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NEW BERN, CRAVEN COUNTY, N. C., TUESDAY AUGUST 13, 1907--FIRST SECTION.

30th YEAR

AFTER MATH OF THE COLLISION

Impossible to get Body of Fireman Until Engine Had Cooled to Allow Work

CHANGES IN FACULTY OF A & M COLLEGE

County Appropriations by Board of Education, Charters Granted. Application for New Railroads to Enter State. Increase of Soldiers' Pensions. Doings at Raleigh.

Special Correspondence.

Raleigh, August 8.—All the talk here today is about the Southern Railway collision, wreck and fire, the dead engineer and the fireman, half a mile beyond Auburn, and ten miles from Raleigh. All night long, people went there, and this morning they went by rail and every other mode of conveyance. The scene was horrible in the early hours of the morning. Many freight cars were burned, seven early in the night and four later, and the fire was not extinguished until after daylight this morning. A special train at one thirty o'clock, returning to the scene took 800 feet of hose from the Southern yards here and from the fire department, and this was connected with the pump at the water tank very near where the accident occurred. At 4:30 o'clock this morning the body of fireman, John Young, was dug out from under the stowing engine, after the latter had been cooled enough on one side to allow the diggers to get at the body. Bethal was at his post, at the left side, and by him was his shovel. The search for the dead engineer, Parker, was pushed very rapidly, and his body was taken out a little later. Both bodies were horribly disfigured, being crushed, scalded and burned. Every freight car which left the track burned, tea being piled upon the big engine, and one being thrown entire to the top of the deep cut, 15 feet high, in which the wreck occurred. This car, thus on top of the bank, was also entirely burned, the flames having spread from the great mass of wreckage below. There were two cars loaded with pianos, and of these latter, only the strings remained. Another car was loaded with acid. One was particularly filled with matches, and another carried excelsior, two of these had lumber and two were full of coal. The engines were so completely locked together and so torn to pieces that after the powerful crane of the wrecking outfit had pulled away the passenger engine and began to grip the freight engine, the boiler of the latter came away from the truck and fell over in the ditch. The front part of the mail car, nearest to the engine, was for baggage, but was empty, and the compartment of this saved in a very wonderful way the life of mail clerk P. M. Pritchett. The noise of the collision was heard more than four miles away. Farmer Stallings, who lived that distance, had just reached home when he heard the noise and immediately drove to the scene. An engine came up from the east and took towards Goldsboro all the freight cars which were on the rack, while the relief train went down from Raleigh and took back the passenger, express and baggage cars. At the spot a telegraph office was quickly improvised at the foot of a pole, and there the operators were busy all the night, and until late this morning, while an official of the Southern was also there with his young lady stenographer, from Raleigh, vast number of messages being sent and a great deal of special work done. The fire was very hard to get under control, and the heat was very great. The track was injured for quite a distance. Not until noon was the wreck cleared, transfers being made until that time. Dr. Thomas, of Charlotte, who saw the wreck as he was coming into Raleigh this morning, said it was one of the worst he had ever seen in his life. The force with which the engines went together was amazing. It is now claimed that the prohibitionists will win in the election here to be held at the very end of the year, by at least a three hundred majority.

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RAILROAD MEN NOT PRESENT

Not Convenient For Them to Meet Corporation Commission and Others

PROTESTS MADE THICK AND FAST

Raleigh, Durham and Other Cities Held Up in a High Handed Manner by the Railroads. Efforts Being Made to Have a Just and Equitable Rate.

Special to Journal.

