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BIG THING FOR NORTH CAROLINA AND SO. & WEST'N

Big Railroad Man Acquires Valuable Water Front Rights at Southport, N. C.

SOUTH & WESTERN SOLD FOR FIFTY MILLIONS

George L. Carter, the Great Railroad Builder Who, With Thomas F. Ryan Backing Him, is Constructing the South & Western Railway in Western North Carolina, Buys a Frontage of a Mile Along the Atlantic Coast at Southport for Deep-Water Terminal Facilities—Purchases the 45-Mile Line in Eastern North Carolina Known as the N. C. & Va. Terminal Railway and Presides at Meeting of His Company, the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio, Which Buys Formally the South & Western for \$50,000,000.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Bristol, Va., Mar. 24.—George L. Carter, of Bristol, the wealthy railroad builder, mine-owner and capitalist, has just purchased the North Carolina and Virginia Terminal Railroad, a forty-five mile line in eastern North Carolina, and a frontage of nearly a mile along the Atlantic at Southport, N. C.

Carter is interested with Thomas F. Ryan in the building of the South & Western, and Carolina & Clinchfield for the development of the coal land properties in Virginia, West Virginia and eastern Kentucky. Mr. Carter has reorganized the road and will spend a large amount of money in improving it.

At the first annual meeting of the stockholders of the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Railroad, held here yesterday and presided over by President George L. Carter, the purchase of the South & Western, a \$50,000,000 project, backed by Thomas F. Ryan, of New York, was approved. The transfer was formal, both companies being owned by the Thomas F. Ryan and George L. Carter interests.

CROOKEDNESS AND LITTLE ABE INSEPARABLE

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

New York, March 24.—As a result of his investigation of the circumstances surrounding the premature discharge of Abe Hummel from the penitentiary on Blackwell's Island, Commissioner Congrey has written to the state medical hospital, asking that Dr. Philip B. Matz, be transferred to some other institution and another resident physician sent.

Dr. Matz, in explaining the circumstances which have resulted in this request, said:

"I had called up the captain of the health department boat, Thomas M. Mulvey, to take me over earlier than the usual time, that I might get a drug that was urgently needed.

"Hummel saw me going, and I took him along as a favor. He took me in his taxicab to Third Avenue and Fifty-second street, where I left him, got the drug and hurried back to the island." This explanation failed to satisfy the commissioner, who asked that Dr. Matz be replaced.

STORM SWEEPS DOWN A GEORGIA TOWN

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

La Grange, Ga., March 24.—The little community of Salem, Troup county, was visited yesterday afternoon by a terrific wind and rain storm. The Salem church and two dwellings near the town were wrecked. One negro was injured. Telegraph and telephone lines are prostrated.

SURVIVORS OF A SHIPWRECKED CREW IN PORT

(Special Cable to The Times.)

London, March 24.—Fifteen survivors of the wreck of the sailing ship Eclipse, 1,692 tons, have arrived here and are relating one of the strangest tales of shipwreck out of fiction. The Eclipse was on a voyage from Newcastle to San Francisco. She had been at sea eighty-five days when she was overtaken by a terrible hurricane. Lightning lit up the entire sky and the thunder was deafening. Suddenly a meteor fell, striking the fore topmast which fell in splinters to the deck. The meteor struck the deck, crashed through, boring a hole in the hull of the vessel, disappeared into the sea. There was an explosion as the white hot meteor struck the water.

The crew, after extinguishing the fire which resulted from the meteor coming into contact with inflammable cargo, gave attention to the pumps. They worked for four days and nights, resting only an hour at a time. The water gained steadily and Captain Lassen and his crew were forced to take to the boats.

For fifteen days the men suffered in the open craft beneath the scorching sun, laying their course for the Sandwich Islands. Two biscuits and two gills of water formed the daily allowance for each man.

