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SOLICITOR NORRIS' TRIP UNSUCCESSFUL

CONTINUANCE GRANTED ON IRREGULARITIES.

EDITOR H. Smith Has Employed Six Lawyers and is Stubbornly Fighting Extradition on the Charge of Violating the Banking Laws of North Carolina.

Raleigh, N. C., April 21.—Solicitor Norris, who represented the State at the habeas corpus hearing in Birmingham, Ala., has returned without Ector H. Smith, a continuance of the case having been granted until Monday on account of irregularities in papers sent to judge by Governor of Alabama. Smith has employed six lawyers and is stubbornly resisting extradition on charge of violating the banking laws of the State.

LOOKIETES WON.

Defeated Collegiate Institute Saturday Afternoon.

Graham's pitching and Luke Sappenfield's batting nosed Locke Mill out ahead of Mount Pleasant in the game at Locke Park Saturday afternoon. Sappenfield garnered a triple, double and single out of five trips to the plate. Graham had the edge over Wilson, fanning 14 while 9 fell a victim to the delivery of the Mount Pleasant youth.

R. H. E.
Locke Mill 5 9 2
Mt. Pleasant 4 7 2

BURGLES ARRESTED.

Clears Up Series of Robberies—Some Loot Recovered.

Raleigh, April 21.—Tom Edwards, an alleged professional negro burglar, was arraigned here today. The arrest, the police say, clears up a series of robberies committed here the past month. Some of the loot was recovered.

Federation of Women's Clubs.

Washington, D. C., April 21.—Five thousand members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, representing Federation's organizations of all kinds from every part of the country, were in their seats when Mrs. Percy V. Pennypacker, of Texas, called the annual council meeting to order today.

The attendance the first day, exceeded that of any previous meeting. The convention will last four days. Arrangements for the biennial convention of the federation next year, will be formulated by the council, probably tomorrow.

Legislature Committee Meets.

Raleigh, N. C., April 21.—Today is a history-making day for North Carolina. Upon a call from Governor Craig the legislative committee of eighteen met here today for organization into a commission which will consider all bills introduced in the legislature for amending the State constitution. A secretary is to be elected today and the committee had hoped to get down to the work of hearing any citizen or interest for suggestions this afternoon.

'Letter Day' in Colorado.

Denver, April 21.—Denver's public schools today inaugurated a unique system of advertising Colorado. Today has been officially designated as "Letter Day." Members of the Chamber of Commerce, in addresses to pupils, furnished data on the resources and scenic beauty of the State in which will be later incorporated in 30,000 letters to be mailed to every section of the United States.

Cardinal Gibbons Opposed to Woman Suffrage.

Baltimore, April 21.—Answering Inez Milholland, Cardinal Gibbons said the Christian religion had exalted woman's sphere, and she was no longer the slave of man, but equal and his peer. Her proper sphere is the home. The church decides morals and other matters individuals must decide for themselves. Personally he was opposed to suffrage.

Tariff Bill Has Reached House.

Washington, April 21.—The Democratic tariff bill from the House caucus was reintroduced in the House and will be up for general debate Wednesday. A rule to limit debate so as to expedite its passage, is being considered by the committee on resolutions.

President to Visit New Jersey.

Washington, April 21.—President Wilson will go to New Jersey probably on May 1 or 2 to speak in advocacy of jury reform bill. He hardly hopes for the enactment of the measure, but will appeal to the people.

To Deliver Annual Address at Peace Institute.

Raleigh, April 21.—Dr. P. P. Clayton, of the U. S. Bureau of Education, will deliver the commencement address at Peace Institute May 31. The commencement ceremony will be delivered by Dr. Robert Barwell, of Faison, Va.

FAVORS SCHOOL BONDS.

Progressive Citizen Wants Concord's Children to Have a Square Deal.