Raleigh, August 9.—Governor Glenn and the Corporation Commission had prepared for hearing the rate discrimination matter but the railway men except Henry A. Page, wired that it was inconvenient for them to come at this time and asked for a date later. Delegations of business men were here from Durham and Charlotte and E. J. Justice, and James S. Manning appeared for the State Merchants Association. A date for the conference was not fixed as to the larger railroads. The scene of the action was transferred to the office of the Corporation Commission. J. L. James, of the James Lumber Company, of Durham, J. W. Walker and Julian S. Carr, Jr., of that place spoke freely regarding discriminations. James said rates to points over a hundred miles further than Durham were made twenty five per cent less than to Durham on Lumber. He said that Durham and Raleigh were in a "High Priced Zone" that the matter was one purely of discrimination and did not need any lawyer to set it out as the Commission knew many facts and could easily get others. Carr said the rates on grain for Louisville to Durham, were 29 cents and to Lynchburg, only 11 cents, so Lynchburg could far undersell Durham. The particular investigation discussed in the Commission office was as to the Norfolk and Western. Chairman McNeill said Governor Glenn wished to be present at the hearing. One was finally decided for Monday, several attorneys and business men filed complaints as to discrimination. Justice filed one for Hickory against the Southern Railway. Justice said he had been notified by the Southern Railway officials and by standing master Walter Montgomery, it had been decided to hold the first investigation into the books of the Southern Railway at New York on the 15th instant instead of at Washington. Chairman McNeill of the Commission will go to this hearing in New York. The cases against the Norfolk & Western are important and are taken up because this was really a continuation of the investigation. Some Charlotte business men were afraid they would not be given an opportunity to make a showing of discrimination there. They will be given the opportunity as all will be heard when the general question of discrimination against the Seaboard Air Line, Southern, A. C. L. Norfolk and Western, and other roads comes up. The Inter-State Commerce Commission has investigated at Charlotte and found discrimination. Chairman McNeill said the legislature had empowered the Commission after full investigations to bring suit before the Inter-State Commerce Commission and that the North Carolina Commission is now obtaining material to be laid before the Inter-State Commission in this way.

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OPERATORS LEAVE W. U. OFFICE

Postal Telegraph Will Follow Suit and the Lockout Will be Effective

CONFERRANCES FAIL TO MAKE PEACE

Failure to Keep Agreement on Part of the Western Union the Cause of the Difficulty. Offices in Most of the Large Cities Deserted. Keys Taken by Officials of Company.

Special to Journal.

Chicago, August 10.—The strike of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph operators is now very nearly general. All the cities in the west and central west are tied up and the strike is extending rapidly and will probably involve the whole country by Monday. At a conference between the officials of the Western Union Telegraph Company and the committee of four members of the commercial Telegraphers Union held in New York a few weeks ago, the Western Union reached an agreement with the Central Telegraphers Union, that the practice known as the "sliding scale" and other unfair means of treatment would stop and that they would recognize the union. It is now claimed that the employing company have not come up to their agreement. This is said to be the cause of the rupture. Active steps were taken tonight by striking telegraphers to assemble the finances of all the labor organizations as a fund to battle against the millions represented by the telegraph companies. Telegraphers have sufficient funds for present needs, but secretary Niska, of the Chicago Labor Federation tonight called a meeting of the Federation of Labor Unions for next Sunday. James B. Conners, Grand Master Switchmen Union of North America, at the operators mass meeting tonight pledged more financial support. His organization offered \$17,000 to telegraphers to carry on their fight. Similar assurances came from all over the country. With the west, greater part of the South, now tied up there only remains a portion of the east to make the telegraph strike general. Following messages indicate trend: "Jos. Ahern, President Local No. 16, New York, situation most serious. Chicago tied up. Board of Trade paralyzed. Think it advisable to have New York ready to take its part. We are not going to stand idly by and have strike breakers imported to Chicago." From other points: "Wesley Russell, general secretary, to E. M. Moore, chairman executive committee, Chicago, 'New York boys are with you heart and soul. Only way out is to win out.' A special meeting will be held Sunday.—Joseph Ahern. Midnight tonight the strike declared to be in thirty cities, among them, Charleston, S. C., New Orleans, Denver, Colo., Birmingham, Ala., Nashville, Memphis, Tenn., Meridian, Miss., Dallas, Houston, Tex., Salt Lake City, Utah, Helena, Mont., Galveston, Tex., with total of about 9,000 men. The telephone company here has been notified if they received messages from Western Union or Postal, for transmission to strike. Twenty-five strike breakers arrived in special car tonight, from New York. The Government officials are trying to bring the trouble to an end, and it is hoped by all that a fair and just agreement will be reached before any further trouble occurs. Following is list of cities where the strike has already been declared with approximate men out: City W. U. Postal Chicago 1,150 500 Houston 30 30 Kansas City 30 75 Toledo 8 10 Oklahoma City 10 5 Pueblo 8 8 New Orleans 100 60 Nashville 75 50 Columbus 70 40 Memphis 50 50 Dallas 150 40 Meridian 10 10 Jackson, Miss. 15 15 Minneapolis 90 30 Milwaukee 30 15 St. Louis 235 80 Helena, Mont. 40 40 Salt Lake City 36 30 Colorado Springs 30 30 Denver 75 40 Fort Worth 40 40 El Paso 35 30 St. Paul 150 150

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UNUSUAL NUMBER OF DROWNING ACCIDENTS

Bathing and Yachting Furnish the Majority of the Causes of Deaths by Drowning.

