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WORK BEGINS ON EXTENSION

Believed Seaboard Will Push Into Territory of Norfolk Southern and Coast Line

ACTION IS EXPECTED

Not Thought Likely That Coast Line Will Allow Seaboard to Enter Its Territory Without Retaliation—Raleigh Objective Point of Coast Line and Goldsboro of Seaboard—Fifty Hands at Work on Atlantic & Western.

That the Seaboard Air Line intends to cut across into territory occupied by the Atlantic Coast Line and the Norfolk Southern is inferred from the fact that a force is at work on the extension of the Atlantic & Western, believed to be controlled by the Seaboard, from Broadway to Lillington, a distance of 18 miles. Fifty hands, a steam shovel and a number of mules were set to work this week. Nine miles of this road, from Sanford to Broadway, is already in operation and the completion of the other 18 miles will enable the Seaboard to enter Norfolk Southern territory. Those who are conversant with the railroad situation think they see in this extension a plan whereby the Seaboard will eventually land in Goldsboro.

The only thing that is keeping the Atlantic Coast Line from entering Raleigh, according to a well-posted speaker at the recent railroad celebration in Raleigh, is the requirement that all roads entering the city must fetch up at the union station. The Atlantic Coast Line is now within fifty miles of Raleigh and is ready it is believed, to come here provided it is not compelled to buy exorbitant rights of way into the union depot. That the people of Raleigh want this great line there is no doubt, and it is possible something will be done to overcome the one serious obstacle.

With the Seaboard threatening the Atlantic Coast Line's territory the desire to enter Raleigh and compete here for business has been strengthened. The Coast Line already extends to Spring Hope and but little money and time, comparatively speaking, would be required to place its tracks in this city. Should it be granted the privilege of hitting the town instead of splitting it, the probabilities are all in favor of the road's coming here.

It is understood that work on the Atlantic & Western, from Sanford to Lillington, will be pushed with vigor. Should the Seaboard so desire it could push on to Goldsboro and, by connecting with the Norfolk Southern, have almost a straight line from there to Charlotte. The knowledge of this fact leads railroad men to believe that the next few years will witness some interesting railroad development in this section of the state.

Jap a Member of Cotton Exchange.
New York, May 4.—A. Yamada, a buyer for the Japanese export trade, is the first Japanese ever elected to membership in the New York Cotton Exchange. Japan and China thus far this year, have taken 448,000 bales of American cotton, compared with 147,000 bales last year.

THE BANKERS TO MEET NEXT WEEK

New York, May 4.—The American Bankers' Association will hold its annual spring meeting at Briarcliff Manor, New York, May 6, 7, 8 and 9 next week. According to a statement issued by Gen. Sec. Fred E. Farnsworth today, the coming convention will be attended by a record bankers' delegation from all parts of the United States.

Monday will be given over to committee meetings and Tuesday and Wednesday to meetings of the council. As the spring convention is an executive session the bankers will meet behind closed doors, with the press excluded.

PROGRESS IN ALLEN TRIAL

Conspiracy Feature of the Case Again Urged By Prosecution

Wytheville, Va., May 4.—The alleged conspiracy feature of the case against the Allen's of Hillsville, was again taken up today at the trial of Floyd Allen, charged specifically with murdering prosecuting attorney Foster of Carroll county.

Newton J. Devil, the first witness, told of threats he heard Floyd make during the progress of his trial at Hillsville. "I'll stand for my life," Devil said Allen declared, "but if they send me to the penitentiary I'll make the biggest hole in that courthouse any man ever did." The witness asserted he heard Floyd Allen threaten to kill his own counsel, Judge Bolen, if he was not ably defended.

Preston Fowler, a former preacher of Carroll county, in the Hillsville court room when the shooting began, declared on the stand he saw Floyd Allen draw a pistol and fire in the direction of the prosecutor. Both Fowler and W. D. Tompkins swore they saw Claude Allen with a pistol during the shooting.

Stoke Jackson Ill.
Greenfield, Ind., May 4.—Stoke Jackson, sergeant at arms, of the national house of representatives, continues critically ill with pneumonia. There is little hope of his recovery.

PRESIDENT HITS HARD

Don't Want to Fight But Driven to It, Does It Manfully

Hyattsville, Md., May 4.—"I am a man of peace and I don't want to fight. But when I do fight I want to hit hard. Even a rat in a corner will fight." President Taft shouted this statement to the crowds greeting him in one of the first speeches delivered in the day's campaigning through the state.

