilson a telegram congratulating him upon his reelection.

In his telegram Mr. Hughes said: "Because of the closeness of the vote I have awaited the official count in California and now that it has been virtually completed, permit me to extend to you my congratulations upon your reelection. I desire also to express my best wishes for a successful administration."

MR. IVEY MAKES ADDITIONS TO PLANTS

Mr. Geo. F. Ivey, president, has awarded the contract to Abee and Fry for the foundation of a brick foundry 75 by 100 feet for the Southern Desk Company. One of the brick buildings to be used by the Ivey Manufacturing Company is the making of picker sticks will be completed in about ten days and other sections will be built as soon as possible, making the picker stick factory 80 by 175 feet.

Mr. Ivey intends to make castings for school desks and furniture in the new foundry and the plant will give employment to about twenty additional men. At present the castings are made elsewhere and fitted to the school desks at the West Hickory plant but Mr. Ivey will make school desks completely when his new foundry is in operation.

All the wooden buildings used in the manufacture of picker sticks will be torn down when the brick buildings, which are being erected in sections so as to be occupied as soon as finished and the building, like the plant, will be modern in every particular. The new structures not only will result in giving employment to more men, but will enable the company to increase its output, and will make quite an addition to the manufacturing industry in this city.

Christmas and Conservation

Popular Mechanics.
A hatrack has been invented by an Oakland, Cal. inventor, which can serve also as a rack on which umbrellas can be dried and as a Christmas tree. One of the things which prompted this invention was the extensive and wasteful cutting of young evergreen trees for holiday purposes. This rack makes it possible to provide the home with a tree without adding to the depletion of the forests. It consists of a strong central post with a wide spreading base that can be fastened to a suitable support or to the floor. In the sides of the post are numerous holes in which short pegs can be inserted to support hats, or long pegs to hold umbrellas that are left open to dry. The idea is to remove these pegs at Christmas time and substitute evergreen boughs so cut from trees that they will not injure them.

FRENCH AIRMAN HAS WINGED 22 MACHINES

(By Associated Press.)
Paris, Nov. 23.—Sub-Lieutenant George Guynemer, the French aviator, has brought down his 22 airplane, according to an announcement by the French war office today. Guynemer brought down the last German machine five days ago.

COUNTESS POURS OUT 1,500 BOTTLES OF WINE

(By Associated Press.)
London, Nov. 23.—The action of Rosalind Countess of Carlisle in pouring away into the grounds about 1,500 bottles of wine, as evidence of her strong temperance views, has aroused a storm of criticism in letters to the newspapers. The countess is president of the British Women's Temperance Association. She has been a lifelong total abstainer and temperance advocate.

The wine was of old vintage and was stored in the cellars of Castle Howard, the Yorkshire estate of the countess. She inherited the stock but is said to have kept the cellars sealed for the last thirty years. A few days ago the wine cellars were opened, a large hole was dug near the countess' mansion and the caretaker poured the contents of the bottles into it.

The countess' action has been criticized on the ground that while it is consistent with her principles, the wine would be very acceptable in military hospitals for the use of convalescing soldiers.

WILSON CARRIED STATE BY FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND

Raleigh, Nov. 23.—The state board of elections in session here canvassed the vote of North Carolina for presidential electors and found that the votes for Wilson had totalled 168,383, those for Hughes 120,890. Replacing Wilson a majority of 47,473 votes.

Miss Kathleen Parkin, a California girl, fifteen years old has constructed a wireless outfit which she uses expertly to send and receive messages.

THREE ARE HELD FOR BREAKING INTO CARS

Ralph Hooper and Loy Whitener, two small negro boys who say their home was at Newton, were arrested Wednesday night by Chief Lentz and Sergeant Sigmon on the charge of entering Southern Railway freight cars Monday night and removing a number of articles. The lads intimated that a white boy, Willie Sikes, had something to do with the affair and Night Officer Peterson picked him up later in the night at the union depot.

The colored boys are remarkable chiefly for the different stories they tell. Seen in their cell this morning, they offered the finest line of contradictions ever shown in Hickory, according to Chief Lentz. They practically said that another negro boy, who is gone from here, did the breaking. They also said they had hopped to Morganton and returned Tuesday, and they spoke of potted ham and other delicacies that were in the cars.

The white boy, on the other hand, never varied in his story of his movements. He said he shipped from Norfolk about six months ago on a cattle boat for South America and came back to New Orleans on a nitrate ship. From there he was hoisted back home, having ridden freight trains to Birmingham, Knoxville and Asheville. He struck up with the negro boys at Drexel Wednesday, he said, and knew nothing of the robbery. Willie Sikes said his mother is Mrs. Flora Sikes of Fayetteville. He is 16 years old.

