

Weather.

Washington, May 24—Forecast for North Carolina for tonight and Tuesday; Fair tonight, Tuesday, fair.

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GEORGIA ROAD IS COMPLETELY TIED UP BY STRIKE

Has Moved no Trains Over Its Own Lines Since Saturday.

AGREEMENT PROBABLE

Georgia Railroad Unable to Move Any Trains Over Its Own Lines and Believed That An Agreement With Strikers Will Be Reached Today—Tie-up Has Been Absolute Since Midnight Saturday Night—Road Has Sent Out Several Freight Trains Over Other Lines But None Over Its Own System—No Disorder Since Saturday—People Sympathize With Strikers.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Atlanta, Ga., May 24—Governor Hoke Smith today called upon the officials of the Georgia Railroad and the officers of the firemen's organization to name three citizens each to act as an arbitration committee to endeavor to bring about a peaceable settlement of the strike. It is expected that the committee will be named at once and that its first meeting will be held this afternoon or tonight.

Attorney General Hart, who made a trip over the Georgia Railroad Saturday morning, has returned to Atlanta by another route and reports to Governor Smith that conditions along the lines are serious but he believes the strikers are willing to agree to a settlement upon reasonable terms. Meanwhile the engineers the remaining passive, refusing to take out their engines with negro firemen on them because of the danger of injury from stoning and other means of attack along the road.

Atlanta, Ga., May 24—It is believed that before tonight an agreement will have been brought about between the officials of the Georgia Railroad and its striking white firemen. All the possible agencies of mediation are at work and in view of the inability of the railroad to maintain even a semblance of service over its lines it is believed that they will meet with success.

Since midnight Saturday the tie-up has been absolute, not a wheel turning on the main line and only one train having moved each on two unimportant branch lines of the Georgia. Superintendent Terrell, of the railway mail service, has diverted all mails from points beyond Augusta and Atlanta by way of the Seaboard Air Line and this morning the Georgia Railroad sent out ten trains of freight over other railroads—four via the Southern, four via the Central of Georgia, and two via the Seaboard Air Line. All this freight, which was billed from western points, to points east of Augusta, has been accumulating in the yards of the Georgia Railroad here since the strike went into effect. This action on the part of the Georgia Railroad officials is taken as an indication that they have no hope of resuming traffic over their own lines today or within the next few days.

The freight moved this morning over the competing lines was all shifted out by Georgia Railroad crews with negro firemen, but there was no demonstration on the part of the strikers, they having no desire to balk any such movement.

There has been no disorder since Saturday night, the total stoppage of train service having removed all excuses for it. In fact, it is admitted that such demonstrations as have taken place since the strike began have been by the citizens along the line of the railroad and that the strikers themselves have kept away from the railroad property.

The peculiar situation has arisen in this strike, by reason of the element of race controversy injected into it, that the strikers have had the country people to a unit behind them and it is believed that the firemen will win out and owe their victory wholly to this fact.

Federal Board Takes a Hand. Washington, May 24—In response to appeals to the federal board of mediation to use its efforts to settle the strike of white firemen on the Georgia Railroad, Charles P. Neill, commissioner of labor, a member of the board, will leave for Atlanta today. This decision followed a conference here between Commissioner Neill and Martin A. Knapp, chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission, who is also a member of the board of mediation under the Erdman act. The board was appealed to by both sides to the controversy, with a view to adjusting, if possible, the difficulties which have grown out of the employment of negro firemen by the railroad.

General Manager Scott of the Georgia Railroad, telegraphed to Chairman Knapp that the officers of the board would be glad to have the board of mediation use its efforts to settle the trouble. Telegrams also were received by the board from persons representing the striking firemen, indicating their willingness to have the board take up the matter with a view to reaching an amicable conclusion.

It was decided today that Commissioner Neill should confer at Atlanta with representatives of both sides. Owing to important business before the Interstate Commerce Commission, Chairman Knapp will be unable to accompany him. It is likely that Mr. Neill may go from Atlanta to Augusta.

