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HALF A MILLION LOSS.

This Wouldn't Cover Losses at Chadbourn.—Unheard of Situation Caused by Lack of Cars to Move Strawberries.

Wilmington, N. C., May 6.—It was reported here last night from Faison that the shippers of that section had been informed by Railroad officials that owing to a blockade at Washington and Quantico, the reason for which were not given no more refrigerator cars could be sent South at any time soon. Inquiry was then made through a news agency at Washington, but the reply came that nothing was available there as to the reported blockade. Meanwhile from all points along the line running through the strawberry belt of Eastern Carolina come reports of strawberries rotting at the stations for lack of cars to move them. It is added that the farmers are utterly disheartened, and the cry rises long and loud for relief.

Perhaps the most distressing report yet has been received from Chadbourn. A message from there states that more than \$200,000 worth of strawberries have rotted at the depot since Monday morning. The railroad company is hauling carload after carload of spoiled berries to the river and dumping them into the water. The loss to the truck growers of this immediate section will be at least \$600,000. It is said that the fruit growers express company has failed to supply the refrigerator cars.

The farmers are picking their berries as rapidly as they can and turning them over to the station agent here, but the situation is growing worse. The express company is held responsible, and claims for \$200,000 damages have been filed. More than one hundred northern commission men are here willing to pay from \$2 to \$3 a crate for the berries, if they could ship them.

Ten thousand hands have been imported here to pick the berries, and they are at work receiving an average of \$1 per day. Cakes to the number of 350,000 are already in the hands of the growers. The panic developed and the demand ceased and the actual loss of berries will be about 1,180 cars or 230,000 crates, which would have brought \$237,000. The break came and a dire calamity has followed. The Bank of Chadbourn took in \$600,000 last year during the first 70 days of its existence, which included the berry season, but this year the farmers have not yet received enough money to pay off one-half of their indebtedness on the crop now being harvested.

Wilmington May 6.—Although a considerable portion of the crop has spoiled on the hands of the railway company and much of the fruit has been delivered on the Northern markets in bad condition in consequence of the refrigerator car famine in the strawberry belt, it is believed that to-day will witness at least a partial relief of the congestion and that from now on there will be little further, if any damage. One hundred and three cars passed through South Rocky Mount to-day and at least 125 are thought to have gone forward from the various points in the belt. The growers are advised by the association's attorney, J. O. Carr, Esq., of this city, to continue to gather the berries and tender them to the railway company for shipment just as is the cars were on the sidetrack ready to move them, and to report any refusal of bills of lading. Attorneys and special agents of the Armour refrigerator line are throughout the belt adjusting all claims of growers as speedily as possible.

If the tobacco farmers decide to establish factories all over the country it should be understood in the beginning that they will not sell out to the trust the first time they receive a bid.—Durham Herald.

VIOLATED BRITISH NEUTRALITY

Nebogatoff Has Apparently Made Himself as Much at Home in the Waters of Japan's Ally as Rojstvensky Has Done on French Coasts.

London, May 6.—The identification of the warships sighted by the steamer Selangor as Rear Admiral Nebogatoff's division is considered liable to develop an interesting situation.

Judgrah, off which the division was which is a British protectorate and is not far distance from the point where a Russian division was sighted as long ago as April 17. It is not yet known whether the Russian warship are within territorial water or whether they are obtaining supplies from the neighboring land.

A brief telegram on the subject from Singapore, however is taken to indicate that for a week the Russian have been practically enjoying the hospitality of Japan's ally in the same manner that Admiral Rojstvensky's ships have utilized French waters in Cochin-China.

A cablegram dispatch received at London this afternoon says that two of Nebogatoff's transport have put into Sabong, on the north coast of the island of Sumatra, with their bows stove in, evidently having been in collision. Their names are given as the Marienent and Hermine Hessmuller.