Taft attacked Roosevelt, accusing him of misstatement and misquotation of his speeches. He accused the ex-president of having consorted with bosses he is now preaching against, and assailed bitterly the Roosevelt doctrine of the recall of judges. The president declared the Roosevelt charge that Taft's political friends were bosses and his were leaders was foolish. "I tremble to think of what would become of the country if Theodore Roosevelt were to die with so much depending on his life," asserted the president.

Roosevelt in Western Part of State.
Baltimore, May 4.—Col. Roosevelt spent the night here and left this morning for a campaign tour of the western part of the state. He had speeches scheduled at half dozen towns, winding up at Cumberland. Taft finishes his tour of the eastern part of the state tonight with a speech at the Lyric theatre today.

MOREHEAD DISGUSTED

Refuses to Send Taft Delegation—Money for Convention Expenses.

Charlotte, May 4.—State Chairman Morehead, of the republican executive committee, has declined to send money to the Taft delegates in Mecklenburg county to defray their expenses to the state convention, in a letter to a Taft leader in this city. While the exact wording of the letter is not known it is rumored that the chairman expressed himself as disgusted with the entire proposition, and could see no reasonable necessity for the expenditure of money in that fashion.

The Independence Trust Company, with a capital of half-million dollars and a surplus of one hundred thousand dollars opened for business this morning in its handsome quarters on the basement floor of the Independence Trust building.



THE ALLEN GANG OF DEATHS. From left to right Floyd Allen, Claude Allen and Sidera Edmonds. Floyd Allen is now in jail at Wytheville, Va.



Member of the Allen gang.

REPORT IN THE ARCHBALD CASE

President Sends Message to the House Regarding Charges

Washington, May 4.—President Taft sent a message to the house in response to the Norris resolution asking for papers in the case of Judge Robert W. Archbald, of the commerce court, charged with using his office to procure favors from the railroads. Taft said it was not compatible with public interest to make all the papers public now but they had been sent to the house judiciary committee for such further investigation as it might desire to make.

It will rest with this committee whether or not impeachment proceedings shall be begun.

The department of justice inquiry was conducted by Wesley Brown, special assistant to the attorney general. He heard many witnesses on both sides. Brown's report was sent to the committee by the attorney general in a voluminous document.

Chief Justice Walter Clark delivered the address yesterday at the closing exercises of the school at Wilson's Mills, his subject being, "Ideal Citizenship."

TEXAS VOTING FOR PRESIDENT TODAY

Dallas, May 4.—Texas voters today are expressing their choices for presidential candidates, both republican and democratic. Harmon, Wilson and Clark, are the democratic candidates. Harmon and Wilson leaders both predicted victory. The campaign is quiet throughout.

STATUE OF DR. CARROLL

Washington, May 4.—The unveiling of the bronze statue of Rev. Dr. John Carroll, first bishop of Baltimore and founder of Georgetown University, was the occasion of a notable gathering at Georgetown. The speakers included Cardinal Gibbons, Chief Justice White, Speaker Clark and Baron Hengemuller. The chief justice made the presentation.

NEVADA CONVENTION IN QUESTION

Both the parties of Roosevelt and Taft have been active since the republican state central committee adjourned without passing resolutions committing itself to the candidacy of either man, and, though a Roosevelt contingent is considered, it is claimed by Taft's backers that Gov. Tasker L. Ladd's action in switching to Roosevelt, after pledging his support to Taft, has created a strong opinion sentiment in favor of the present incumbent of the white house. In conversation of these claims, the Roosevelt men assert that Nevada will send a solid Roosevelt delegation to Chicago.

ARE YOU READING HOWARD E. MANN'S "Sidewalk Sketches"?
There is one in The Times every day and every one is chuck full of humor.

SHRINERS GREAT CONVENTION ON

Los Angeles, May 4.—The western convention of the Mystic Shrine opened here today with a flood of incoming Shriners who rapidly overflowed the hotels and packed the city's boarding houses to the limit. An official estimate of the visitors, up to noon today, places the figure at 5,000, and Shrine officials state that the convention will be one of the largest ever held in the United States.

Chief among the arrivals, this morning, was a special train from Chicago, whose cars were jammed with Shriners from points further east. Beside the delegates arriving by train there were hundreds of automobile parties, from various points in the western states.

TIMBER SUIT ON TRIAL HERE

Virginia Corporations Come to Wake County With Their Troubles

The trial of the *W. P. Wood and John Wood vs. the State of North Carolina* timber suit, which has been in progress for several days, is now in its eighth day. The suit is a result of a timber dispute between the state and the defendants. The trial is being held in Wake county.

