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PROBABILITY OF CHANGES

Objections Arise as to Appointment

EASTERN CAROLINA WAS IGNORED

Judges Waddill and Funnell May Confer at Wrightsville—Objection to These. Fitzgerald—Ward General Manager.

Special to The Sun.

Raleigh, N. C., July 13.—There is understood to be more than a probability that there will be important changes announced within a few days in the receivership of the Norfolk and Southern Railway Company, for the reason that strenuous objection develops from influential sources in North Carolina to the section of country through which nearly all the trackage of the company extends—Eastern North Carolina being ignored both in representation in the receivership and all connection with the management of the system. It is declared that if the receivership is to be made a success then the sympathy and co-operation of the sections in which it operates must be secured to the fullest degree. Then there are those who insist that in the appointment of the receivers the Eastern District court of North Carolina as well as the United States court of Eastern Virginia should have had a part in the appointment of the receivers. The great bulk of the receivership business must pass through the United States court at the Eastern North Carolina district, necessarily and friends of Judge T. R. Funnell, of the North Carolina court are taking the position that Judge Waddill, of the Virginia court, made a mistake in not conferring with the North Carolina Judge who was to be so actively connected with the receivership before he named all three of the receivers.

It is known here that there has been considerable correspondence between Judge Funnell and Judge Waddill on this subject and that Judge Waddill is trying to get an appointment with Judge Funnell to go over the situation. Old Point Comfort has been mentioned as the place of conference but Judge Funnell could not go there having already arranged for a sojourn of several weeks at Wrightsville Beach, near Wilmington. The trend of negotiations are understood to indicate that Judge Waddill will go to Wrightsville Beach for the conference.

It is understood that there is to be insistence that there be Eastern Carolina representation in the active management of the road. There is high authority for the statement that insistence is to be made that either one of the present three receivers be dropped and this representation injected into the receivership or that it be attained through the appointment of an active general manager instead of having Receiver Thomas Fitzgerald as general manager as they have started out to do. As to through whom this Eastern Carolina representation is to be attained the consensus of opinion seems to be that Mr. M. K. King, who was dropped by the receivers, vice president of the company, should be either made one of the receivers or put in the active management of the road. It is urged that his great familiarity with the affairs of the company and his wide acquaintance throughout Eastern Carolina and great popularity in all that section in which the Norfolk and Southern operates makes him the logical solution of the present complex and embarrassing situation.

This whole matter was thoroughly gone into during the conference some days ago between Judge Funnell and Receivers Willcott and Kerr on occasion of their visit here. The companies of the First and Third regiments of the North Carolina National Guard that took part in the coast defense practice at Fort Caswell last month are accused by the advisory board of the guard from attending the target practice shootings at Morehead to be held during July and August. An order to this effect is just made.

Dr. George T. Winatch who is retiring from the presidency of the North

Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, because of an appointment to an annuity from the Carnegie Foundation, has just returned from three months travel in England and Scotland. He will spend the next year in rest and recreation, his plans for the future not being matured.

Claiming that his name is Will Wright and not "Boots" Brown and that he was never in Raleigh before in his life and is "as innocent of the crime as a new born babe," a negro who answers the description of "Boots" in every particular and is positively identified by a number of people, officers and former associates, has been brought here from Norfolk and committed to jail to await trial for his life for the murder of Sarah Davis here eight years ago. The killing was "cold blooded" to a degree, "Boots" having gone to the woman's house, called her out to the sidewalk and shot her down right before numerous relatives and neighbors, then made his escape, one ball entering the woman's mouth and another taking effect in her back.

The prisoner insists that he knows nothing of the affair and refuses to recognize any of a number of people who have visited the jail and identified the prisoner as "Boots" Brown.

The July number of The North Carolina Booklet, published so ably and successfully by the North Carolina Society Daughters of the Revolution is just issued and is pronounced one of the very best and most interesting of the whole series. Notable articles it contains are: Jno. Harvey, by R. D. W. Connor; Military Organizations in North Carolina During the War, by Mr. Clyde L. King and A. Sermon by Rev. George Micklejohn, by R. D. W. Connor. Mrs. E. E. Moffitt contributes a number of admirable sketches of contributors to The Booklet and Mrs. Helen DeB. Wills a number of abstracts of wills of the colonial and revolutionary period.