Road Declines. Augusta, Ga., May 24—General Manager T. K. Scott, of the Georgia Railroad, has declined to reply to Governor Smith's proposition for the selection of a mediation committee by the railroad officials and their striking firemen.

No trains have been moved over the Georgia Railroad from here today. Thirty strike-breakers, said to be professionals, came in this morning and it is understood an effort will be made this afternoon to run a train out of Augusta.

The Chamber of Commerce directors have offered their good offices toward an amicable settlement. Vice President Ball, of the Firemen's Union, says if the other roads continue to handle freight for the Georgia Railroad he will call a meeting of the general board in effort to order strike on those roads also.

Cotton Exchange to Close May 29-31. (By Leased Wire to The Times) New Orleans, La., May 24—The cotton exchange here will be closed on May 29 and 31.

BEFORE THE COMMISSION

Headlight Bill the Subject of Controversy.

Atlantic Coast Line and Norfolk & Southern Ask Absolute Exemption. Seaboard and Southern Ask Relief on Certain Lines—Sanford Wants New Union Passenger Station.

The office of the North Carolina corporation commission was a place of unusual activity this morning. A large number of citizens from Morganton, Sanford, and representatives of the Southern, Seaboard, and Atlantic Coast Line were also present in abundance.

The first matter taken up was the question of moving the freight depot in Morganton. This case is one of strictly local interest. The case was gone into carefully and in detail.

The most important matter before the commission was the petition of the Atlantic Coast Line, asking to be relieved from the requirements of the "headlight bill" passed by the legislature of 1909. The law requires that every road having 125 miles of road in the state must be equipped with electric headlights unless exempted by the North Carolina corporation commission. The Atlantic Coast Line asked that it be exempted from the provisions of the act for the following reasons:

First, an electric headlight increases the danger of having collisions. It has been shown conclusively that one tenth of the people of the world are afflicted with astigmatism and that the white glare of an electric searchlight on switch targets and other signal lights produces color-blindness, and it is harder for an engineer to make out the signals than with an oil head-light.

Second, the Atlantic Coast Line is equipped with oil headlights and they have proven entirely satisfactory. There has not been a head-on collision (which the engineers claim the electric headlight will help prevent) on the Coast Line for 15 years. The Coast Line is practically straight. It has no crooked road and it is almost absolutely level. No point of the road is over 150 feet above the sea-level and at no point is there a grade greater than one per cent. In a hilly country, with heavy grades and crooked road-bed, the electric headlight, shining in the tree-tops and far overhead, will undoubtedly be a safeguard, giving notice of trains on the track from afar off.

Third, the electric headlight has been tried and found wanting. As great a system as the Pennsylvania lines tried the electric headlight for (Continued on Page Two.)

ADJOURNMENT CAN HARDLY BE HAD BEFORE JULY

Senator Aldrich Will From Time to Time Push the Matter.

THE LUMBER SCHEDULE

Vote on Lumber Schedule of the Tariff Bill Will Probably Be Taken Wednesday—Three Important Amendments to Be Offered—Senator Aldrich Introduces Resolution Directing Committee on Public Expenditures to Investigate Annual Revenues—Senator Owen Calls Attention to Sugar-Trust Scandal, Shows Evil Influence of Protective Tariff.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, May 24—Senator Aldrich will, from time to time, renew his request for unanimous consent to fix a time for taking a final vote on the tariff bill. The refusal to obtain this consent for June 2 makes it practically impossible for congress to adjourn on June 29, as President Taft predicted. Even if a week later, only, should be decided upon, the three weeks which will be required to get the bill out of conference will prolong the session until July 1. This now appears to be the generally accepted time for the adjournment.

Senator Aldrich hopes to be able to reach a vote on the lumber schedule of the tariff bill next Wednesday, which will allow three days this week to the consideration of the subject. There will be three important amendments offered and voted upon before the duty is determined. The Piles-Simmons amendments fix the duty at \$2 a thousand feet. This probably will be defeated by a narrow margin, as will also the McCumber amendment to place all grades of lumber on the free list. It seems likely that a compromise amendment placing the duty at \$1.50 a thousand will be adopted by the senate. This is 50 cents a thousand more than the house bill provides and 50 cents less than the present law.

