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RAILROAD SCHEDULE... Northbound: No. 40 To New York 9:23 P. M., No. 130 To Washington 5:05 A. M.

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY... HAVE ALL GOOD—The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: It is they that seek the Lord, shall not want any good thing.—Psalm 34:10.

FOR TAX REDUCTIONS... There is growing sentiment throughout the country for reduction of federal taxes, especially in the matter of the surtax.

When the present income tax law was passed by Congress Secretary Mellon opposed it on the ground that surtaxes were the ones that should be reduced.

It was right, we believe, for the reduction to be made as it was made for the benefit of the masses, but the time has undoubtedly come when the government can afford to give attention to the matter of cutting down on the surtax rate.

And at the same time more attention should be given to tax-free securities. There are many people who think all securities except government bonds, should be taxed, and that tax-free government bonds should be of interest at the rate of only about 3 per cent.

Secretary Mellon is a multi-millionaire and it was natural for him to sponsor tax laws that would benefit wealthy men, but at the same time he is in position to discuss sensibly tax questions from the viewpoint of the rich man. He says:

"Aside from the question of justice, experience shows conclusively that if taxes are too high the source of revenue diminishes and the tax becomes less and less productive. Wars will always be found to avoid a tax inherently excessive and America presents no exception to this rule of taxation."

With leaders of both parties giving much thought to the matter and with the leaders generally agreed that some reduction should be made, although they do not agree on the amount, it is only reasonable to expect Congress when it meets in December to give this surtax question the consideration it deserves.

AS A JUDGE SEES THE LAW... In his charge to a grand jury in Mecklenburg county several days ago Judge James L. Webb touched upon the habit officers have fallen into of shooting at autos when they want to search the car or arrest the occupants.

"Police officers have no right to shoot at or toward citizens unless the latter are known to be escaping felons, or else shoot in the defense of their own lives," Judge Webb said.

This means that the officer who shoots at three or even in the direction of an automobile is violating the law in the same sense as a man who holds a gun on a man who is being charged with hauling or selling liquor is not charged as a felon by either the State or the federal laws.

Therefore the officer cannot even shoot at an auto if he has no reason to believe it is carrying liquor.

The Charlotte News says editorially: "A man is known by the bills he keeps owing."

that the ruling of Judge Webb "is worth knowing" and that it "furnishes a measure of reassurance to the nonoffending citizens, as he travels the highways of the State, that officers cannot, within their rights, turn a gun in their direction" provided the officers are acquainted with the law.

And there is another point well worth considering: Men should be chosen as officers only when they are known to have common sense and judgment. The big, strong man does not always make the best officer. A man may be without fear and without discretion at the same time.

ROWAN PRISONER IN MECKLENBURG... Shack, Alleged Assailant of Mrs. Little, Near Death.

Charlotte Observer. Fearing development of violent riot sentiment against Joe Shack who tried to commit suicide after failure of criminal assault upon Mrs. Roscoe C. Little, according to Salisbury advices, Sheriff Jim Krider spirited the nearly dead negro man into the Mecklenburg county jail about 12 o'clock Saturday night for safe keeping.

With a bullet hole entirely through his head, the negro hung between life and death in a prison cell here yesterday and last night, the doctors, agreeing he had no chance for recovery.

Sheriff Krider told Deputy Sheriff J. B. Pharr, in charge of the jail, that feeling was running strong among the men in the Little neighborhood—on the Bingle's ferry road near Salisbury—but that so far as he knew there had been no design to storm the Rowan jail.

He decided to take no chances, however, and loaded his unconscious prisoner on an ambulance, bringing him to Charlotte.

The assault is said to have taken place at the Little home Saturday morning, following the negro's having been discharged from his work on the farm the day before.

Mrs. Little, mother of several small children, was said to have been handled by the man until her screams attracted neighboring women, who came running to her rescue.

The negro then released his hold on Mrs. Little and ran into the house, it is said, where he secured Mr. Little's revolver and returned to the door and fired at Mrs. Little, failing to touch her. He then returned into the house and shot himself, dispatches state.

The bullet hole leads from the right to left and evidently pierced the brain, doctors say. He was lying unconscious in his own blood when Sheriff Krider found him in the Little home Saturday morning. He continues in that state and is not expected to regain his senses.