Mrs. E. E. Moffitt and Miss Mary Hinton are the editors and managers of The Booklet, their being paid a labor of love and patriotism, all the proceeds from The Booklet going to the fund of the Daughters of the Revolution expended in patriotic work. Just now they are providing the bronze memorial to the ladies of the Edenton Tea Party that is to be given a place in the rotunda of the state house and is to be unveiled, very probably October 19th, next, the anniversary of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis. The ladies charge \$1 per year subscription to The Booklet and they are very anxious for it to find its way into the home of every public spirited patriotic North Carolinian. While they have made some money out of the publication, the revenue has not been as great as it should have been for some time and they are appealing for subscriptions.

A call is issued for the Wake county republicans to meet in convention for the nomination of candidates for county offices August 15 at which time State Chairman Spencer B. Adams is invited to be present and deliver an address. The primaries are to be held in the country districts August 8th and in Raleigh on August 14th. Commissioner of Insurance J. R. Young issues a notice to citizens of the state that the Seminoles Securities Company has no license to do business in North Carolina and any that they may undertake to do without license would be illegal under the North Carolina laws. He says he is receiving a number of inquiries.

POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT.

Pays Largest Livery Bill in the World.

Washington, July 13.—The postoffice department pays the largest livery bill in the world. For this purpose the department has now at its disposal the sum of \$8,000,000. For many years congress appropriated large sums for the purpose of collecting mail in cities, designations of which are left to the department. This year's appropriation is the largest of any preceding year for the hiring of horses and vehicles. It is the intention of the department, however, to make an experiment, which, if successful, will do away with the use of horses altogether and substitute in their place the automobile for the collection of mail.

A contract has been closed under which six automobiles will be furnished in this city for the collection of mail.

AMERICANS LEAD PARADE

Athletic Team is Now in London

REVIEW BEFORE KING EDWARD

Trainer of American Team Say All Men Are in Fine Condition—Have Wet Ground for Our Training—Yankees Will Get Their Share.

By Cable to The Sun.

London, July 13.—Ninety members of the American athletic team, who are now in England, were today accorded the honor of leading the parade that passed in the review before King Edward and the royal suite, preliminary to the first day of the great Olympic games to compete in which the finest athletes of the world have come to London.

The weather today is wet, but there are 75 thousand men and women this afternoon swarmed to greet the stadium to see the preliminary contest.

The king was there in the royal box and applauded with great gusto over the contest. Mike Murphy, the trainer of the American team, after looking his men over early this morning said:

"All the Americans are in fine condition, and will get their share of the short races and jumps, though we don't expect to win the Marathon. Not a man is ever trained. Weather is wet for our training, but the yankee boys will get their share of the prizes."

WILL MEET TODAY AGAIN—POSTPONED

National Committee at Fairview This Evening

Mr. Kern Asks All to Read the Platform and be Convinced that the Democratic Ticket is the One.

By Wire to The Sun.

Lincoln, Neb., July 13.—The national committee is due at Fairview late this afternoon and the same train is expected to bring John W. Kern, who was held up by a bad washout at Phillipsburg.

A big crowd turned out to hear Kern who said:

"Read the platforms and compare them and then you will be convinced that the best interests of yourselves and neighbors demand you to vote for the democratic ticket and put Bryan in the white house. He'll give you a square deal and so will our platform."

Failures Average Five Per Cent.

Washington, July 13.—The comptroller of the currency has just compiled a memorandum dealing with the organization of national banks to the close of the fiscal year in which he shows that national banking associations to the number of 9,174 have been chartered, of which 456 were organized under the act of 1863, 6,184 under the act of 1894 and 2,584 under the act of 1909. Insolvent associations to the number of 469 have been placed in charge of receivers and 1,878 in voluntary liquidation, leaving the number of active banks at 6,827. The number of failures is approximately 5 per cent. of the total number of banks chartered.

Tin Plate Production.

Pittsburg, July 13.—The production of tin plate during the first quarter of this year was about 750,000 boxes short of the output during the first three months of last year, while the second quarter was fully up to three last year, and the third quarter, it is claimed, will make up for the first quarter's loss. The year's total will probably exceed last year's output.

CHARGE TO GRAND JURY

Judge Walter H. Neal Makes Comment

DIFFERENCE IN HOMICIDES

No Fault of Men Composing Juries—Juries Seldom go Wrong in Civil Cases, But Often in Criminal Cases.

