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RAILROADS BEGIN LAYING OFF MEN.

Retrenchment Instead of \$200,000,000 Improvements in Order, Says Thompson.

At least \$200,000,000, which American railroads has tentatively arranged to spend in replacements as a result of the increased revenue from the advance in freight rates they had expected must now be used to stave off ruin, Slason Thompson, of the Railroad News Bureau said in Chicago Saturday.

Unprecedented retrenchment, including the laying off of men and the abandonment of all construction and replacement, is now in order, he added.

"Two years ago the railroads had reached a point where it seemed that replacement and rehabilitation work must proceed or something would be wrecked. The public was not ready for an advance in rates, however, and by retrenchment of the most vigorous order the roads have managed to worry along, standing almost still while the carrying demands of the country continued to increase," said Mr. Thompson.

President Earling, of the St. Paul road, President Ripley, of the Santa Fe and President Delano, of the Washburn, admitted that men would have to be laid off until differences are adjusted. Just how many employees will be affected could not be learned.

"Our working force is being reduced to a considerable extent and we are sailing very close to the wind," said Delano. "We have abandoned plans for extensive improvements for which we had been preparing for some time. Ripley said: 'Wherever we can do so with safety we are dispensing with the services of employees. All current expenses are being reduced.'"

The Supreme Court and the "Jim Crow" Law.

The recent decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the "Jim Crow" law case seems to have reversed a previous decision of the court and also a decision of the Court of Appeals of Maryland. In the case just decided the theory contended for by the negro who was the complainant was that as he was an inter-State passenger he was not subject to the law of Kentucky which required separate cars for colored people. He sued the railroad company in the Kentucky State courts and lost the case. He then went into the Federal courts and there the decisions were also against him.

In 1875 the Supreme Court declared a "Jim Crow" law of Louisiana invalid because it undertook to regulate the conduct of railroads engaged in inter-State traffic. In a case in the Court of Appeals of Maryland, shortly after the enactment of the "Jim Crow" law in this State, it was decided that the legislature could not make this regulation so far as inter-State passengers were concerned, but upheld the law as to passengers within the State. That decision narrowed the law down to very circumscribed limits. Later on the Inter-State Commerce Commission upheld the right of the railroads to separate the races even when the passengers were traveling from State to State.

This new decision of the Supreme Court seems to settle the question finally. It establishes the principle that the railroad companies are free to make rules and regulations for the government of their business without interference except by Congress. "Such rules and regulations," the Court added, "of course must be reasonable, but whether they be such cannot depend upon a passenger being State or inter-State." The courts in the South have always required that the accommodations provided in the cars set apart for the colored passengers shall be as good as those for white passengers.

Bankers Wipe out Remainder of Three Million Dollar Bond Issue.

Following the conference of the bankers of the State and the Governor and Council of State on the State bond situation, State Treasurer Lay Wednesday in Raleigh, announced that there are in hand bids, for more than \$50,000 in excess of the amount needed to take up the remainder of the \$3,430,000 issue, the sale of which has given so much trouble of late. In addition to this he has a number of bids in hand that came in that have not been opened and are not included. Furthermore, it develops that the bankers were prepared to subscribe for \$250,000 more than were actually taken in bids—it should be found necessary. It is estimated that when the final bids are opened today it will be found that the bonds are a half million or more over-subscribed for.

Governor Kitchin, was enthusiastic over the result of the conference, declaring that it was a source of special gratification to him that the bankers responded to generally and adequately to the appeal that it was found necessary to make to them, their prompt action having obviated the necessity for the extra session.

There were fully one hundred bankers there representing towns and cities from Wilmington to Asheville. Governor Kitchin promptly withdrew his call for a special session of the Legislature.

Mr. T. E. Smith is spending the day in Charlotte.

MRS. TILLMAN, JR., WILL SUE.

The Tillmans to Again Appear in the Limelight.

Greenville Daily Piedmont. Another sensational legal battle is about to be joined in between Senator Tillman's family and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Lucy Dugas Tillman, of Edgefield, who gained such a signal victory over the Senator and his son last winter before the Supreme Court in the fight for the possession of Mrs. Tillman's little two daughters.

Edgefield relatives of Mrs. Tillman, say Attorneys DePass & DePass, of Columbia, have been employed to institute suit, against young B. R. Tillman, to recover money he squandered out of her estate and money which he borrowed from her and collected from her rents to the extent of about \$15,000, and that while he is possessed of practically no property it is hoped to make Senator Tillman pay the judgment if one can be secured.