WANTON CRUELTY IN WARSAW

Warsaw, May 4, 11:50 p. m.—With the exception of a few minor disturbances, the day passed quietly. Crowds which gathered here and there were quickly dispersed by troops armed with whips and several persons were seriously injured. Great popular unrest continues, and it is being increased by the wanton cruelty of the soldiers. For instance, this afternoon a ten-year old Jewish boy, who pursued him and cut him from the shoulder to the waist with one blow of his sabre.

The crowds continue to gather around Jesus Hospital in Jerusalem, where eleven persons have died as the result of injuries received in the May Day disturbances. The people wish to prevent secret burial by the police. A strong force of police maintain order.

MRS. WEBB-DUKE TO DURHAM.

With Her Chicago Partner, She Proposes to Establish a Tobacco Company in the Home of Brodie L. Duke, Who is Said to Have Offered Assistance.

Beaumont, Texas, May 7.—Mr. Charles F. Taylor, of Chicago, accompanied by his attorney, George S. King, left for Nacogdoches to-day instead of going direct to Chicago, as was announced as his plans yesterday. At Nacogdoches a conference will be held with reference to the re-organization of the Texas-Cuba Tobacco Company, which went out of business some months ago. From Nacogdoches, according to Attorney King, Taylor will leave for Chicago in response to a telegram received from Alice Webb-Duke, who awaits him in that city.

"After a further conference in Chicago," said Attorney King to-day, "Taylor and Alice Webb-Duke will go to Durham, N. C., the home of Brodie L. Duke, where plans will be made looking to the establishment of a tobacco company."

Mr. King refused to say that Mr. Duke would meet them there, but admitted that they would see him on the trip. He denied that there had been a rupture of relations between Brodie Duke and Alice Webb-Duke, and showed the dispatches from Duke offering substantial assistance to Mrs. Duke if she wanted it.

TOBACCO TRUST NEXT.

A Way Found to Make a Witness Answer Questions.

New York, May 6.—It became known to-day that the federal grand jury for some time past has been conducting a secret investigation into certain matters concerning the American Tobacco Company and its subsidiary companies. The investigation is being made by Henry W. Taft, brother of the secretary of war, who has been appointed a special assistant United States district attorney for that particular purpose. He has as assistant Felix H. Levy, who was also recently appointed a special United States attorney. Mr. Taft is authority for the statement that the investigation is being made under the provisions of the anti-trust law.

The proceedings in the grand jury room were secret, but it became known that Edward F. Hale of the Andrews & Forbes Company, one of the subsidiary companies, refused to answer questions when he was called, taking the ground that to do so would tend to incriminate him and degrade him and that the answers would be too voluminous. When the grand jury filed a presentment before Judge Lacombe in the United States court, however, Hale was directed to reply to the questions.

It was through Hale's refusal to answer the question that the fact that an investigation was in progress became public. The motion calendar in Judge Lacombe's court had been completed to-day when the grand jury filed into the court room. They were accompanied by Mr. Taft and Mr. Levy and with them also were Lawyers John D. Lindsley and Delancy Nicoll, counsel for Hale. Hale was brought in a moment later by United States Marshal Henkel. He was not under arrest, however. The foreman of the grand jury then handed the presentment to Judge Lacombe. It contained a list of questions which Mr. Taft informed the court Hale had refused to answer after appearing in obedience to a subpoena.

The witness was instructed to answer the questions, and the grand jury and witness returned to the jury room.

Mr. Taft later refused to discuss the nature of the investigation. The presentment, he said, would not be made public until after the examination of the witness is concluded.

NEED 10 DAYS FOR JUNCTION.

St. Petersburg, May 6.—The Admiralty to-day received from an agent at Singapore a report of the sighting of Rear Admiral Nebogatoff's division off Judgrah, but the news is unofficial. Nevertheless, it is credited, the naval authorities having generally been of the opinion ever since the rumor of a juncture of the Russian forces was spread that Nebogatoff had not passed the gate of the China Sea. There is the greatest interest here regarding the condition of the Russian ships after the voyage across the Indian Ocean. It is estimated that Nebogatoff will require ten days in which to join Vice-Admiral Rojstvensky.