ILLNESS OF QUEEN GIVES FRIENDS CONCERN

(By Associated Press.)
Honolulu.—The condition of Liliuokalani, the 78-year-old former queen of Hawaii, continues to cause her friends grave concern. Her illness began with a cold some time ago, and she has been weakened so by its inroads that her attendants fear she may never recover. Though now seen occasionally in her carriage, she is easily exhausted and often falls to sleep along the drive.

The former queen has in recent years occupied herself largely with literary labors. She is the author of both the words and music of "Aloha Oe," the Hawaiian song that is now well-known in the United States. She wrote it as a farewell tribute to her brother, King Kalauaka, and it is a matter of grief to her that the song is being snatched and played irreverently as dance music on the mainland.

Most recently Liliuokalani has been assisting the Rev. Henry Parker, a native minister in completing a dictionary of the Hawaiian language, for which an appropriation was made by the territorial legislature. They already have completed about 15,000 words, several thousand of which Liliuokalani has defined in English and Hawaiian, with all the finer shades of meanings and accentuation.

The difficulty of the work is that many Hawaiian words have a dozen different meanings, depending upon their juxtaposition to other words and upon gestures and inflections.

MISS RANKIN SPENT LESS THAN THOUSAND

(By Associated Press.)
Helena, Mont., Nov. 23.—Miss Jennette Rankin of Missoula, who was elected to congress on November 7, spent \$687.07 in her campaign, according to her expense account filed with the secretary of state here today.

(By Associated Press.)
Bueno Aires.—The whittling away of the Argentine merchant marine, freighters, passenger boats and fishing fleet continues rapidly, owing to the foreign demand for vessels. The best known of the shipping companies in the river Platte has parted with 6 passenger and cargo steamers without, it appears, any immediate intention of replacing them. The sale of two more river boats is announced, the purchasers being European firms who have paid 100,000 pounds sterling for them. Two modern tugs also are being disposed of for 36,000 pounds the pair.

POLICE LOOKING FOR TWO BIG ROBBERS

(By Associated Press)
Chattanooga, Tenn., Nov. 23.—Police and express officials today sought two men who stole \$400,000 from the Southern Express Company here last night. Although the robbery occurred in the business district, police have found no clue to the money, which was being shipped to southern cities. The only evidence the police have was given by the driver of the wagon, who said two men set upon him, demanded the keys to the strongbox and after rifling the safe clubbed him over the head.

The driver was detained at police headquarters during the night by detectives who said they wished to question him further.

GREECE REFUSES TO SURRENDER SUPPLIES

(By Associated Press.)
London, Nov. 23.—The Greek government has refused to comply with the demands of the entente allies for a surrender of part of its supplies of arms and ammunition. Reuter's Athens correspondent cables.

AUTHOR OF "MAUDE" CARTOON IS DEAD

(By Associated Press.)
Dayton, O., Nov. 23.—D. W. Driscoll, aged 43 years, originator of the mule "Maude" cartoon, died last night.

WILSON WIRES HUGHES MESSAGE OF THANKS

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Nov. 23.—President Wilson today sent a telegram to Chas. E. Hughes thanking him for his message of congratulation. The president's telegram read: "I am sincerely obliged to you for your message of congratulation. Allow me to assure you of my good wishes for the years to come."

Veteran Fighters Exchange.
A Boston woman applied for a pension. "And pray madam," asked the pension examiner, "why do you think yourself entitled to a pension?" "My husband and I fought all through the war," was the reply.

MARKETS

COTTON FUTURES	
(By Associated Press.)	
New York, Nov. 23.—There was a renewal of heavy liquidation in the cotton market today and the opening was 20 to 25 points lower. January and May sold off before the end of the first hour, going into low ground for the movement.	
The market closed steady.	
Open	Close
December	20.05 19.80
January	20.20 20.00
March	20.38 20.22
May	20.60 20.42
July	20.57 20.38

HICKORY MARKETS

Cotton	19 1/2
Wheat	\$1.80

CHICAGO WHEAT

(By Associated Press.)
Chicago, Nov. 23.—Heavy selling by prominent houses caused the wheat market to weaken today after an initial upturn. Opening prices, which ranged from 1.4 to 1.8 higher, with December at 1.84 to 1.84 1/4, and May at 1.89 to 1.90 1/4, were followed by a reaction to well below yesterday's finish.

THE WEATHER

(For North Carolina: Rain, followed by clearing and colder tonight. Friday fair and colder, southerly to westerly gales.)