The senate met at 10 o'clock this morning. Senator Aldrich offered a resolution directing the committee on public expenditures to investigate the annual revenues and expenditures and the business methods of the government. The resolution authorizes the committee to summon witnesses and procure the necessary papers. The report is to be made to the senate.

Senator Owen directed the attention of the senate this morning to the sugar trust scandal in New York by having the clerk read a long article published yesterday in a local paper purporting to be an exposure of the sugar trust methods of defrauding the government. Commenting on the subject Senator Owen said that this expose shows the evil, and insidious consequences of the building up of these corporations by the so-called protective tariff. He declared that the sugar trust is drying up sources of information upon which the people depend. The case has not been mentioned in any of the New York newspapers, he observed, but on the other hand the sugar trust has printed full advertisements.

Senator Root addressed the senate in favor of maintaining the Dingley differential duty on dressed lumber. Senator Heyburn then resumed his argument in favor of the existing duty on all grades of lumber.

While he was speaking there were less than fifteen senators in the chamber. The senator soon stopped abruptly in his speech and surveying the empty seats declared he was "weary of talking when no one listened." He said he wished senators to hear what he had to say and demanded a call of the senate.

GROOM-ELECT SUICIDES.

Marriage Arranged for This Afternoon—Young Man Takes His Life. (By Leased Wire to The Times) Brockton, Mass., May 24—With his marriage to Miss Florence Adams, of Elmwood, arranged for this afternoon and with a home furnished, ready for occupancy, Charles B. Russell, of this city, took his life by shooting today. Russell was 24 years of age and was employed by a local shoe firm. It is believed that worry and overwork led to the suicide.

CLASS DAY AT THE B. U. W. GREATLY ENJOYED TODAY

Portrait of Dr. Vann Presented to University by the Students

THE BEST DAY YET

Baptists Have Great Day At the University Class Day Exercises—Seniors Seen At Their Best, Mixing Fun and Frolic With Other Things, Exercises This Morning Were Very Beautiful—Handsome Life-size Portrait of Dr. Vann Presented to the University by the Seniors and Student Body—The Other Exercises of the Day.

The very name "Class Day" carries with it thoughts of class songs, class poems, prophecies and histories, winding daisy chains and shining tendrils of ivy.

The exercises at the Baptist University each year are always the most interesting of commencement. It is the day when the seniors are seen at their best in fun and frolic with a little of the serious mixed in as well as they think of the parting with their Alma Mater so close at hand.

In the words of the closing song this morning, it is the day when "The parting hour is falling; I hear the wide world calling; The last word must be spoken; The sacred tie be broken."

The exercises this morning were the most beautiful of any Class Day in the history of the university. Added to the usual interesting features there was a presentation of a gift to the university that carried with it the love and devotion not only of the senior class but of the whole student body—a handsome life-size portrait of the beloved president, Dr. R. T. Vann. It was painted in oils by Mr. Jacques Busbee, of this city.

It was presented by Miss Helen Hilliard in a manner whose earnestness spoke of the feeling behind the spoken words. In leaving this gift, the class wished to leave not only a memento of love and loyalty but a gift that would bless and strengthen all other girls as Dr. Vann had strengthened them. They presented it to the university because they wished to express their love and the feelings of the people of North Carolina, who appreciate the love and sacrifice with which Dr. Vann has labored for the university.

It was accepted by Mr. W. N. Jones, president of the board of trustees on behalf of the trustees, the faculty, the student body and all friends of the university. He felt that it was the most appropriate gift the class could have given. It is nine years since Dr. Vann was made president of the university. At that time he said, "If you think I'll do, I'll try, I'm willing to do all I can for the institution, in fact I'm ready to die to make it go."