It is known that a representative of the law firm mentioned was in Edgefield recently in conference with Mrs. Tillman on the subject of bringing the suit, but when asked today whether the papers had been filed in court he said that the complaint had not been drawn and would not be until after the firm's rush of business was over with court here in Richland, that as a matter of fact it was not yet determined in what amount the suit would be brought for.

It is said in Edgefield that the two children were carried to see their father recently for a short visit, much against the inclination of their mother and against their own wishes. Mrs. Tillman's counsel advised her not to refuse the request, it is said. When her Columbia attorneys were asked about this they said that they had not been advised that such request had been granted or made.

When asked whether he construed the Supreme Court's decision against the Tillmans as giving the father the right to see the children, one of her counsel said he would rather not discuss this point at the present.

Sons Conducted the Mother's Funeral Service.

Webster's Weekly. The funeral of the late Mrs. Julia Annis Poteat took place at Yanceyville Sunday. Mrs. Poteat was best known to the people of the State as the mother of two sons who are college presidents and a daughter who is at the head of the art department of another college. The services over her body were conducted by her own sons in a beautiful and impressive way. Dr. E. M. Poteat, president of Furman University, talked from the Scriptures of Death, and Dr. W. L. Poteat, president of Wake Forest College delivered the tribute to his mother. There was a simplicity about it all which was most touching. There was an absence of the uncontrolled weeping and flow of tears which usually attend such sad ceremonies. Hope was there and no murmur at the fulfilling of God's will. The sons looked upon death merely as a parting for a time; and that since sin had been removed from their mother's life, death itself was a mere title to be secured; that there is complete recognition in heaven and that even then their mother was looking down upon the scene around her. There was only the sadness of a personal loss for the time being. The control of the speakers' voices was beautiful. Their faith brushed the tears aside from their own eyes, but brought them to the eyes of the congregation.

The music of the service and the singing was performed by two of the grandchildren of the deceased, Hubert and Gordon Poteat. The body was tenderly laid to rest in the spot which in life, she loved so well, the family square in the Baptist cemetery. Truly Mrs. Poteat was a wonderful woman. Her life has been a blessing to humanity, and the training she gave her children will bear fruit many years to come.

Bryan Not Expected to Run in 1912, Says Mack.

Mayor Gaynor, of New York, Governor Harmon, of Ohio, and former Gov. Joseph W. Folk, of Missouri, at the present time are the most conspicuous possibilities for the Democratic nomination for President in 1912, in the opinion of Norman E. Mack, of Buffalo, chairman of the National Committee. While making it clear that he is not giving aid to any particular candidate, Mr. Mack said in New York recently that he is interested in the record Mayor Gaynor is making.

"I find Democrats everywhere discussing his readiness to do the right thing at the right time has already demonstrated that he can be trusted to administer the business of the country."

"But there are many good candidates this year and we never had a more encouraging outlook. Governor Folk is a strong man, and I am glad he has come out openly as a candidate." The platform he has outlined is a good one, but, of course, I cannot say whether the national convention will adopt it. Governor Harmon is another strong candidate.

"I hardly think Mr. Bryan will run again in 1912. We do not expect him to run, and do not think he expects to be a candidate. Mr. Bryan is a young man, however, and there is no reason why he should not lead the party in 1916."

HOW ROOSEVELT WOULD DO IT

Even as a Father Spanketh a Son for Peace Sake.

Diplomatic experts and disciples of the movement for world peace are beginning to wonder how Colonel Roosevelt would muzzle the dogs of war in his proposed new capacity as chairman of the World Peace Commission which Congress will soon create.

There is not much doubt that Congress will establish the commission and there seems to be little doubt that Roosevelt will be at its head, if he will accept the post.

The way has been paved for the commission by the proposal of Secretary Knox to establish an arbitral court of justice at The Hague by enlarging the powers of the prize court established by the last Hague conference. This proposal is now before the powers. So far it has been considered favorably, but no formal reply has yet been made by any of the Governments.

With a little urging on the part of Colonel Roosevelt it is believed that the powers will agree. The next step will be the calling of another conference at The Hague, at which the ex-President, as head of the American delegation, will have an opportunity to get in his effective work. At this conference rules for the court will be adopted and a body of laws codified. Each of the leading maritime powers will be induced, according to the idealists of the peace cause, to contribute a few battleships for the purpose of enforcing the court's decrees and lending weight to its action.

Will Not Issue Bonds at the Present Time.