On the thirteenth day adrift three men died. Their bodies were thrown overboard and were immediately devoured by sharks. Some days later land was sighted and the boats finally reached a small island. The exhausted men were cared for by natives and later made their way to Honolulu, thence to London.

FATAL HEAD-ON COLLISION: 2 DOWN BANK

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Burgin, Ky., March 24.—Twelve persons were injured, several fatally, when a passenger and a freight train on the Cincinnati Southern met in a head-on collision three miles north of here today. Both engines were smashed and rolled down a 35-foot embankment, with several coaches.

NATIVE-BORN MECKLENBURGER BLACKHANDERS

(Special to The Times.)

Charlotte, N. C., Mar. 24.—Officers are in the county at this hour seeking for one of the most prominent farmers in Mecklenburg county who is charged with sending a black-hand letter to G. Walter Russel, and for also a well known farmer a little coffin containing putrifying matter, which was left at Russell's door with a letter.

The matter has stirred the county people to great excitement.

BRILLIANT YOUNG PHYSICIAN DIES.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

New York, March 24.—Dr. Bryant Fassett, 28 years old, of Elmira, N. Y., son of J. Sloat Fassett, died early today of kidney trouble, in Roosevelt Hospital.

He came here two weeks ago for treatment but the efforts of the doctors were unavailing. His wife and his father and mother were at his bedside when he expired.

UNEASY MOVE THESE CROWNED HEADS AS THEY TRAVEL ABOUT

Berlin, March 24.—There was a royal exodus from the capital today when Kaiser Wilhelm, the Kaiserin, their

PRINCE WILL GET GRASS WIDOW

Mme. Gould Has Promised to Marry Notorious Frenchman

JUICY GOSSIP MORSELS

The Divorced Wife of the Lecherous Count Boni de Castellane Not Yet Cured of Titled Fortune Hunters and Wants to Wed Cousin of Divorced Husband—Her Brother and Other Members of Family Oppose It, But of Course the "Widow" With All Sorts and Amounts of Money Will Have Her Way.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

New York, March 24.—Having won her consent to wed him, Prince Helle De Sagan today is registered as Bertrand De Fraix, of Paris, at the Bellevue-Stratford in Philadelphia, while Mme. Anne Gould, former wife of Count Boni de Castellane, is in New York pleading with the members of her family for consent to her new matrimonial venture.

That some ground has been gained is probable from the apparently authoritative statement made by friends of the Gould family that Miss Helle Gould has become reconciled to the idea of the match. But there is still the consent of George Gould to be won, and as he is the principal custodian of the millions now lost to Count Boni, that consent is essential.

One of the efforts to placate Mr. Gould is said to have occurred yesterday, when, at the home of Miss Helen Gould, her brother and the would-be Princess Anna met. Just what took place at the family gathering could not be learned, for when Mr. Gould, after some hours, left for his apartments at the Plaza, he absolutely refused to discuss it.

That the Prince De Sagan was not present at the family gathering appears to have been decided on when he dined with Miss Helen and Mme. Anna Gould at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Morse in the Wyoming, for early yesterday he left the Prince George Hotel, where he had made his headquarters since his entrance into the country by way of Quebec, Montreal and the Canadian frontier.

The presence of the prince in Philadelphia is considered to be only part of a plan whereby he will make his headquarters in Washington for the present. Tomorrow morning Mrs. George Gould, and probably Mme. Gould, will leave for the Virginia Hot Springs, and as Washington is but a step away it is considered not at all unlikely that the further courtship, and perhaps the marriage, which will make the former Countess De Castellane the Princess De Sagan, may occur at the southern resort. When the facts of the prince's movements in New York, and especially of his having dined with Miss Helen and Mme. Gould, became known, two formal questions were sent to the former. They were: "Did Mme. Gould dine with Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Morse at the Wyoming?" "She did," was the answer. "Is it known to the Gould family that Prince Helle De Sagan is in the city?"

To the second question Miss Gould (Continued on Second Page.)

MUCH EXCITEMENT IN GREAT BRITAIN OVER MILITARY DUTY BILL

(By Cable to The Times.)