Special to The Sun.

Raleigh, N. C., July 13.—In the charge to the grand jury today, Judge Walter H. Neal, took occasion to comment on the fact that the number of homicides in the United States as compared with European countries, declared the great difference was due to non-conviction here.

He did not attribute this to any fault of the men composing the juries and the lawyers, but to the jury system, which permits the counsel to challenge twenty-three men without a reason.

"Juries seldom go wrong in civil actions," he said, "but often in criminal cases, where the state, rather than the individual, is made to suffer."

Oklahoma City Wants Pen.

By Wire to The Sun.

Oklahoma City, July 13.—The town of Granite, Oklahoma, has asked that the penitentiary be located there on the ground that there are enough quarries nearby to keep convicts employed all year.

Justice Mills to Hear Thaw Case in September

Prisoner Goes Back to Jail—Takes Razor and After Strapping it Shaves Himself.

By Wire to The Sun.

New York, July 13.—Justice Mills, of the supreme court, at White Plains, today postponed, until September 21, the petition of Harry K. Thaw for a jury trial to determine the sanity of Stanford White's slayer, and Thaw was taken back to Poughkeepsie jail, in time for dinner.

Before entering the court room at White Plains, the prisoner was taken to a barbershop to be shaved, but would not permit the barber to shave him. "I'm good at that," said Mr. Thaw, and taking a razor, he stropped it and shaved himself, doing the job well.

TO BUILD BRIDGE.

WHI Open New Country Which is Said to be Rich.

By Wire to The Sun.

St. Louis, July 13.—The St. Louis Brownsville & Mexico is to build a bridge across Rio Grande at Brownsville and thereby make direct connections with the two line of the Mexican National entering Matamoros, which is in Mexico, just across from Brownsville. This means a new railroad gateway, to and from Mexico, and it is expected an immense tonnage will be diverted via that route. A new country on both sides of the river is to be opened, and it said to be very rich.

ORDER ISSUED.

Officers Above Rank of Captain Excluded from Shooting.

By Wire to The Sun.

Washington, July 13.—In an order issued at the war department officers above the rank of captain and civilians are excluded from shooting in the national team, individual, and the pistol matches to be held at Camp Perry, O. The order is in accordance with the act of congress approved May 15, 1908.

BIENNIAL MEETING.

Pioneer Workers are Members of Women's Clubs Before 1900.

By Wire to The Sun.

Boston, July 13.—One of the results of the biennial meeting of women's clubs was the formation of a society to be known as the Pioneer Workers of the General Federation of America, the members to be taken from those who were affiliated with the council of the general federation prior to 1900. Mrs. William Tod Helmuth, one of the founders of the general federation, and an honorary president of the New York state federation is president of the new organization, the motto of which is "For Auld Lang Syne." Meetings are to be held annually. The other officers are Mrs. Lydia Mumford, of Philadelphia, first vice-president; Mrs. C. P. Barnes, of Louisville, second vice-president; Mrs. Alice I. Reede, of Boston, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Emma A. Fox, of Detroit, recording secretary; Mrs. Watkins, of Chicago, treasurer; Mrs. Mary G. Lockwood, of Washington, historian.

WIDOW IS BENEFICIARY.

War and Navy Departments Are Sending Out Blanks.

By Wire to The Sun.

Washington, July 13.—The war and navy departments are sending out blank forms to commanding officers, with instruction that every man of the military and naval service shall indicate the names of two or three persons to whom in succession, in the event of death of the enlisted man, shall be paid his benefit, consisting of six months' pay, provided the man dies in service from causes attributable to his duty.

The same benefits goes to the widow or other beneficiary of an officer. The law is so worded that the widow receives the benefit in the first instance, unless some other beneficiary is named.

EXPERIENCE DIFFICULTY.

British Manufacturers Find Partial Employment.

By Cable to The Sun.

London, July 13.—Many British manufacturers of finished iron and steel continue to experience much difficulty in finding even partial employment for their works, and at the present time the production of the country as a whole must be considerably less than it was at the corresponding period of last year. Rumors of the alleged steel combine are still in circulation, but are not credited in quarters which out to be well informed.

It also appears that some of the firms said to be included in the reported bridge and construction work association profess not to have heard of it as yet, except through the medium of the daily press.