Shack was employed by Mr. Little as a farm hand until Friday, when he was released for being lazy and not attending to his duties.

The Little home was reported as being entered by an intruder Friday night. The burglar was frightened away before any of the family saw him, but it was suspected, in view of later developments, that Shack was the intruder.

Doctor McLaughlin said last night, after an examination, that Shack was holding his own, though he did not see how the man could continue living. It looks very much as if the bullet went through Shack's brain, he said, in which case it is surprising that he did not die instantly.

Never Pay Money to a Stranger. Monroe Enquirer. A Monroe citizen a few weeks ago was picked up by a book agent to the tune of \$12 in good hard cash.

Well, my advice to all and sundry, who would subscribe to slick book and magazine agents is to take 'em on the extortion plan—pay for 'em after you get 'em.

German Court Says Judges May Go to Sleep When Bored. Berlin. June 13.—A judge who was found napping has given rise to a far reaching controversy in Germany. In the course of events this question was referred to the German Supreme Court at Leipzig, which came to the strange decision that his honor may safely take his little nap, which is the principal factor concerned.

As was to be expected, this decision has again evoked heated discussion among the best known jurists in the country. Prof. I. Goldschmidt, the legal authority at the Berlin University, expresses his opinion thus:

"One cannot expect a judge to give his individual attention to the proceedings. He is obliged to sign documents, to receive messages and to answer numerous whispered questions during the trial. But if it is positively proved that he has been asleep, the case becomes prohibitive, for sleep signifies loss of consciousness and also irresponsibility."

After an exhibition tour abroad this summer, Arne Borg, the great Swedish swimmer, who holds the European championship and most of the world's distance records, plans to return to America for permanent residence.

DINNER STORIES

A Grave Question. A western governor had lost one of his colonels, and there was an uneasy scramble for the office, despite the fact that the colonel's body was awaiting burial.

"No," the governor replied complacently. "I have no objections if the undertaker is willing."

Reason For His Mirth. "You should always be exceedingly careful about your conduct," said Johnny's mother, giving him a moral lecture.

"What in the world is the matter with you? Are you crazy?" demanded his mother.

Sympathy. An untimely frost effectually completed the mischief done earlier by the insect enemies of Mr. Perkins' potatoes.

Wise Boy. "And you know your Bible, my little man?" asked the minister.

Crossword Craze Over? New York Evening World Says "Yes," and Drops Feature.

FEELST IT'S HER DUTY TO TELL OTHERS... She Thought There Was No Relief For Her—HERB JUICE Restored Her to Normal Health.

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CHAPTER IX—Continued... It was a fact that our Indians had shown in many ways of late that they were weary of their journey and anxious to return.

CHAPTER X... "The most wonderful things have happened!"

Challenger ... tore frantically at his coat and shirt.

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On this there rested a large, purplish grape. Astonished at the sight, I leaped forward to pick it off.

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"It was a fact that our Indians had shown in many ways of late that they were weary of their journey and anxious to return. We realized that Zambo spoke the truth, and that it would be impossible for him to keep them.

"Very good, sar! I promise they wait till tomorrow," said the negro. "But what I do for you now?"

There was plenty for him to do, and admirably the faithful fellow did it. First of all, under our directions, he undid the rope from the tree-stump and threw one end of it across to us.

"Hello, Perkins! How's everything up to the corners?"

"And you know your Bible, my little man?" asked the minister.

"Could you perhaps, tell me something that is in it?"

"Sister's been's picture is in it, and man's recipe for vanishin' cream is 'n it, and a lock of my hair cut off when I was a baby is in it, and the ticket for pa's watch is in it."

CHAPTER X... "The most wonderful things have happened!"

"The most wonderful things have happened and are continually happening to us. All the paper that I possess consists of five old note-books and a lot of scraps, and I have only the one stylographic pencil; but so long as I can move my hand I will continue to set down our experiences and impressions.

Our first care was to make some sort of list of our own stores, so that we might know what we had to rely upon. What with the things we had ourselves brought up and those which Zambo had sent across on the rope, we were fairly well supplied.

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