Mr. Editor: Concord is the best town in the State. Her people, on the whole, are the best people in the world. She stands for those things in morals and in government that tends towards higher and nobler standards. Her people love her institutions, her laws and her history. She has her faults—to err is human—and Concord is human. We glory in the splendid citizenship of our town. We are proud of the great industrial strides she has made and is making. We are proud of our popular schools which are a bulwark against ignorance and intolerance. Consider Concord in comparison with other cities and we rank A1. As a residential centre we have no equal in the South. In beautiful homes, in intelligent people, in handsome churches and in the highest type of womanhood on earth Concord is greatly blessed. Our people love the true and the good, abhor the false and artificial, admire the just and the honorable, and are loyal to all those great attributes of honor and integrity that for centuries have been the precious heritage of the southern people. We are proud of our city and county, our State, our nation. They are worthy of love of every patriot, while these things are true we still hope for improvements, industrially, educationally and morally. We have not reached our zenith by a great deal. And this reminds us that our people should, in order to uphold our past record and improve the present and prepare for our future, vote solidly for the proposed bond issue which is to maintain our graded schools.

Concord is justly proud of our splendid graded school buildings. They are a credit to our city and in years past have met the demands of our people. Today our city has outgrown these buildings and it is absolutely necessary to enlarge them to keep pace with our growing city. There is no need to argue the need of providing school facilities for our common schools for they are the basis of all education. Our school commissioners tell us that there are at present 54 pupils on the average to each teacher in the schools. This is too many for any teacher and more room and more teachers must be supplied. We appeal to our people, who have always stood up for our school interests, to rally to this matter and vote for this bond issue in order to enlarge our school rooms as our city requires. This 10 cents on the \$100 of property and 30 cents on each poll will only add about \$3,000 per year to our people. What is \$3,000 divided among all the people of Concord? The per capita amount is too small to consider and yet this small tax spells much for the people of our city. We cannot afford to go backward in the education of the masses of the people in this age where education is a necessity beyond any question. As our city grows, as the population increases so does the demands for more schools. We have about 12,000 people here and this extra tax will be about 25 cents on each person. Who is there in our city who will retard our city school work and refuse accommodation to all our children for the pitiful sum of 25 cents per capita? In fact the voters of all parties should make this school tax provision a certainty by a unanimous vote.

There is no opposition to it from any source that the writer knows of, but a registered voter who does not vote at all votes against the measure, therefore it is very important that every voter who favors the measure shall vote for it.

If you want better schools here do not fail to vote for this small tax for the maintenance of the people's primary schools. Thus make Concord grow.

A PARENT.

Excellent Service of Railroad During Recent Floods.

Cincinnati, Ohio, April 21.—When the recent flood conditions interrupted service on all the direct lines from Cincinnati to the East, the Queen and Crescent Route in connection with the Southern Railway, inaugurated through sleeping car service between Cincinnati and New York, on the "Carolina Special" via Knoxville, and handled a large number of passengers to eastern points.

Despite the almost unprecedented high water here, the Ohio at 4 a. m., April 1st, having reached a stage of 69.5 feet, the Queen and Crescent Route maintained freight and passenger traffic with the South without interruption and was able to provide this service to the east, which proved of great convenience to many persons who otherwise would have been delayed for days.

When the high water made the use of the regular passenger station impossible, the Queen and Crescent constructed a temporary station with platform on McLean avenue which withstood the highest stages of water and all passengers were handled without interruption or confusion.

Passenger trains are again using the Central Union Depot and the Queen and Crescent has reopened its Lincoln Park, Brighton and Vines Street freight terminals for handling both second and less than carload shipments.

Mrs. T. D. Maness is visiting relatives in Charlotte.

CHINA GROVE SUFFERS FROM DISASTROUS FIRE.

Dry Store of D. C. Swearingin and General Store of Holshouser and Yost Fall Prey to Flames Causing Loss of \$12,000.

China Grove, April 20.—Just as the people were gathering for services this evening in the several churches of the town the alarm of fire was sounded and it was found that the drug store of Dewitt C. Swearingin was in flames. Despite the work of many volunteer fire fighters the store and the bigger portion of the contents were destroyed. The fire spread to the adjoining building occupied as a general store by Holshouser and Siffert and this too was soon destroyed.

The brick store buildings occupied by the China Grove Hardware Company and Pemberton and Yost were also badly damaged, the glass in the windows of the hardware concern being broken by the intense heat.

J. E. Chie's restaurant across the street was also damaged by the fire. China Grove is without fire protection but the fire department of the Patterson Manufacturing Company, who operate a large cotton mill, was brought into service and did some good work in saving other endangered buildings.

Mr. Swearingin's loss is almost complete and will amount to between \$4,000 and \$5,000. Some goods were saved from the store of Holshouser and Yost but their loss will amount to something like \$8,000. Both concerns carried insurance but the policies as well as their books were locked in a safe in the burned buildings and at this time it is impossible to tell the amount carried.