The board of light and water commissioners have decided not to issue bonds at the present time for the enlargement of the water supply of the city, on account of the depressed condition of the bond market. The board has been contemplating the issue of these bonds for some time but after making a thorough investigation of the bond markets, they decided that it would be for the best interest of the city to withhold the issue until the meeting of the legislature.

The school board has found it necessary to erect a new school building to properly care for the children, as the present buildings are inadequate for the demands made by the large increase in attendance. The city will have to issue bonds for the erection of the school building and the water board has decided to join with them and issue enough bonds to complete the proposed equipment of both plants. Superintendent Rutledge stated this morning that all the plans would be complete and work on the plant would begin immediately upon the issue of the bonds.

Clerk's Error Reduced State Prison Sentence Thirteen Years.

Raleigh Times. Through an error made in entering the sentence on the prison record, Hub Holt, colored, is today a free man. Holt was sentenced to the State's prison for 15 years from Davidson county for an attempted criminal assault on a white woman and began to serve his term about May 1, 1908. In copying the commitment the sentence was recorded at the State's prison to be for two years instead of 15. When the two years were up, about the first of last month, the present officials, going by the record, released Holt, and nothing more was thought of the matter. Holt, after being released, returned home. This early return caused those who knew of the 15-year sentence to make inquiries, and it was found that while the commitment called for the correct sentence, the prison record only called for a sentence of two years. The officials of Davidson county were notified, but Holt had disappeared and so far has not been recaptured.

Rewards for Mail Robbers.

In order to give further protection to the mail service the Postmaster-General has formulated a schedule of rewards for the arrest and conviction of mail robbers. The highest reward which will be paid is \$1,000, for the arrest and conviction of persons robbing a railway train. A reward of \$500 will be paid for conviction of persons robbing the mails when conveyed over any other post route. For breaking into postoffice or robbing a postmaster or any employee of Government funds or stealing mail matter while being conveyed over any post route or while in the custody of any mail messenger a reward will hold good for detention of larceny from postoffice stations, street letter boxes or other mail receptacles.

The postmaster and his subordinates are barred from receiving such rewards. The department will pay no reward until six months after date of conviction, in order that all claimants may have equal opportunity to present their case to the chief postoffice inspector.

Tommy—"Pop, what is heck?" Tommy's Pop—"Lack, my son, is what comes to a man who has the opportunity to buy something for a mere song, but who can't sing."

Any married man will tell you that a hat that costs \$15 is more becoming to a woman than one that costs \$50.

LAST DAY AT TRINITY.

Mr. B. N. Duke Makes Another Donation to the College.

Another day of incidents that will go down among the memorable days in the history of Trinity college, at Durham came to a close Wednesday evening at 7:24, when at the setting of the sun on the last day of the fifty-first year of the college the flag of the class of 1910 was lowered from its mast and delivered to Bishop John C. Kilgo to be deposited in the archives of the college.

This act, Bishop Kilgo had announced at the morning exercises, would be his last official act as president of the college. Not the least by far of the official acts of the retiring president was one which came at the close of the morning exercises in the form of an announcement. Mr. B. N. Duke, who for a number of years has been one of the chief benefactors of the college, has been confined to his home for some weeks suffering from an attack of typhoid fever. Dr. Kilgo announced that he had been instructed by Mr. Duke to state to the college, its board of trustees and its friends that he would make a gift of \$100,000 to be used in the carrying out of the necessary work now going on at the college.

GLADSTONE NEWS NOTES.

Harvest is just on hand and wheat is heavy and good. Corn and cotton is small on account of the unfavorable weather. Beans, cabbage, potatoes and beets are being brought into service along these times. Misses Grace and Beulah Shaver passed through our town today from Gold Hill. Rev. and Mrs. Geo. L. Reynolds, of Denton, are visiting at the latter's father, Mr. G. W. Parker.

The next legislature will have some hard work to do as well as important. The most important will be to provide for the dogs. They have always neglected the dog and never done anything against him, and surely they can do something for him. They go scot free, no matter how much harm they do. One dog can bite 30 people in one day and not much is thought of it by the public. He can steal plunder and what not and go free, but let a negro steal a chicken or a white man do some minor crime and he is indicted the first time the grand jury gets awhack at him. Every pig, calf and old pig mule, all entirely harmless, is taxed. Every poor man must pay his taxes but poor valuable poodle can boast, bark and bite as though he had but few equals and no superiors to contend with.

Rufus Earnhardt came home from Albemarle, where he had been in the banker business to help his father on the farm. R.