Tax Listing

I will be at the following places on the following dates, for the purpose of listing taxes in Roxboro township, and request everybody to meet me promptly and list their taxes. Will be at Brookdale, June 1st; at H. T. Clayton's store, June 3rd, and at Roxboro until June 15th.

W. A. WINSTEAD,
Tax Lister.

It was the merest accident which revealed the \$1,400,000 defalcation of bank president Bigelow. It's enough to make a man keep his savings in his stocking.

MR. WASH. DUKE DEAD.

The Aged Millionaire Manufacturer Breathed His Last at Two O'clock Yesterday.

Durham, N. C., May 8.—Washington Duke, founder of the Duke branch of The American Tobacco Company, father of J. B. Duke, president of that company, millionaire and philanthropist, who directly and indirectly gave more than a million dollars to Trinity College, died this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

His death was no surprise. For several weeks he had been close to death's door and yesterday afternoon began to sink rapidly. All night it was expected that the next hour would be his last.

This morning he was weak and sinking. When he passed away his three sons, B. L., B. N. and J. B. Duke, with other relatives, were gathered by his bedside. He was in the 85th year of his age. He was a part of the history of Durham and his death has cast a gloom over the entire city.

The funeral service will be conducted from Main Street Methodist church, of which he was a member, 11 o'clock Wednesday morning and the body will be laid to rest in the Duke Mausoleum at Maplewood Cemetery.

The funeral service will be conducted by Dr. J. C. Kiigo, president of Trinity College and Dr. T. A. Smoot, pastor of the church. Full detailed arrangements have not been made for the funeral as yet.

Though Mr. Duke and his influence there has been given to Trinity College a million dollars, this coming from members of his family, and probably more than that amount. His first great gift was

when the college was moved here in 1891, when he gave \$150,000. Other gifts followed until his personal gifts amounted to more than a half million dollars. His sons and other relatives added to these gifts until the amount is now more than a million dollars.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Of the Roxboro Graded School Take Place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 15th, 16th and 17th, 1905.

The commencement exercises will be held in the Court House as follows:

On Monday night, May 15th, at 8 p. m., there will be exercises by the lower grades.

Tuesday morning, May 16th, at 11 a. m., the literary address will be delivered by Dr. E. Walter Sikes, of Wake Forest College.

Tuesday night at 8 p. m., there will be given a play, "The Danger Signal," rendered by four young ladies and seven young men from the Eighth and Ninth Grades. An admission fee of 15 cents, 25 cents and 35 cents will be charged to see this play. The object of this is to raise money to defray the expenses of commencement.

On Wednesday at 8 p. m., there will be a concert and closing exercises by the higher grades.

We hope to make the commencement a pleasure to all the friends of the school. All who are interested in the school, both in town and country, are cordially invited to be present. N. C. NEWBOLD,
Superintendent.

The number of criminal insane will continue to increase as long as they continue to let them get out of it that way.—Durham Herald

To The Ladies.

This week we just want to say to the ladies that the dress goods and millinery departments are full of the spirit of the season—fresh, new, sunny, summery things. New arrivals daily whisper some new born style. Come. You'll witness a bond of sympathy between our prices and your purse. The fact that this has been the best season for years in these departments at this store, we consider an index that we have the best merchandise to be found at the lowest prices.

Men of Taste

Don't require such a well filled purse to buy an up-to-date suit in our clothing department. A suit that looks right when you buy it and stays right after you wear it. We are the people who handle this kind in Roxboro. Our suits equal in looks and fit, excel in wear and workmanship. The patterns and fabrics are fashion's latest.

Men's Furnishings.

What we have is the best to be had at the price. Negligee Shirts, white and colored, 50c. to \$1.00 Underwear, 25c., 50c. and \$1.00 a garment We have it in checked nainsooks, elastic seam, balbriggan and Lisle thread.

Straw Hats

Men's and boys' in the newest as well as regular staple shapes, 25c. to \$1.50.

Last season's stock on a table to itself. Your choice for 25c.

A look through our men's department will certainly convince you that we have decidedly the best stock in the county and that our prices are right.

LONG, HARRIS & BURNS