The fire originated in the loft of Swearingin's store and its origin is unknown.

ARTHUR MILLER CAPTURED.

Escaped Convict Apprehended at Huntsville, Ala.

Arthur Miller, who with a man named Poplin escaped from the chain gang last December, has been arrested at Huntsville, Ala., upon advices from the officers here. Miller and Poplin escaped the first night the guards at the chain gang changed and have since been at liberty. Miller communicated with his people here, which resulted in the officers securing a trace of his whereabouts. Sheriff Honeycutt has gone for the prisoner and is expected to return with him Wednesday.

SECOND ATTEMPT TO DESTROY CLUB.

Fine Memorial Window Destroyed—No One Hurt.

New York, April 21.—A second attempt, within three years, was made to destroy the Pocasset Club, a Tammany organization, early today when a bomb was exploded. A fine memorial window in Grace Emmanuel Church, nearby, was destroyed. No one was hurt. It is believed that a political feud was the cause.

TO ESTABLISH LIVING WAGE STANDARD.

Will Propose Seven Hours a Day for Women and Ten for Men.

Washington, April 21.—Representative L'Engle, of Florida, will introduce a bill today requiring the department of labor to establish a living wage standard, penalizing employers who are paying starvation wages. He will propose seven hours a day for women and ten hours for men.

Rev. Mr. Shenk Was Given Leave of Absence.

Greensboro News.

At a congregational meeting of the First Lutheran Church yesterday the resignation tendered by Rev. J. E. Shenk, the church pastor, was declined, the congregation instead voting its beloved minister a six months' leave of absence. Mr. Shenk gave in his resignation as pastor two weeks ago, stating that he was moved to do so because of ill health. Yesterday his congregation gave expression of the love in which he is held and urged him to take a six months' rest and then come back to a field of endeavor in which he has accomplished great good. It was stated that Mr. Shenk had bowed his head in submission to the will of his flock and that he would go immediately to Western North Carolina, spending the summer and resuming his pastoral work in the late fall.

Mr. Shenk came to the First Lutheran Church here three years ago and at that time the congregation has erected a handsome edifice and the membership has grown from 24 to 93. He has greatly endeared himself to every member of the congregation, as also to many people of the city. To all the action of yesterday will be a cause for gratification. During Mr. Shenk's absence the congregation will secure a supply pastor.

Whitman's First Big Game.

New York, April 21.—The first "big game" in District Attorney Whitman's hunting of the grafters and bribers in the New York police department was brought to bay today when former Inspector John J. Murtha went to trial before Justice Seabury in the criminal branch of the supreme court. District Attorney Whitman expects a short trial. This was shown two weeks ago when he asked Justice Seabury to set the case of patrolman Thomas Robinson for the 17, that of Murtha for today, and the trial of erstwhile Inspector Sweeney for four days hence. Murtha stands indicted of accepting bribes from gamblers and Raines Law hotel keepers in Harlem while he commanded that district. He is also accused of being involved in the plot to bribe George A. Sipp, former hotel proprietor, to hide in New Jersey until Whitman's hunt was over. Murtha is the first man above the rank of patrolman to be tried in the graft cases.

Mr. Webb's Secretary Resigns.

Washington, April 19.—Marvyl R. Riteh, who has been secretary to Representative Webb for eighteen months, has resigned to accept a position with Senator Burkhead, of Alabama, chairman of the committee on Postoffice and Post Roads. This is a nice promotion for Mr. Riteh, who is a popular athlete and University of North Carolina man. William L. Plonk, Jr., of King's Mountain, takes Mr. Riteh's place with Mr. Webb.

Ex-King Manuel's Betrothal Confirmed.

London, April 21.—The private secretary of ex-king Manuel, has confirmed Manuel's betrothal with Princess Augustine Victoria, of Hohenzollern.

Daughter of American Ambassador Engaged.

Berlin, April 21.—Local newspapers have confirmed the engagement of Miss Nancy, daughter of the American ambassador, to the Duke of Crox.

Marriage license has been issued to Mr. T. M. Spang and Miss Sarah E. Howell.

RAILROAD RATE HEARING.

Set for Tuesday, April 29th.—Interest Centers in Conference.