Three Alleged Deserters Caught.

By Wire to The Sun.

Winston-Salem, N. C., July 13.—Mike Jones, Jess Powell, and Thomas Martin, three white men, alleged deserters from the ships Iowa and Franklin, at Norfolk navy yard, were arrested at Guilford College. They are in jail here. Jones says his home is in Greensboro, Martin is from Baltimore, and Powell from Oklahoma. They will be held until Norfolk navy officials are heard from.

Increase in Money Order Business.

By Wire to The Sun.

Salisbury, N. C., July 13.—The Salisbury post office did the largest money order business of any office in North Carolina for the fiscal year ended June 30, the amount being \$403,284.69. The receipts from other sources amounted to \$28,362.72, or more than \$5,000 in excess of the previous years.

Plans Being Completed.

By Wire to The Sun.

Washington, July 13.—Plans for the new battleship Florida are being rapidly completed by the board of construction. The Florida will be so constructed as to accommodate either the Curtis turbine, the American type, or reciprocating engines, should they be decided upon.

Sale of Absinthe in Switzerland.

Geneva, July 13.—The national referendum on the question of prohibiting the manufacture and sale of absinthe in Switzerland has resulted in a large majority for prohibition. This will involve considerable loss of revenue to the government.

YOUNG GIRL IS MURDERED

Body Found Floating in a Pond

FARMER LEES STRANGE OBJECT

Supposed Bundle of Clothes Proves to be Dead Body of Woman—Was Governess in Prominent Family—Had Not Been Mistreated.

By Wire to The Sun.

Troy, N. Y., July 13.—The body of Miss Isabelle Drew, a beautiful young girl, employed as governess for the family of President Carey Van Pansslaer, of the Polytechnic school, was found in Teal Pond today, by Gilbert Miller, a farmer, who was on his way to market. He had several times seen a strange object out on the pond, but supposed it was a bundle of old clothes flung there by somebody. At last he was led by curiosity to see what the thing was and waded out and drew the body of the girl to the shore.

Miller notified the district attorney of Troy county, and the county detectives this afternoon are in possession of evidence. That Miss Drew, who left her employers' house on July 3 to go to visit her sister in the country was picked up by two men and a woman in an auto that carried no light.

It is believed that in this vehicle the ownership of which it yet shrouded in mystery, the girl met death and her body being afterwards tossed in the pond to cover the crime.

It is said she had not been mistreated.

BUGGY RIDE SPOILS CASE.

Mrs. Donella Loses Suit to Compel Husband to Support Her.

Richmond, Va., July 13.—Mrs. Bertha Donella must henceforth support herself and her two small children without the assistance of her husband, who sent her away a year ago, following a mysterious buggy ride with another man. She preferred charges against him for nonsupport and desertion. Donella was dismissed in the circuit court this afternoon.

The evidence tended to show that the young woman, who, prior to her marriage, was Miss Bertha Hall, of Washington, D. C., had told conflicting stories regarding the buggy ride, which incident was the direct cause of the separation. The jurp took scarcely more than ten minutes to reach a verdict.

NERVES CAUSE SUICIDE.

Despondent Novelty Man Thought Life Not Worth Living.

By Wire to The Sun.

Richmond, Va., July 13.—William Ira Parker, aged 63 years, committed suicide in his room at a boarding house by shooting himself with a revolver. Parker sold novelties in Richmond for many years and had accumulated quite a fortune. His last successful venture was a fortune telling machine.

But he had been despondent for six months. A nervous malady had so worked on his mind that he was ready for any thing promising relief. He stated last night in a conversation with a friend that life was not worth living, and that he intended to kill himself.

Armor Plate Accepted.

Napels, July 13.—The Italian naval authorities have accepted the armor plate furnished under contract by the Midvale Steel Company, for the cruiser San Giorgio, the armor plate having successfully withstood the recent tests.

Contract for Army Socks.

Lynchburg, Va. July 13.—The Lynchburg Hosiery Company has received a contract to supply the government with 300,000 pairs of cotton half hose for the army, to be filled within the next six months.

Found Several Days After Death.

Roanoke, Va., July 13.—Robert A. Swan, a blacksmith, aged 40, was found dead in this room today. He had been dead several days. The coroner gave a verdict of death from alcoholism.