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RAILROAD TALK

IS IN THE AIR

Norfolk Southern May Go Behind Tracks Next To Seaboard to Union Depot

WHAT MIGHT BE DONE

In Event Property Is Found Too Extensive, Norfolk Southern May Connect With Raleigh and Southport Tracks From Another Direction—Much Speculation Rife as to Corporations Behind Great Railroad Deals Last Week—Through Fine Territory.

The Norfolk Southern Railroad, which last week acquired the Durham & Charlotte, the Raleigh & Southport and the Aberdeen & Asheboro railroad properties, has secured options on property just west of the Seaboard Air Line's main line, and may soon have its own tracks to the union depot. The proposed line will extend from the freight depot on the corner of Jones and Sanders streets to the union station, the tracks of the Norfolk Southern to parallel those of the Seaboard. Much excavation would be necessary from Jones to Morgan streets, as the bed of the road is at least 30 feet lower than Hillsboro street.

With the securing of property along this route, the problem of the dry bridge over the Seaboard on Hillsboro street should be simplified. The bridge will necessarily have to be made lower and a new one would be erected, it is inferred, to take the place of the present structure, which has been pronounced none too safe. The Raleigh & Southport, acquired last week by the Norfolk Southern, has tracks in use to the main line of the Southern Railway and has the right to enter the union depot on the Southern's rails. By extending its track through the heart of the city, the Norfolk Southern could connect with the Raleigh & Southport, and this may be done.

If the Norfolk Southern should find after thorough investigation that it could reach the tracks of the Raleigh & Southport by another and less expensive route, it would doubtless do so, in which event it would waive its options on property on the west side of the Seaboard tracks. Nothing is known as to the road's plans, however, and what might be written is merely speculation.

The purchase by the Norfolk Southern of three railroads has led to much speculation. A number of persons seem to think that the Norfolk & Western Railroad, which is controlled in part at least by the Pennsylvania Railroad, is behind the scheme. In such an event the deal would appear bigger than it really is, which is saying a whole lot. It is almost certain that the owners of the Aberdeen & Asheboro will extend its line from Asheboro to High Point, a short distance, and from there to Winston-Salem and Greensboro. The Norfolk Southern corporation, with its acquired lines, controls the cream of North Carolina territory, and it is natural to infer that it will continue to expand.

NOTED TRIAL JUDGE DROPS DEAD TODAY

(Special to The Times.)
Durham, Nov. 20.—Justice D. C. Gunter, the best known trial magistrate of this county for many years, dropped dead this morning in his office on Main street. He had been ill but little previously. Nearly all of his life had been spent in Durham and he was seventy-one when he died.

He figured often in politics and until establishment of the recorder's court here, was a busy man as a court officer. He leaves a large family all of whom live in the city.

AN INSPECTION RAID

Orton Cafe Raided By Squad of Police

Officers Enter Orton Cafe and Find Quantities of Beer and Some Whiskey—Cafe in Basement of Orton Hotel—Three Other "Near-Beer" Places Raided.

(Special to The Times.)
Wilmington, Nov. 20.—Acting under the authority of the search ordinance, the police made their first downtown inspection Saturday evening when they visited the Orton Cafe, in the basement of the Orton Hotel. They found about 50 bottles of beer and one bottle of whiskey. The inspection was made about 8:15 o'clock and attracted much attention. The sidewalk in front of the cafe became so congested that Sergeant Howell, who was in charge of the raiding party, finally closed the door and pulled down the curtain over the window.

The Orton Cafe is a separate establishment from the Orton Hotel and secures its name from the fact that it is located in the basement of the hotel building. It is noted that the place is rented by Mr. A. A. Doer and is operated by Mr. C. E. Richter. The officers making the inspection were Sergeant Howell and Officers W. G. Brinkley and M. L. Moore.

Continuing the policy of inspecting suspected "near-beer" places, three places were visited by a squad of police Saturday night. One of these was Mr. Mack Godwin's cafe on Princess street, and Chief of Police Fowler reported that sixteen barrels of beer was found. However, Mr. (Continued on Page Seven.)

GOVERNMENT TAKES VIGOROUS STAND

Washington, Nov. 20.—Determined to stamp out filibustering expeditions against Mexico, Secretary of War Stimson today authorized General Duncan, commanding the department of Texas, to enforce the neutrality laws with vigor and to move the troops under his command within divisional limits without waiting orders from the department. Secretary Stimson also informed General Duncan that he would not lack for all the cavalry and infantry needed to prevent the organization of expeditions against Mexico. No additional troops have yet been ordered to Texas, however.