Raleigh, April 21.—With the conference between railroad officials and a committee of the State Legislature for an adjustment of North Carolina freight rates set for Tuesday, April 29th, when the railroad's representatives will return to give final answer to the State's proposal of rates, it was stated here today the railroad officials will be forced to accept or forward a definite refusal of the contention of State rate experts.

According to information gathered at the office of the North Carolina Corporation Commission the actual reductions in revenue by accepting the proposition admitted by the State would be only \$3,222,000 for the Southern Railway, the Seaboard Air Line and the Atlantic Coast Line. That these reductions would be more than compensated for in the natural increase of freight business is the contention of the State's experts.

Whether the railroads will seek to continue their present tariffs in North Carolina while granting other States alleged reasonable freight rates is a question. State officials believe, that must necessarily be settled at the third conference.

The proposition submitted by the State calls for a reduction of approximately 33 per cent. on interstate shipment into North Carolina. In other words what the commission requests is approximately the same rate applying to the main line of the Southern Railway between Lynchburg and Washington. Members of the commission contend that it must also be considered that the density of traffic is greater in North Carolina than in Virginia and that the earnings of the railroads must necessarily be larger. Virginia rates, they contend, are reasonable while North Carolina freight rates are in excess of reasonable profits.

Analysis of the earnings and tonnage of the Southern, Seaboard, and Atlantic Coast lines in North Carolina on interstate freight business for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1912, shows that the combined income from this source was \$17,188,852. Of this total, the Southern earned \$8,375,213, the Seaboard \$3,897,500 and the Coast Line \$4,915,605.

Shippers interested in the present rate controversy declare that a cut of 33 per cent. in the earnings of these roads would on its face lead to the declaration of the railroads that it would revolutionize the traffic and impair the revenues of the carriers, but one-fourth of this business would not be affected because it either originates from the south or passes entirely through the State. This, they claim, would leave \$12,891,639 in earnings affected, and, as much of the freight is in commodities not reduced, the reduction would amount in fact to only 25 per cent of twelve millions, or \$3,222,000. Setting aside the contention that there would be no increases in freight traffic an amount of over three million dollars annually, State experts agree, would be a stiff loss to be lost by the roads affected.

Arguing against this however, it is pointed out by the State's representatives that rates now prevailing in North Carolina have not been adjusted since 1889 and that traffic and earnings of the roads in question has increased since that time 150 per cent. In a specific instance, it is pointed out that the Southern railroad has doubled its lines since 1889. The Southern's increase, it is claimed, has been more than 100 per cent. on its lines.

The tonnage of the Seaboard Air Line, according to State figures, has increased during the past ten years 136 per cent.; tonnage of the Atlantic Coast line during the same period has increased 100 per cent.; earnings of the Seaboard for the past six months—since its last annual report—have increased \$170,500 over the earnings of a corresponding period a year before, or 3.57 per cent. for six months; freight earnings of the Atlantic Coast Line for the past six months have been \$345,000 more than for the corresponding period a year ago, or 5.42 per cent. The Southern road, State figures show has fared even better, its freight earnings for the past six months increased \$660,000 over the corresponding period a year ago, or a percentage of 6.63. Should its business continue to increase the percentage would be 13 for the year.

With these figures taken into consideration, members of the State's commission declare, it would be almost inconceivable that the roads in question will resist the State's proposition at the forthcoming conference. On the contrary should the roads reject the State's proposal, the entire State will continue to suffer, it is declared, and the railroads will receive censure and criticism costing them more in dollars and cents than the amounts now involved.

The railroads, therefore, face a crisis, it is declared here, and it remains to be seen whether they will decline to do simple justice to the people that have swelled their coffers for more than a score of years.

Interest throughout the entire State centers in the forthcoming conference.

Winecoff High School defeated China Grove at Cinco baseball park Saturday afternoon by the score of 6 to 2. Goodman, Winecoff's pitcher, was the star of the contest, fanning 17 China Grove batsmen.

THE PRESIDENT WILL BE URGED TO APPOINT WATTS.

Simmons and Overman Will Make the Request.

Washington, April 21.—Evidence is accumulating that President Wilson meant exactly what he said some time before his inauguration when he told the public, "only progressives need apply," referring to the jobs and the influence at his disposal.