The same power that was manifested here this afternoon as a result of the meeting of the local committee, with the result of the election of the local committee, is being manifested in the home office of the unannounced candidates. When the representatives of the Jefferson Standard left Raleigh, they requested that the local committee's decision be published in this paper to one of the members of the local committee.

FUNERAL OF ASTOR WAS HELD TODAY

New York, May 4.—A special train, bearing the relatives and friends of the late John Jacob Astor, left here this morning for Rhinecliff-on-Hudson, where, at noon, the funeral services for Astor were held in the Episcopal church of the Messiah. The body later was brought here for interment in Trinity cemetery. Mrs. Ava Willing Astor, Astor's first wife, did not go to Rhinecliff but her young daughter, Ethel, arrived at the Astor home yesterday. Young Mrs. Astor attended services at the church and went with the body to the grave.

Were it not for the busy men in the world lots of labor-saving devices would never have been invented.

GRAND LODGE HERE TUESDAY

Four Hundred Odd Fellows to Gather in Raleigh Next Week

The annual convention of the Grand Lodge of the Odd Fellows will be held at the Raleigh Grand Lodge of Masonry, next week, and will be presided over by Grand W. M. DeLoach of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

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RIVER FLOOD GROWS WORSE

Hundreds of People Driven From Their Homes as More Towns Are Threatened

Flood Conditions in the Lower Mississippi Valley Alarming in Seriousness—Hundreds of People Driven from Homes—At Baton Rouge the Situation is Menacing. Bayou Sara, Where Break Occurred Yesterday Under From Ten to Twenty Feet of Water—Gap at Terras Continues to Widen—Much Suffering.

New Orleans, May 4.—Flood conditions in the lower Mississippi valley are growing worse. Water at Terras is pouring through the levee crevasse with an ever widening gap. Another breach threatens. Gloomy reports come from the inundated section north of New Roads. A telephone message from Lettsworth said the town was deep under water. Hundreds of persons are crowded in their homes and on the house tops.

A special train reached New Roads last night with several hundred refugees from the deluged territory. Most of them were negro women and children. A relief expedition arrived at Bachelor, ten miles south of Terras, with a large number of victims on the verge of starvation. Conditions at Baton Rouge are hourly growing more menacing. Bayou Sara, where the break occurred yesterday, is under water ten to twenty feet deep.

Much Suffering Among Refugees.
Vicksburg, May 4.—Great suffering prevails among the flood refugees in Black River district in Louisiana. Hundreds of persons from the Black River country have come to the concentration camps at Harrisonburg.

VICTIMS OF TITANIC WRECK
Several Bodies Seen by Passing Ships, Supposedly Victims of Titanic.

New York, May 4.—The bodies of three men and one woman, probably victims of the Titanic wreck, were passed April 29 by the Tank steamer Oilfield, from Shields in latitude 41.18, longitude 49.09, and a quantity of wreckage was seen near the same spot according to the vessel's officers when they reached here today. The officers said the bodies were in lifebelts. Wreckage consisted principally of chairs, lifebelts, small boards painted white and room fittings.

CHARGE AGAINST JUDGE.
May Result in Impeachment Proceedings Against Archbald.

Washington, May 4.—Attorney General Wickersham sent to the house judiciary committee a report of his investigations of the charges that Judge Robert W. Archbald, of the commerce court, used his office to secure favors from the railroads. Wickersham, it is understood, recommends further investigation at the committee's hands, whether or not impeachment proceedings shall be begun.

THE PRESIDENT IN MARYLAND TODAY

Washington, May 4.—President Taft left this morning for a strenuous day's campaigning in Maryland. The president's appeal to Maryland republicans for their support at Monday's primaries included brief talks at Hyattsville, Laurel, and Aberdeen, and set speeches at Elkton, Belair, Havre-de-Grace and Baltimore.

Pressmen on Strike.

Chicago, Ill., May 4.—Strike of the pressmen on the principal Chicago daily papers assumed a more serious aspect this morning, when the stero-typers in the offices affected, left their work in sympathy with the original strikers. The stero-typers' walkout compelled the publishers to condense the morning papers.

Two Killed Under Falling Wall.

Toronto, May 4.—A score of employees were buried beneath tons of debris, two were killed and many injured, when the south wall of the new Nelson Company building collapsed.

REPORTS FROM SHIPBUILDERS

Washington, May 4.—Reports from prominent shipbuilders on questions relating to waterfront compartments, bulkheads and life-saving equipments are called for in papers sent out by Senator Burton, who is a member of the senate investigating committee and conducted many examinations of witnesses regarding ship construction.