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CONFIDENCE OF THE PUBLIC IS SOUGHT BY RAIL COMPANIES

Investigators Hear Pleas for Less Suspicion, Better Credit, Etc.

WOULD LIKE SPREAD OUT

And Become More Helpful to the Country—Santa Fe Injunction Case Held Up Pending Conference of Government and Roads

(By the United Press)

Kansas City, Nov. 23.—The Santa Fe injunction suit against the Adamson eight-hour law, set for hearing today before Judge John C. Pollock, was postponed indefinitely pending the result of a conference between railroad officials and government representatives.

Railroads Have Inning at Probe Hearing.

Washington, Nov. 23.—Pleas for more adequate railroad facilities less suspicion of railroad management and better credit conditions, were made by the railroads today before the Newlands railroad investigating committee. A. P. Thom, counsel for the roads, is slated to speak a broader, more helpful attitude to rail lines so that they may spread out, increase American business and better serve the public.

STOCKS WITNESSES

CAME HOME; JURY'S SLOW IN STARTING

Declaring that they would rather be in the Lenoir county jail than at large in Duplin county, several witnesses summoned to Kenansville to appear against Samuel Stocks, alleged lyncher, before the grand jury, returned Wednesday rather than to spend the night in the Duplin county seat town. They include Chief of Police Skinner and Deputy Sheriff H. V. Allen. They left again on Thursday. The grand jury was to start its investigation in the afternoon. A former grand jury returned a bill "for instructions," neither a true nor an untrue finding.

Stocks was indicted following the lynching of Joseph Black, colored, who was taken from the Lenoir county jail last spring. He is from Greene county, which, local officials believe, furnished most of the lynchers. The case has attracted much attention. Kenansville, to which the place the case was transferred under a change of venue, is difficult to communicate with. Solicitor Henry E. Shaw, active throughout the several investigations of the lynching, is in charge of the State's case at Kenansville.

Sentiment in Duplin is said to be in Stocks' favor. A weak point for the prosecution, it is reported, is that a detective named Barnes, who worked up the alleged evidence against Stocks, has not been located.

BIDS ON AIRCRAFT FOR NAVY OPENED

(By the United Press)

Washington, Nov. 23.—The War Department today opened bids for 148 military hydro-aeroplanes. Prices ranged from \$12,000 to \$29,500, with speeds ranging up to 90 miles an hour and climbing power to 6,500 feet in ten minutes.

GOLDSBORO NEGRO ARRESTED.

Dennis Rowe, colored, was arrested at a lumber mill here Thursday on a charge of kidnapping. Rowe told Patrolman Hamilton, who arrested him, that he was wanted by the law for a charge of kidnapping. Rowe is held in the county jail.

HUGHES ADMITS AT LAST VICTORY FOR WILSON; SENDS WIRE

President Replies He's Obligated and Sends Well Wishes—Defeated Candidate Held Out Until Uncertainty Cleared

(By the United Press)

Washington, Nov. 23.—President Wilson's reply to Hughes' congratulatory telegram was: "I am sincerely obliged to you for your message of congratulations. Allow me to assure you of my good wishes for the years to come."

Hughes Telegraphs Congratulations.

Lakewood, N. J., Nov. 22.—Chas. E. Hughes, Republican candidate for President in the recent election, tonight sent to President Wilson a telegram congratulating him upon his re-election.

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 re-election. I desire also to express my best wishes for a successful administration."

HOPEFUL DEMOCRATS WILL CONTROL HOUSE

Washington, Nov. 22.—Representative Oldfield of Arkansas, who is a member of the Democratic Congressional Committee, and of the House Committee on Ways and Means, predicted today that the Democrats will control the next House.

"I have followed closely the political battle waged for seats in the House in the close States," said Mr. Oldfield, "and the Republicans have but one more seat than the Democrats stand solidly together and there is every reason to doubt if that will be true of the Republicans. Any slight defection in the Republican ranks would yield the control to us and if this very likely contingency does not arise we shall get control as a result of the vote of the independent members."

POPULATION STORM RAILROAD STATION IN A BELGIAN CITY

Open Revolt Against German Deportation Orders. Men Shipped Over Line Must Work or Serve Sentences

(By the United Press)

Amsterdam, Nov. 23.—Two months' imprisonment is the punishment meted out by the German authorities to Belgian deportees who refuse to do the work their captors demand, according to the newspaper Echo De Belge.

The population of the Belgian city of Lessines has openly revolted at the deportation orders and attacked the railway station, smashing windows. The German commandment threatened to punish the whole community.