COMPARATIVE WEATHER	
Nov. 22	1916
Maximum	52 51
Minimum	37 32
Mean	44 1/2 41 1/2

TELEGRAMS ARE PUBLISHED ON ELECTION

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Nov. 23.—The white house today made public several thousand telegrams of congratulations from cabinet members, governors of states Democratic leaders and from the presidents of several Latin-American states. No messages were received from any of the rulers of belligerent nations. Mr. Wilson's answer to cabinet members follows: "One of the best things about the result is that it means four more years of active association in public service and in that we are genuinely rejoiced."

This was taken by some to forecast an invitation to members of the cabinet not to offer to resign. Former Secretary Bryan telegraphed as follows: "I am proud of the west, including Nebraska. The states beyond the Missouri have rallied to your support and saved the day, and in doing so have honored themselves no less than you. They have been greatly benefited by the progressive legislation, and are standing with you for peace, prosperity and progress."

Secretary Lane said: "New York may be a feudal state, but the remainder of the country wishes to be free."

Many telegrams came from women voters.

Mrs. R. H. Johnson has returned from Old Fort. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Sanborn.

ARMY AVIATORS IN MEXICO DOING WELL

(By Associated Press)
Field Headquarters American Punitive Expedition in Mexico, Nov. 23.—"Get there and back," is the motto of the punitive expedition's aero squadron. Censorship restrictions have placed an almost impenetrable hedge about the army aviators, but it may be said the squadron has lived up to its motto.

Flights are not begun at sea level, where the propeller blades can grip the air, but at a height of 5,200 to 7,000 feet, where the atmosphere is thin. The mountains, canons and sun-baked plains plus the altitude, combine to produce air currents and pockets that are a constant source of peril.

In one case a pilot went through that nightmare of all aviators, a spiral nose dive. The machine was flying at an altitude of 5,000 feet, which is more than 10,000 feet above sea level, when it struck an air pocket. Clouds obscured the pilot's vision and he had no idea where he was. When he realized that manipulation of his controls produced no effect, he glanced at his compass. It was turned sideways, indicating that his plane was falling with its wings at right angles to the earth. Carefully he reversed his controls, fearing that too quick a reverse would crumple the planes. Several times he did that. At last he felt them take hold. Just then, the clouds thinned and he saw the earth not more than 500 feet beneath him. He had fallen like a plummet at least 4,000 feet.

Another pilot at an altitude of seven thousand feet early one morning noticed a sheet of flame shoot from the hood of his machine. Startled, he began to vibrate down, seeking a place to land. He throttled down the motor and the flame receded. When he gave the engine a few moments later to regain momentum, the flame reappeared. Several times this occurred. Finally, he glided to earth and got out to inspect the aeroplane. Everything seemed in good shape. There were no signs of fire. The flame he had seen had been the rays of the early morning sun gleaming on the highly polished, red blades of his propeller.

BAZAAR AND TURKEY SUPPER

The Philathes of the Methodist church will conduct their annual bazaar next Tuesday evening, November 28th from 5 until 10 o'clock in the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

JEAN CRONES MAY BE UNDER ARREST

(By Associated Press)
Spaulding, Neb., Nov. 23.—A man who the town marshal believes fits the description of Jean Crones, wanted in Chicago on charges of having poisoned soup served at a banquet in honor of Archbishop Mundell, is under arrest here.

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Nov. 23.—There was no change in leadership in the high team score standing as the result of the football games of last Saturday. Georgia-Tech still heads the elevens of the east and adjoining territory and Pennsylvania moved into second place while Vanderbilt dropped to third place.

Young chickens treated with electricity by a London experimenter grow more rapidly than those raised without treatment.

FALKENHAYN'S RUSHES SWEEPING WALLACHIA

Rumanians Unable to Check Drive of Austro-Germans, Who Continue to Advance--May Abandon Whole Country--News of Fighting on Other Fronts.

RUMANIA SAYS TROOPS HAVE RETIRED

(By Associated Press)
Bucharest, via London, Nov. 21.—The Rumanian troops in the Jiu valley in western Wallachia have been withdrawn and now occupy their old positions, the war office announced today.

In the Alt valley, the statement reports, the Rumanians have maintained their positions.

HOBSON IS SPEAKER AT CLOSE OF W. C. T. U. MEET

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 23.—The thirty-eighth annual convention of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union adjourned here last night. Presidents of the 12 states which made a gain of 500 or more in membership in the last year had charge of the program of the last session. Among the speakers was Richmond P. Hobson of Alabama. Explaining the constitutional amendment he introduced in congress, Mr. Hobson said it was not the purpose to make the nation "dry," but to stop the sale of intoxicating liquor.

\$75,000 MISSION FUND IS RAISED BY N. C. BAPTISTS

Raleigh, Nov. 23.—Corresponding Secretary Johnson of the North Carolina Baptist board of missions, said he had not yet completed his compilation of the financial statement of the convention year that closed last night, but that he now has well in hand the \$75,000 pledged by the state convention one year ago for the mission and the Sunday school work for the rounding out of which it was necessary to get in \$18,000 the past week.