NO. 9 TOWNSHIP.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Rinehardt spent last Sunday in No. 11 with relatives. Mr. Jacob Hartsell has the first corn tassel in No. 9. Mrs. A. L. Baugh and Miss Ethel Faggart visited Miss Sophronia Rinehardt on last Tuesday. Messrs. Cleave and Willis Hartsell Pierson and Paul Rinehardt furnished some fine music at Mr. Jacob Hartsell's last Thursday. They played on the violin, mandolin, banjo and guitar.

Our farmers are all busy cutting wheat and oats this week. Mrs. Julie Dry is improving very much this week.

There was no preaching at Friend ship church last Sunday. The preacher, Messrs. D. C. Hartsell and R. V. P. or failed to get there. Rinehardt had the pleasure of pushing their wheels home from Locust last Sunday. Mr. Willis Hartsell spent Saturday night and Sunday in No. 8 with friends. P. F. Rinehardt spent Saturday night and Sunday in Stanly county. Mr. James Baugh spent last Sunday with Mr. James Rinehardt, in No. 9. Mr. Lynn Laffer and Miss E. mfwy Miss Sophronia Rinehardt spent last Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Cora Hartsell, in No. 9.

Mr. Martin Ross and wife, and Misses Dorothy and Lena Ross, spent last Monday on Buffalo creek fishing. Little Miss Elmer Rowland had the misfortune to run a nail in her foot last Sunday. Mrs. E. Honeycutt spent last Sunday at H. M. Dry's, in No. 9. GENT.

FAITH.

Mrs. L. I. McCann and three little children, of Salisbury, are visiting at Mrs. Miles Strevens'. From here the yell goes to Hot Springs for Mrs. McCann's health. We had a fine rain Saturday night and Sunday. The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society held their quarterly meeting Sunday night. The exercises were fine and well attended. J. T. Wyatt shipped three large granite door sills to Rockingham today.

This week is harvest week in our settlement and wheat is extra fine here this year. Several car loads of granite leave the Faith settlement every day for different cities. Several houses are being painted in Faith. VENUS.

Dr. D. G. Caldwell left today for Mooreville.

ELEVEN MONTHS FROSTY IN THE YEAR 1835.

Asheville Gazette-News.

Frost every month in the year, except perhaps in July, is the sad possibility communicated to a cold and chilling populace in western North Carolina by the oldest inhabitants. According to Deputy Sheriff C. F. Williams, the late Mont. Patton, father of the late Jesse Patton, the beloved fireman who died a short while ago, stated several years ago that there was frost in 1835 every month except July.

This was the year that Halley's comet made its appearance and that year was known as one of the coldest. It was also, it is said, the year when the people of this section—and in fact, the whole county—came very nearly starving to death. Such was revealed by a careful study and investigation conducted by one of the well known local historians. In that year, according to persons who remember the occasion, the weather was so cool that the crops obtained only a meagre growth and were by no means enough to support the people. The nearest market at that time was Charleston, which required more than a month to reach by wagon because of the horrible condition of the roads.

It can certainly be stated with all truthfulness that there has been frost every month of the year 1910 so far, except June, and this section now seems to be suffering under a condition of weather which may be described as near-frost. There has doubtless been frost even in June upon some of the high mountains. For the consolation of those who have fears of a failure of the crops it is held out that railroads are still doing business, and that to reach other markets is now only a matter of a few hours. The ice manufacturers of this section, however, are not at all pleased with the prospects. It is a little too warm for the cool end of their business to flourish, and not warm enough for the ice man. Such is life when Halley's comet comes around.

People who remember the comet of 1861 say that year was one of unusual temperatures—about the hottest summer they ever passed. The 1861 comet was much bigger and brighter than Halley's has been.

A Warning to Owners of Dogs.

Statesville Landmark. The number of dogs in Statesville may not have increased recently, but the canines are more conspicuous and noisy. They are on the streets by the dozens, barking, fighting, chasing horses and making a general nuisance of themselves. Measures to restrain or exterminate them are needed and the dog-owners who allow their possession full liberty are inviting something.

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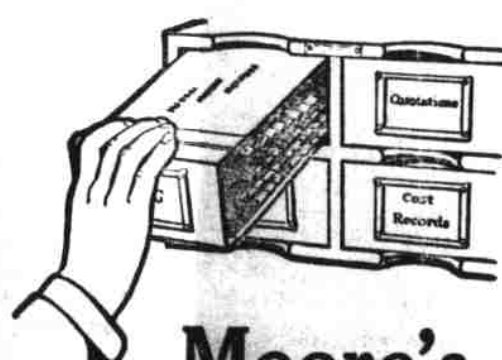
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