London, March 24.—The bills authorizing national military training which makes every man medically fit a member of the Territorial Army, liable from his eighteenth to his fortieth birthday to short periods of military training, is exciting national interest. This service is practically the same as has been hitherto performed by volunteer forces. The bill is being discussed throughout the kingdom and many protests are heard over the attempt to make every Englishman a soldier in time of peace. The comparisons with the compulsory military service in Germany and other countries are frequent.

fourth son, Prince August, Princess Victoria, many members of his majesty's family and a number of the royal couples' personal friends left Berlin for Venice. The imperial yacht Hohenzollern is awaiting their convenience. Recent terrorist activity in Europe has caused anxiety to the German and Italian police. The party is surrounded by a swarm of secret police.

OFFICERS LINED UP OLD SOAKS

And Ordered Then to Drink All They Could Hold

ONE DRANK TILL HE DIED

Four Others Fell at the Bar and Physicians Are Trying to Save Their Lives—The Big Policeman Who Took This Method of Having Some Fun is Being Hunted By Officers and Will Be Given a Dose of the Law When Caught.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Pittsburg, Pa., March 24.—David Lennix, the big, cross-eyed policeman of the Wylie Avenue district, decided to have some fun in his own way. He assembled a dozen hard-looking cases in the street and chased them into a saloon. Ordering them to line up in front of the bar, he made a speech, as follows:

"I don't think you fellows ever had all the whiskey you wanted in all your lives, but you're going to get it now. You can drink all you'll hold, but the fellow that don't drink ten whiskies, two gins and one beer, gets felled and arrested besides. I pay for everything."

Valiantly the gang tried to drink the whiskey. Harry Thompson was the first to fall in his tracks. He dropped like a dog on his ninth glass and died in the patrol wagon. Four others fell and are in jail with physicians trying to bring them to.

Policeman Lennix has disappeared. It is expected his arrest will be ordered.

JOHNSON MAKES PROMPT DENIAL

Says He Has No Sympathy With "Predatory Interests"

POSITION AS TO TRUSTS

The Scandinavian Northwest intimates He Can Be a "Trust Buster" Too, for Political Purposes, Should It Become Necessary—Replies to Criticism Which "Accused" Him of Being Not Inimical to the Accumulation of Wealth.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Minneapolis, Minn., March 24.—Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, criticizes Charles Edward Russell in an interview regarding charges made against him by Russell in the April number of Everybody's Magazine, in which Johnson is accused of having no intention of becoming active against "intrenched privilege" and with entertaining no grievance against "wealthy malefactors."

Governor Johnson says in reply: "The article is entirely mistaken as to my position regarding trusts and associated evils that afflict the country. Whether it is purposely mistaken or not I cannot attempt to say. The attitude ascribed to me is absolutely untrue.

"As is generally known from my many public utterances on this very question, I have no sympathy with so-called predatory interests."

BALTO. CONFERENCE SOUTHERN M. E. CHURCH

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Baltimore, Md., March 24.—Bishop Alpheus W. Wilson, with all the pastors of Southern Methodist Churches in the city and about a score of the laymen, left here this morning to attend the Baltimore annual conference of the denomination at Roanoke.

The indications are that the sessions will be fully as interesting as those in the past and on account of the expiration of time limits at important charges, will mean a trying session for the bishop and the presiding elders in making up the schedule of appointments.

HEAVY RAINFALL WORKS DAMAGE

Rivers With Scare-Indian Names Rush Over Banks

R'Y TRACKS IN WATER

Flood Warnings Sent Out—A Big Landslide On Louisville & Nashville Reported—Washouts Delay Traffic and the Worst is Yet to Come, it is Feared—Serious Situation On Account of Excessive Rain in Alabama.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Mobile, Ala., March 24.—Mobile and vicinity was visited by an unusual heavy rainfall during the last forty-eight hours, the total for this period reaching the high mark of 6.19 inches. The lowlands in and around the city were completely inundated and in some instances damage was threatened to household goods on low floors.