He expects to have a statement that can be made public within a day or two. The state convention meets in Elizabeth City early in December. He will be able to report that the Baptists of the state have fully met their pledges for the year with some few dollars at least over the amounts.

KELLY WAS ELECTED FROM PITTSBURG

(By Associated Press.)
Pittsburg, Nov. 23.—Representative M. C. Kelly will be a member of the 56th congress as a Progressive Democrat, the vote minus the soldiers vote showing Kelly a victor over Congressman Coleman by 250 votes. The soldiers vote gave a plurality to Kelly in the district.

Congress and Prohibition

Charlotte News.
About the first thing congress will find on its hands when it opens for business the first Monday in next month will be the prohibition movement. The first will call for submission to the people a prohibition constitutional amendment. The second will be the advancement and passage of the bill closing the saloons in the District of Columbia. It is possible that the latter movement will be first pressed to a conclusion. It had been placed about in shape for passage at the last session. The gain in prohibition sentiment as indicated by the results of the recent election will act as an accelerator for amendment congress will be permitted to let the matter rest. The average congressman is a close observer of the way the wind blows and while many may not personally indorse the prohibition movement, there will be a few who are found brave enough to run counter to public sentiment.

NEW YORKERS PAYING OFF ELECTION WAGERS

New York, Nov. 23.—Holders of some of the largest wagers made in Wall Street on the presidential election began paying the bets off on the assumption that there now was no doubt President Wilson had been elected.

Estimates of the total sums wagered in the financial district range from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000. Probably half was paid within a week after the election, but it was said few who placed money on Hughes still insist their bets not be paid until President Wilson's election is officially conceded.

His Own Importance
Philadelphia Public Ledger.
New Teacher—Who can tell me a thing of importance that did not exist a hundred years ago?
Little Boy—Me.

(By Associated Press)
Later reports of the campaign that General Von Falkenhayn is waging against the Rumanians indicates that the Teutonic forces are overrunning western Wallachia, following up sharply their defeat of the Rumanians in the Jiu valley and the capture of Craiova.

Berlin has reported progress of the Austro-German armies that are operating eastward toward Craiova. The fate of the Rumanian army was still in doubt.

Indications of the abandonment by the Rumanians of a large section of western Wallachia may be found in today's announcement by the Bulgarian war office. It reports the destruction by the Rumanians of the bridge over the Danube 50 miles northeast of Craiova; the firing of stores of ammunition there, and the sinking by the Rumanians of their barges in the Danube river.

It appears that the entente forces which captured Monastir have not been able to press their advance beyond the new line taken by the Bulgarians and Germans a short distance from the city. Sofia reports the repulse of attacks of entente forces north of Monastir.

Only artillery operations along the Somme and elsewhere on the Franco-Belgian front.

TURKEYS ARRIVE FOR WILSON'S DINNER

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Nov. 23.—President Wilson plans to spend Thanksgiving Day at the white house with his family. The annual flock of turkeys "raised especially for the president" already has begun to arrive. One will be selected for the president's table, others sent to hospitals and others to homes of the poor.

On one of the crates from Oklahoma, railroad men had written, "How about the high cost of living?" and "Remember the eight-hour day."

ANNOUNCE PERSONNEL TO STUDY EDUCATION

(By Associated Press.)
Durham, N. C., Nov. 23.—Selection of a commission to study the negro educational system of the south will be announced at tonight's meeting of the Negro Educational Conference in session at the National Training School in this city. The personnel of the commission is as follows: Dr. W. E. DuBois, editor of the Crisis, a New York newspaper; President W. S. Scarborough, Wilberforce College, Ohio; Dr. I. Garland Penn, Cincinnati; President J. E. Shepherd, Durham; Dr. J. T. Rendall.

This afternoon's session was featured by an address by Dr. J. Y. Joyner, state superintendent of public instruction.

BOLD ROBBERY IN THE HEART OF CHATTAHOOGA

Chattanooga, Tenn., Nov. 23.—Forty thousand, nine hundred dollars was estimated to have been stolen from a Southern Express Company transfer wagon in the Western and Atlantic railroad yards here last night by two white men who held up the lone driver, Fred Cornelison who said the bandits forced him to unlock a box containing approximately \$100,000 in currency. The robbery took place in the heart of the business district less than a block from the local office of the Southern Express company. The money was in packages made up for shipment from various Chattanooga banks to several southern cities.

President T. W. Leary, of the Southern Express company, said that the amount stolen "was a little more than \$40,000." Clerks in the local office said the missing packages of paper currency were appraised at \$40,900 in the receipts.