That is the spirit with which he undertook the work and with which it has gone forward ever since. It is an appropriate way to link the name and future of Dr. Vann with the institution. Mr. Jones felt the young ladies had done a noble thing in bringing this memento to a living man.

As the soft green velvet curtain was swept back from the portrait by the hand of little Elizabeth Vann and the familiar features of Dr. Vann looked out from the canvas there was a hush over the audience, and many eyes were dimmed by tears.

The presentation came at the close of the exercises in the chapel, which were marked by their unusual beauty and class spirit.

With Miss Harriet Day, at the piano, the exercises began with a daisy chain procession. The daisy, the class flower, twined with the ivy, for remembrance, formed a heavy chain borne on the shoulders of the sophomores. Leading the procession came Miss Margaret Bright bearing the college banner. Miss Applewhite, the senior faculty member, with the senior flag of green and Prof. Watson, faculty member of the sophomore class, with the sophomore flag of blue, followed close after. As the sophomores with the daisy chain divided ranks in the aisle, the seniors passed through to the platform—fourteen in number, wearing braided dresses of white rep, each one alike, they made a charming picture. The exercises were presided over by Miss Martha Lawrence in a most charming and graceful manner. In a short address of welcome she bade

the friends welcome to the exercises that were marking the entrance to a larger life for them. In introducing the different members of the class she had just the right word to say.

The address of welcome was followed by the song "The White and Green." The songs were unusually catchy and pretty, and there being a number of good singers in the class, they were sung with a spirit that gave them life.

Miss Hattie Sue Hale an historian gave the history of the class in a natural yet original way. The history having been unconsciously related in her hearing by the college skeleton and the force pump. The discourse was full of the doings of this wonderful class, its trials and failures and triumphs, and it was noted they were mostly triumphs, as evidenced by thirteen out of fourteen of the class graduating with the coveted "cum laude."

Miss Vivian Gray Betts as poet recited the class poem in a bright and graceful manner. It was a catchy little thing, telling of the doings of the seniors, who,

"As a court of last resort Might fall back on man."

Miss Lula Howard proved herself to be wiser than the oracle of Delphi, for she undertook to foretell the future of the 20th century woman.

The prophecy was followed by a quartet, "Sweet and Low", sung by Misses Marshall, Hale, Potent, and Hilliard.

In the will, read by Miss Katherine Staples, many things of significance to the college girls was willed by this outgoing class.

An offertory in A was played on the organ by Miss Fannie Futull. This was followed by the presentation of gifts to the classes, the crook, the all-important crook, the crook that has cost the juniors many sleepless hours, and if truth be told the seniors as well, was gracefully handed down to the junior class by Miss Grace Rogers, who in presenting it told something of its history and significance. Presented by the class of 1906 it had been safely guarded by every class but 1907, who had let it be captured by the juniors, so it bore the class colors of 1906, lavender, and of (Continued on Page Two.)

COTTON MEN MEET

Thirteenth Annual Meeting in Virginia Capital.

King Cotton Will Hold Full Sway in Richmond This Week—American Cotton Manufacturers Association Will Hold Two Days' Session.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Richmond, Va., May 24—"King Cotton" will hold full sway in this city this week. The occasion will be the thirteenth annual meeting of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association, which will begin its sessions here tomorrow and conclude its work on Wednesday. Thousands of delegates are expected from many sections of the country. Contributions to the world's knowledge concerning cotton spindles of which there are now millions in the southern states, where they once were scarce and how cotton goods are manufactured in the great mills of the country will be reviewed. The convention will be called to order at 10 o'clock tomorrow at the Jefferson Hotel by T. H. Rennie, president of the association. An address of welcome will be delivered by the mayor, D. C. Richardson. President Rennie afterwards will make his annual address, in which he will review the strides which the cotton industry has made during the year.