The real test will come, probably this week when President Wilson and Secretary McAdoo will be asked by Senators Simmons and Overman to name Col. A. D. Watts as collector for the western district of North Carolina. Colonel Watts is considered by those opposing his nomination a distinct reactionary. Those who have protested against the appointment of the Iredell man have made their fight against him upon the ground that he is not a progressive and has opposed legislation known to be favored by President Wilson.

Watt's endorsement by North Carolina Democrats is considered the strongest ever brought to Washington. The batch of papers which will be taken to the White House and treasury department cannot be carried by either or both of the North Carolina Senators. It will be necessary to hire a cab to transport the papers to the executive offices. If President Wilson refuses to recognize Col. Watts, there can be no doubt as to the attitude of the administration. The result is awaited with interest.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels, as has already been stated in these dispatches, is opposing Watts with all his might. Carey Dowd, of Charlotte, is favored by Mr. Daniels as the man to beat Watts, but it is thought if Mr. Daniels defeats the Iredell man he will have to bring forward a man more pronounced in his progressive views than has been evidenced by the Charlotte publisher.

The President desires party harmony as much as any Democrat, but he is not prepared to compromise the interests of that element of the party which is really heart and soul with him, as distinguished from that which is merely luke warm and conventional to gain it.

To Establish Big Fertilizer Plant.

Raleigh, N. C., April 21.—The Virginia Carolina Chemical Company, the biggest fertilizer manufacturers in the south, has bought land here for a big plant. Other plants of the company are now operated at Durham and Selma.

The Pope is Convalescent.

Rome, April 21.—The Pope's physicians issued no bulletin today for the first since his illness regarding Pontiff convalescent. The chief task now is to keep the Pope quiet in bed and prevent him from overtaxing his strength.

Gang of Bandits Gullitined.

Paris, April 21.—Coudly, Callemin, Monier, members of the Bonnet Automobile bandit gang, were guillotined here today. All died calmly. Soudly bequeathed his brain to science.

PRESIDENT TALKS TO NEWSPAPER MEN

WILL APPOINT MEN OF EXECUTIVE ABILITY.

Is Pleased With Progress of Tariff.

—Certain to Pass Senate and House.—California Alien Law Will Please Japan.

Washington, April 21.—At the usual conference with newspaper men President Wilson made it clear that scientists who will be appointed must be executive as well. He said there is no hitch in recognition of the Chinese republic and is awaiting them to comply to certain restrictions.

The President is pleased at the progress of the tariff and is confident there will be no hitch in the bill passing the House and is certain the Senate situation will smooth out any objections to the bill that may come.

The President is confident that any anti-alien land law passed by California will be in such shape that Japan cannot seriously object.

COMMISSION ON CONSTITUTION MEETS.

Short Address by Governor.—A. M. Scales, of Greensboro, Chairman.

Raleigh, April 21.—With every member in his seat the commission on constitutional amendments met at noon and heard short addresses by the Governor. The commission elected A. M. Scales, of Greensboro, chairman; J. B. Cheshire, Jr., of Raleigh, clerk. It then recessed so the committee on rules could report. The rules committee as named by the chairman are, Lieut. Gov. Doughtridge, Representatives Page, Doughton, Devin, and Cooper.

MUST RAISE SEIGE OF SCUTARI.

Fleet of Powers Blockading Coast.—Bombardment Continues.

Cetinje, April 21.—The fleet of the Powers, which is blockading the Montenegrin coast, gave ultimatum today that unless the seige of Scutari is raised they will land troops. The bombardment of Scutari is continued. It is apparently stated that Montenegro is not in accord with the other allies regarding peace.

Baseball Rowdy Sent to Prison.

Atlanta, April 21.—Earl Zuber, the "rowdy fan," who broke a soda water bottle over the head of another fan at Ponce De Leon Park Thursday has been sent to where he will see no more ball games for two years and 60 days. The 60 days he will serve out in the city stockade, and then he will begin a two year sentence on the chaingang. The chaingang sentence is added because on the way back to jail after his first trial, Zuber tried to assault and beat up the police officer who had him in charge.



One of the best things about a store like this is that we have the right things for men of all ages. The older man, who wants his clothes stylish, but highly dignified, in color, pattern and model; the young fellow who seeks the smartest, snappiest, latest fashion in everything he wears; we're ready for all.

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