Reyes Denies Charge.
San Antonio, Nov. 20.—Blaming President Madero, of Mexico, for the charges of violating the neutrality law, General Bernardo Reyes was arraigned here today. He declared the charges were groundless. He said he would remain in San Antonio until vindicated.

CANADA IS REPENTANT.

Acted Rashly Because of Annexation Bugbear, Says Prominent Editor.
Chicago, Nov. 20.—Editor Macdonald, of the Toronto Globe and a prominent liberal, says Canada is sorry she rejected reciprocity. "The people have returned to sober thinking and regret their action," he said. "The voters were swayed by the un-intelligent emotion of the crowd by the annexation of hugar was the blame for all. The people were swept away and acted rashly. They are now in a repentant mood."

TRUST BREAKING RECORD.

Number of Prosecutions for the Taft Administration.
Washington, Nov. 20.—The Taft administration promises to break the Roosevelt trust prosecution record. During the past five months more actions against alleged illegal combinations have been begun than in the entire term of any other president except Roosevelt.

With fifteen months yet to run, the number of prosecutions of the Taft administration nearly equals the total for Roosevelt's seven years.

CACEROS ASSASSINATED.

President of an Domingo Killed by Political Malcontents.
San Domingo, Nov. 20.—President Ramon Caceres was assassinated by political malcontents yesterday afternoon. No uprising followed.

The kleptomaniac seems to take things for granted.

Shooting Show Girls On Trial.



Reading from left to right are: Mrs. Edith Conrad, W. E. D. Stokes and Miss Lillian Graham.
New York, Nov. 20.—Edith Conrad, the young actress, born Lewis, shooting W. E. D. Stokes, the millionaire hotel owner and socialist, were placed in trial today in the Court of General Sessions, charged with feloniously committing the murder of the young actress. The shooting took place in the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria, New York, on Saturday night, Nov. 18, 1911. The shooting was the result of a quarrel between the two. Stokes was shot in the chest and died of his wounds on Sunday, Nov. 19, 1911.

INVESTIGATORS ARE PROBING STEEL TRUST

Washington, Nov. 20.—The grand jury investigating the steel trust has resumed its inquiry today. The line of inquiry may lead to a search for all of the trusts and the transportation facilities of the trust. It is also reported that 29 cases are on file in the office of the grand jury.

THE STEEL TRUST.

Steel Trust Cannot Deny to Finance of Hearing Now That Government Has Started Inquiry.
Washington, D. C., Nov. 20.—The United States Steel Corporation today made objection to the grand jury investigating the steel trust in the continuation of the hearing of the government's case against the Steel Corporation. The grand jury is to continue the hearing today to inquire into the steel trust. The grand jury at once went into executive session.

After lengthy deliberations the committee decided to postpone further consideration of the objection until the assembling of the full grand jury.

WILL SELL DREDGE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

United States Marshal Claudius Dockery will leave for Beaufort tomorrow for the purpose of selling at public auction on Wednesday a large steam dredge, No. A, which belongs to Mr. Edwin Mitchell of Brooklyn, N. Y., who was unable to carry out his contract with the government for digging a certain part of the inland waterways canal. The dredge is said to have cost \$100,000.
Mr. Mitchell, who is about 80 years old, had some difficulty in securing the great machine and before he had started to earning money his creditors began foreclosing and forced him to suspend work. His indebtedness, aside from his private fortune, is about \$30,000. The government cancelled his contract after his creditors had made this course necessary and the dredge will be sold by order of the court to satisfy the creditors.

COMPLETE PEACE REIGNS IN VENEZUELA

Caracas, Nov. 20.—Complete peace reigns in Venezuela. The revolution has been suppressed and the government is in control of the situation.

WILSON ATTACK REARST.

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WILL MEET THIS WEEK

The State Convention of Librarians to Convene

President J. P. Breedlove, Librarian at Trinity College, will preside. The convention will hold all of its meetings in the public library, which has the distinction of being the only one in North Carolina supported solely by the community in which it is situated. About forty delegates are expected.

SECRETARY EARNST MESSAGE

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BATH TUB CASE.

Detroit, Nov. 20.—It was announced today the government's criminal case against the bath tub trust, firms and individuals, will begin in the federal court here January 20.

BAKER GOES BEFORE SENATE COMMITTEE

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