ALASKAN RATES WILL BE SUBJECT HEARING

(By the United Press)

Washington, Nov. 23.—The second of three hearings the Interstate commerce commission is holding in its investigation of intra and inter-Alaskan, rail, rail-and-water freight and passenger rates is being held today at Juneau. The third and last will be at Seattle December 4.

KINSTON LIKELY TO HAVE AN APARTMENT HOUSE FEW MONTHS

Businessmen Favor Plan for Big Building to Care for Maybe Score Small Families—Would Be Modernly Equipped

(By the United Press)

Kinston's first apartment house built for the purpose is about to become a reality. W. B. Douglass stated Thursday that he would undertake the promotion of a company for the purpose, and that the prospects were decidedly bright, what with the interest of substantial businessmen in the proposition and the shortage of dwelling houses. He announced that he would get busy in a day or two.

It is proposed to erect a building containing not less than 60 or 75 rooms, and to cost not less than fifty thousand dollars, to have every modern convenience and be four or five stories high, fireproofed and equipped with modern fire escapes, and of attractive appearance. One man, Mr. Douglass said, has evinced his interest to the extent of offering a convenient site and offering to take a block of stock. Kinston is facing a living-house shortage which is rapidly becoming serious. Rentals are higher than in Wilmington and higher as high as in the big towns upstate. Mr. Douglass believes the apartment house will be erected within the next few months.

CROSS OF GLORY FOR COOKS IS NEW PLAN

(By the United Press)

Washington, Nov. 23.—Della has come into her own—and Minnie and Sarah. For loyalty "below-stairs" is to be recognized and "cook" is to be rewarded.

A movement is under way here to award medals or testimonials of faithful service to all domestic servants of proven worth. The movement is sponsored by Washington club women, as a step in solving the servant problem, and combating the "ephemeral and mercurial" characteristics of domestic help.

The badge, or cross of honor, will not be valued by "cook" for its intrinsic value, but will be treasured as a "mighty good recommendation," a sort of carte-blanche, as it were. Faithful servants will thereby not suffer under the stigma of their "huffy co-workers, and will never want for a good "place." The long-suffering mistress will, it is hoped, make to a new emancipation under the new regime.

WILL PROCEED WITH PURCHASE CLUB SITE

The Governing Board of the Caswell Country Club at a meeting on Wednesday night decided to go ahead with the purchase of 10 acres of the property at Gray's Mill on which promoters of the club have an option, and to begin actual construction of the building, the preliminaries for which have been in progress some days. The plans for the building have not been given out.

MUST HAVE LARGER TIPS ACCOUNT WAR

(By the United Press)

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 23.—The ten cent tip in St. Paul was officially tabled, by resolutions of the Hotel Belmets of St. Paul today. At the intermission between the icewater glide and the suitcase shuffle, at the annual belmets' ball, resolutions were passed urging that tips be raised to 15 cents on account of the war. During the ball, the orchestra director was under orders to ring no bells with the music, and no water pitchers were allowed in sight. "What's the use of taking the joy out of life," E. J. Ryan, president of the club, said.

VIENNA TO MAKE NO GREAT AFFAIR OVER ITS GRIEF NOR JOY

Death of Franz Josef Will Not Be Cause of Usual Big Demonstration and Assumption Will Be Very Quiet

(By the United Press)

London, Nov. 23.—Vienna will not make her sorrow nor her welcome in the formal observance at the funeral of the deceased Emperor of the assumption of the throne by his successor, Karl Francis Joseph. Vienna dispatches today indicated a departure from the rigidly formal, richly ceremonial customs which hitherto have marked the passing of a monarch. The pall of war will becloud even the pall of sorrow. Vienna literally is wrapped in a shroud, draped in black. Franz Josef's body will lie in state in the imperial palace.

President Wilson Cables Sympathy.

Washington, Nov. 22.—President Wilson today sent the following message of condolence to Emperor Karl Francis Joseph of Austria-Hungary, upon receipt of word of the death of the late Emperor Francis Josef.

"I beg of Your Majesty and the Imperial and Royal Family to accept the sincerest sympathy of Mrs. Wilson and myself in the great loss which you have sustained in the death of your illustrious uncle, for whom I entertained sentiments of high esteem and regard. I also extend to your Majesty the condolence of the government and people of the United States and convey to you my best wishes for your personal well-being and prosperity."

The President addressed the new ruler as "His Majesty, Karl Francis Joseph, Emperor of Austria, King of Bohemia and Apostolic King of Hungary."