A report reached the city this morning of a landslide on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad at Pinchona, a small station twenty miles north of here. Heavy rains in the interior have caused the Tombigbee and Black Warrior rivers to leave their banks and flood warnings have been sent out.

The railroad situation is somewhat improved. The tracks of the Mobile & Ohio between Mobile and Meridian, Miss., are reported cleared. The Mobile, Jackson & Kansas City traffic was delayed by a washout five miles out of the city which resulted in an extra freight train being ditched.

The Louisville & Nashville, which suffered several washouts between Mobile and Montgomery, has succeeded in repairing most of the damage and trains are expected to reach the city today. A freight train on this road ran into a washout at Dyers Creek, Ala., Sunday night and ditched twenty-two cars. Several trains were bunched at this washout yesterday. The passengers were transferred. The eastern mail which reaches this city over the Louisville & Nashville, has been delayed since Sunday night. This mail is expected to reach here today. This morning the weather is partly cloudy though further rain is hardly anticipated. No casualties are reported.

Railway Traffic Stopped at Pensacola. Pensacola, Fla., March 24.—No trains have gone north from Pensacola or come into the city since Sunday night, owing to the big washouts on the Louisville & Nashville near Centary.

Although it was given out by the railroad officials that traffic would be resumed by six o'clock last night this has not been done, probably due to the fact that throughout the afternoon yesterday there was a steady downpour of rain, which not only prevented work in rebuilding the washed-out track but carried away work that had been accomplished by the big forces of men sent to the point.

Trains may possibly be able to pass the washouts this morning.

INQUEST OVER BODY OF ANARCHIST WHO SOUGHT LIFE OF CHIEF

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Chicago, Ill., March 24.—Chief of Police Shippy, his wife and his son will be the principal witnesses today at the inquest of Lazarus Averbuch, the anarchist killed by the chief on March 2. Friends of the dead youth now assert he only wanted Chief Shippy to sign some sort of passport to enable him to leave the city to go to Iowa.

GEORGIA DELEGATES TO PEOPLE'S PARTY NAT'L CONVENTION

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Atlanta, Ga., March 24.—In the senate chamber of the state capitol the executive committee of the People's Party of Georgia met this morning for the purpose of naming delegates to the national convention. The meeting was well attended. A committee of five was named to select the delegates to the St. Louis convention. A recess was then taken to permit the committee to complete its work.

La. Primary Law Unconstitutional. (By Leased Wire to The Times) New Orleans, March 24.—Judge King declares the primary law unconstitutional.

DR. HAIGH DEAD AT FAYETTEVILLE;

MEDICAL DEAN

(Special to The Times.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Mar. 24.—Dr. Thomas Devereaux Haigh, long dean of the medical profession here, passed away peacefully last night at 9 o'clock at his home on Haymount. He had been gradually sinking for several days. He was 76 years of age and retired from practice but a few years ago.

Donald McDonald, who shot and badly wounded Henry Bruner Saturday night week, has instituted habeas corpus proceedings against his wife for the custody of their children. The matter will be heard before Judge Long at 4 o'clock.

A special venire of a hundred men has been summoned in the case of Sam Murchison alias Melvin, the negro who killed Chief of Police Jas. H. Benton, and the trial will begin tomorrow morning. The court assigned as counsel for the defense, E. G. Davis and H. L. Brothers. City Attorney J. Sprunt Newton appears with the solicitor for the prosecution.

A telegram received here this afternoon announces the death in Baltimore today of Mr. Mike Polb, one of the most prominent merchants of this city. The advice says he was found dead in bed at the hotel Cashwell. This has cast a gloom over the entire city, as Mr. Polb was universally esteemed by all who knew him.

CONDITION OF GOVERNOR GUILD

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Boston, Mass., March 24.—At 8:30 a. m. Governor Guild is holding his own, but his condition is one that cannot last indefinitely. A change for the better or worse must come soon.