Addresses will follow by R. L. McKellar, assistant freight traffic manager of the Southern Railway on "Development of Foreign Cotton Goods Trade"; W. A. G. Clark, special agent department of commerce and labor, on "Cotton Waste Manufacture"; August W. Smith, "Baling and Handling Cotton"; D. A. Tompkins, of Charlotte, "The Tariff on Cotton Textiles". The day will be concluded with the presentation of a report of the committee on cotton exchanges by E. A. Smyth, and a smoker given by the chamber of commerce and the municipality in the auditorium of the Jefferson.

BOY OR GIRL, WHICH?

Four of One and One of the Other—Father Gasp.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Syracuse, N. Y., May 24—"Is it a boy or a girl?" John Hale, of Collamer, asked the nurse.

"Four of them are boys and one is a girl," was the answer that made John Hale gasp.

The quintuplets were all perfectly formed and seemingly healthy. In the absence of sufficient natural nourishment, however, it became necessary to administer cows milk and three of them died as the result. The two survivors are doing "fine."

BACCALAUREATE SERMONS AT FOUR SCHOOLS SUNDAY

Commencements At A. and M., Peace, St. Marys and B. U. W.

FINE SERMONS PREACHED

Dr. C. W. Byrd Addressed the A. & M. Students on the "Fullness of Life," Rev. R. W. Hogue Spoke on Practical Acceptance of Christianity At St. Mary's—Dr. Neil Anderson Preached to the Graduates of Peace on the Necessity of Obedience to Christ—Dr. E. Y. Mullins Delivered An Impressive Sermon on the Dignity of Service At First Baptist Church.

Yesterday four commencements began in this city with the preaching of four baccalaureate sermons. The sermon before the graduates of the North Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical College was preached at the Pullen Memorial Hall by Dr. Charles W. Byrd, of Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. Richard W. Pogue addressed the graduates of St. Mary's in the chapel at St. Mary's; Dr. Neil T. Anderson, of Winston-Salem, preached the sermon for Peace at the First Presbyterian church, while Dr. E. Y. Mullins, of Louisville, Ky., addressed the girls of the Baptist University for Women at the First Baptist church.

A. and M. College. The graduating class of the A. & M. College was particularly fortunate in their choice of a preacher to deliver the baccalaureate sermon yesterday morning. Pullen auditorium was filled by an interested audience, who were delighted with Dr. Charles W. Byrd, of Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. Byrd is a North Carolinian by birth, having been reared in Harnett county and having been a preacher in the North Carolina Methodist Conference for a number of years.

He had come to preach a simple gospel sermon, he said, hoping there would be some thoughts to make the young men stronger for life.

Taking his text from the verse "Seek ye me and ye shall live," he preached just such a sermon as was calculated to bring help to young men leaving college for a broader life. It was full of earnest thoughts that would follow one through life.

There were two things necessary in considering the text. To get a clear understanding of what it means to live and what it means to seek God and in finding him, find life.

There have been numerous definitions as to what life is. The definition of Drummond, that "life is correspondence with environments" though by no means adequate, will yet furnish a basis for the address.

Fullness of life means complete correspondence with environments. Above all it means correspondence of spiritual nature with God's truth. There are very few people in the world that live. Few have fullness of life of any kind. Many live just for material things. Men and women all around us live on the outside of things. They have no wings of imagination with which to fly, so they are cut off from all things that are highest and best.

Then there are men of high feelings, fire and enthusiasm who have been lifted out of the material and learned to live because they have come in touch with spiritual things. These are the men who have taught us to live. No one who looks at our civilization with discerning eye but sees something it lacks. It needs the touch of life, the manhood and womanhood that has learned to live in the highest sense of the word. What would it mean to civilization and society if every nook and corner were filled with men who had learned to live. It is not the privilege of the few, even the lowest have in them that which might awaken. Spirituality is God. All men are sons of God, and to come to consciousness of fullness of sonship is life in its fullness.

What does it mean to seek God and to find him? "Most people think it is to seek His favor to get out of trouble. To seek God is to seek His nature and enter into fellowship with Him.

Take Christ into your life and it will be rounded and complete, such as God would have it be. Obey Christ, find spirituality and find life in God's plan.

We need to come out of the shadow (Continued on Page Eight.)