GOING ON IN OTHER TOWNS AND COUNTIES OF EASTERN CAROLINA

(Daily Free Press—23rd)

A Greenville supposed "drunk" fired a revolver bullet into a restaurant there while diners were at the tables. No one was hit. The man with the pistol was in an automobile and sped to safety.

The mobler dance is more dangerous to society than the open saloon, declared Rev. J. D. Waters, a Christian (Disciples) minister, in a sermon at Ayden.

A hundred laborers are at work constructing a box and veneering plant at Ayden.

Charles Harper was seriously injured in a lumber mill at Reelsboro when he fell or in some way was thrown against a saw. A thigh was laid open and other injuries inflicted.

George Andrews was killed when a big drive wheel in a James City lumber plant bursted from centrifugal force. He was knocked through the building by a flying piece. He was badly mangled.

BELIEVED ROBBERS EXPRESS WAGON GOT BIG SWAG IN MONEY

(By the United Press)

Chattanooga, Nov. 23.—Two men who held up Fred Cornelison, a Southern Express driver, are reported to have obtained as high as forty thousand dollars. Cornelison reported the robbery when he staggered through the Express company office here today. He is held for \$125,000. L. O. S. Riley's investigation. The Southern Express driver was held up on the road.

ROUMANIANS STILL RETREATING BEFORE GERMANIC ADVANCE

Fall Back to New Positions. No Fighting in West—Aviators Active—Warships Worst Teuton Hydroplanes

(By the United Press)

Buchares, Nov. 23.—"We retired from Cralova," says an official Roumanian report. The retreatment continues from points in Jiu Valley to old positions, it is also announced. In the All Valley Roumanian troops are maintaining their positions.

Paris, Nov. 23.—Lieut. Guy Nemer downed his 22nd German battle-plant last night. All was calm along the entire front today, it is said officially.

Water and Aircraft Clash.

London, Nov. 23.—A successful air raid against German hydroplanes by naval forces is announced by the admiralty.

Roumania Silent.

London, Nov. 23.—There is ominous silence at Bucharest respecting the fate of the armies which Berlin claims to have been encircled south of the Danube, causing considerable uneasiness here. There has been no reports from Bucharest since Sunday.

KINSTON BENEFITS LARGELY BY THIS

Border Training Adding 150,000 Years to Nation's Life, Discovered by Army Doctors—Some of the Boys Would Lose Theirs, Though

By WEBB MILLER

(United Press Staff Correspondent) El Paso, Tex., Nov. 23.—About 150,000 years is being added to the aggregate life of the population of the United States by the Mexican "border" training. Instead of spreading death and disablement the campaign in Mexico and the mobilization of the national guard are adding from a few months to years to the life of every civilian soldier, army physicians declare. Statisticians have figured that the average added to the life of each guardsman will be nearly a year.

After four to six months of training like an athlete, working in the open air, sleeping in a tent and eating simple food a hundred thousand guardsmen will go back to civil life with a new lease on life.

Major James F. Edwards of the medical corps of the Pennsylvania militia has been making a close study of the general effects of the intensive training upon these men from office, factory and farm. In civil life he is director of Public Health in the city of Pittsburgh.

"Nearly every man on the border will be benefited immeasurably by the training he is undergoing," said Major Edwards. In most cases the instruction in personal hygiene and right living will influence the militiamen for years.

"Even now the difference in the health of our men can be noticed. Several months of daily exercise in the open air and sleeping in a tent cannot but benefit. It is worth a dozen vacations hollid into one.

"But most important is the effect of the army diet. Most civilians eat too much. And intemperance in eating is more dangerous than any other form of intemperance. For four months our men have been eating the simple palatable army ration. They don't eat too much and the food value of what they get is computed scientifically. This regime with plenty of exercise cannot fail to add something to the lives of our citizen soldiers."

But there is no pleasing everybody. To the man undergoing this training it sometimes loses the vacation—physical training thing and becomes just hard labor. "Hard," said one of the boys, "is 321."

BRITANNIC CASE TO BE PROBED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT

Sinking of British Hospital Ship May Have Serious Effect On Relations of U. S. and Berlin Government

(By the United Press)

Washington, Nov. 23.—Destruction of the great British hospital vessel, Britannic, today seriously threatened to enter into the tangle possible between the submarine complications between the United States and Germany. The reported presence of American surgeons aboard the vessel rendered the case one for serious reflection of possible serious action to be taken in connection with others which may show transgression of German pledges and international rules.