NEW WARSHIP WILL BE NAMED THE FLORIDA

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, March 24.—It was said at the white house that shortly before his illness the late Senator Bryan, of Florida, asked the president that one of the new battleships be named in honor of that state. The president did not give a conclusive answer, but it is announced that in view of Mr. Bryan's untimely death the president has decided to name one of the new ships the Florida, thus honoring the late senator's request.

One of the monitors built five years ago is named the Florida, but the name of that vessel will probably be changed.

HOBSON STICKS TO IT THERE'LL BE 4 NEW SHIPS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, March 24.—Although Representative Tawney, chairman of the appropriations committee of the house, says no, Representative Hobson declares that there will be four big battleships voted this session. Captain Hobson was at the white house today and when he left said: "We'll get four battleships, no matter what other gentlemen may say. We ought to name one of them after Utah, for I think that after Florida is honored, the list of states will have been exhausted. I would be in favor of naming one of the battleships after the Constitution. It is a name that should be preserved in our navy."

WHOLESALEERS IN FREIGHT FIGHT

They Meet and Organize to Aid Retail Dealers

DURHAM FIRST TO ACT

Important Step Taken Last Night at Durham By the Wholesale Dealers Which is Expected to Aid the Retailers in the Combined Fight for Better Freight Rates and Facilities—Coming to Raleigh Next Month in Force.

(Special to The Evening Times.)

Durham, N. C., March 24.—The wholesale merchants of Durham met last night and organized for the purpose of aiding the retail merchants in their fight for better freight rates. This is the first action taken by the wholesalers. Some months ago Winston and Durham retail merchants began almost simultaneously a fight for those rates. They took the matter up before the corporation commission, and in a meeting of the city council, they would have had municipal aid had this action been constitutional. It was desired by the local merchants to appropriate money to help the cause and the aldermen of Durham were eager for it. But an ordinance stood in the way of it and the association is aiding the matter by individual subscription. Up to the present the wholesale merchants have had no organization, although they have not announced their officers, a good working piece of machinery was started in operation last night and from now on the wholesalers will be in the contest. The association will be composed of the Thomas-White Company, Slade-Perry Company, B. L. Tyree Company, E. H. Lawrence Company, Southern Pure Food Company, A. J. Draughan, and Allen-Owens Company.

When the matter comes up before the corporation commission in Raleigh on the 26th of this month, the wholesale and retail merchants of Durham will go down and use their power before this body. As has been frequently referred to, the fight is against the Norfolk & Western Railway, and was instituted by the merchants of Durham and later Winston-Salem was made a party to the suit. The merchants will contest the case to the end on account of freight rate discriminations. The legislature has appropriated \$5,000 to carry on the fight and if more is needed the merchants of several cities of North Carolina will take a part.

PROHIBITION WORKING WELL DOWN IN GEORGIA

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, Mar. 24.—From observation and inquiries while in Augusta, Ga., last week, "said Nathan P. Odell, of San Francisco, in passing through this city, "I have reached the conclusion that prohibition in that state is to become a permanent institution. The Georgians are well pleased with the situation thus far. Prohibition is popular because it deprives the negroes and the mill hands of liquor. Heretofore this class has spent considerable money for drink, but since prohibition went into effect much of the money thus spent is turned over to the family. One curious result of the abolition of bar-rooms is the establishment of five-cent theatres. The towns of Georgia are full of such places of amusement.

"The prohibition law is being strictly observed in many of the towns, I am told. At the fashionable hotels the guests are deprived of wine or other intoxicants. All in all, the situation seemingly is very satisfactory.

HINDOOS PROTEST AGAINST EXPULSION

(By Cable to The Times.)

Vancouver, B. C., March 4.—An excited assemblage of 100 Hindoos met in the Sikh temple here and after protesting against expulsion and deportation sent protest to John Morley, secretary for India.