On the other hand, the case may be taken merely as an indication of the way the German war wind is blowing, in the event there were no Americans aboard. Under the rules of the Geneva convention, hospital ships are immunized from attack. Subsequent changes have not affected this status of ships engaged on errands of mercy, hence if American surgeons were aboard they are entitled to the safety of the law. The case has been added to the list of submarine cases now being probed.

JACK LONDON DIES WILL ONLY A SHORT TIME; MIDDLE-AGED

Santa Rosa, Cal., Nov. 22.—Jack London, the author, died at his Glenn Elen, Cal., ranch near here at 7:45 tonight, a victim of uremic poisoning. London was taken ill last night and was found unconscious early today by a servant, who went to his room to awaken him.

London is survived by a daughter who is a student at the University of California, his mother, who lives in Oakland, and his wife, Charmion London. Mrs. London was with her husband when death came.

London would have been 41 years old on January 12.

Mr. and Mrs. London recently returned from a sojourn of several months in the Hawaiian Islands, and have been living on their Glen Elen ranch, one of the most elaborately equipped in Northern California.

ALLIES WILL HEAR ABOUT DETAINING INNOCENT MAIL

Washington, Nov. 23.—The Allies' delays in forwarding "innocent" mail after seizure will be attacked in the forthcoming reply to England's mail seizures note.

COTTON

Around 75 bales of cotton were sold here Thursday, at prices ranging from 20.02 1-2 downward.

New York futures quotations, were:

Open.	Close.
Jan.	20.00 20.00
Mar.	20.38 20.22
May	20.60 20.42
July	20.38
Oct.	18.63 18.23
Dec.	20.05 19.80

FAIR WEED SALES HERE ON A CLOUDY DAY

NEW BERN HAS A BIG TIME WHEN SHRINE TEMPLE IS SET UP

Sudan's Institution Attended by Big Throng of Fez-Wearers From Number of States—Kinston Represented

(By the United Press)

"Wednesday was certainly a great old day. It was the biggest day New Bern ever had. The town was put on the map," declared Mayor Fred. Sutton Thursday, reviewing the events contingent upon the installation of Sudan Temple, North Carolina's second Shrine outfit. There were wearers of the fez present from many Virginia, North and South Carolina and Georgia towns, as well as national functionaries and visitors from other regions. One hundred and nine candidates were initiated on Wednesday night. These included Dr. B. W. Spillman, the noted Baptist Sunday school worker, and Nath. Richardson, mayor of Dover, members of the local Masonic lodge. Kinston was largely represented. Most of the local delegation returned in automobiles Wednesday night.

Other temples in this region are Oasis of Charlotte, daddy of those in the territory, and one of the strongest in the country; Khedive of Norfolk, Omar of Columbia and Yassar of Atlanta. Kinston Shrine's belong to Oasis and Khedive temples. It is optional with them as to whether they will transfer to the new temple or not. It is incumbent upon all Shriners of cities in which temples are located to belong to their home temple, but the surrounding country is not affected by this regulation.

There were hundreds of fez-wearers present at the institution, including a number of celebrities. Shrine bands were on hand from Charlotte and Norfolk, together with Ocean's drum corps and other music-makers. J. E. Cameron of Kinston, who is high in Shrineedom and may be next Potentate of Oasis Temple, was among the "big dogs" on hand. "Daddy" Walter S. Liddell, who did the instituting, was lionized; he founded the cult in North Carolina. Potentate of the new temple is A. B. Andrews of Raleigh. Kinston has no official in the temple.

J. T. Deal of Norfolk and Kinston, Potentate of Khedive Temple, headed the Virginia city's delegation, a hundred strong. The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot printed Mr. Deal's picture on the front page Wednesday.

KILL THREE BEARS WITH SMALL RIFLE

Asheville, Nov. 22.—Killing three bears with the aid of a .22 caliber rifle and a "possum dog" is an unusual feat, but that is what Lawrence and Ira Cogburn, two brothers of Cruso, Haywood county, accomplished a few nights ago. The brothers located a black bear and two half-grown cubs. The big bear got away with a small bullet in her, and the brothers killed the two cubs. They tracked the old bear and drove her up a tree where she was killed.

LIMITATION WOMEN'S HOURS IN NORTHWEST

Portland, Ore., Nov. 23.—A forty-eight hours of labor a week law for women will be placed before the Oregon State Legislature when it meets the second Monday in January, by the Consumers' League of Portland. This act provides that women may not work for wages more than 48 hours a week. It does not, however, limit their labor to eight hours a day. The idea is that women may work more than eight hours five days a week.