MOREHEAD CITY IS BOOMING

Society of All Descriptions Make a Lively Time at Atlantic

Special to Journal.

New York, August 12.—Eleven drownings were reported in the immediate vicinity of New York today. Four Newark men were drowned by the sinking of a launch in which they were sailing in Raritan Bay, off Port Mounmouth, N. J., late today. Seven other men, who were in the launch, were saved by a passing mailboat. The drowned men are Charles Guenther, Gustav Mezer, Charles Weber and a man named Shlebr. Thomas Poraccho, eighteen years old, and his brother, Tony, twelve, of New York, were drowned while bathing at Coney Island tonight. George Clement, twenty years old, of Hackensack, N. J., was drowned by the upsetting of a boat in the Hackensack River. Michael Cesari, of Newark, N. Y., was taken with cramps while bathing off Orient Point, Sheepshead Bay, and was drowned. George Flynn, fourteen years old, of Brooklyn, while bathing in Jamaica Bay, off Rockaway Point, got beyond his depth and was drowned. John Kelly, nineteen years old, was drowned in the Harlem River at Two Hundred and Thirty-First street. Peter Goodrich, lieutenant of the Yonkers branch of the United States Volunteer Life Saving Corps, was drowned in Hudson River at Yonkers while diving for the body of Thomas Ferguson, a small boy who lost his life there on Saturday night.

WARRENTON GOES DRY

Telegram of Appreciation to Governor Glenn For His Address There

Special to Journal.

Raleigh, August 12.—Governor Glenn delivered a prohibition speech at Warrenton Sunday. This afternoon he received a telegram from R. B. Boyd, saying prohibition has won by a majority, "thanks to you." Election was held today. The governor was very much gratified.

Special to Journal.

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MANY PROMINENT PEOPLE THERE

The Chief Attractions for This Week Are the Encampment of First Regiment N. C. N. G. and the Pilgrimage of Shriners.

Special to Journal.

Morehead City, August 9.—Morehead City has but a few months of the year in which she shines, but her brilliancy this year exceeds anything that does not bring a number of guests to the Atlantic Hotel. It is the Mecca of all those who seek good companionship in combination with cool retreat from business cares and the summer heat. July has always been supposed to be the season at Morehead but August is a successful competitor for one amusement is hardly out of the way before another begins and it is one continual round of gaiety. This morning there were card parties all about, no matter which way you turned there was either "Bridge Whist" "Euchre," "Finnch," or some other attraction with paste boards going on and then there was a real live sewing party gathered around the wife of our congenial host, Mrs. F. P. Morton. This morning invitations were issued by Mrs. W. L. Kennedy to meet Mrs. F. G. James of Greenville. It was a charming "crush" with the sea breezes so in evidence that the beautifully gowned women were as fresh and bright as the profusion of roses plucked from the garden of Mrs. Kennedy. The refreshments were to the queen's taste with salads poignant and sweets the quintessence of perfection. The afternoon passed all too quickly and after sincere professions of appreciation the ladies returned to their rooms to prepare for the ball.

Prominent Arrivals

Among the prominent people of the State who are registered at the Atlantic are United States Judge Purnell, and Mrs. Purnell, of Raleigh; ex-Gov. Thomas J. Jarvis of Greenville; Hon. Harry Skinner and family of Greenville; J. A. Giles, of Durham; George Green, of New Bern; T. B. Hart, Raleigh, Secretary to Judge Purnell; Gen. Robertson, N. C. N. G.; Misses Isabel and Eliza Simmons; J. L. Hatch, of Raleigh.

Over The Hot Sands

Today there is to be gathering that has never been here before. The Mystic Shriners, a side degree of the Masons will have their annual pilgrimage here and about 400 persons of the desert will be here. It is expected that there will be a class of 50 and perhaps more who will be led over the hot sands of the desert to the oasis of rest and peace. After the order has given its neophytes their induction ceremonies a grand banquet will be served in the dining room of the Atlantic Hotel.

Soldiers in Camp

Today, the First Regiment, N. C. N. G. began a five day encampment. Camp Glenn is a scene of great activity. The regiment is made up of companies from Hickory, Salisbury, Winston, Charlotte, Statesville, Shelby Waynesville, Mt. Airy, Concord, and High Point. Most of their work will be at Camp Glenn will be rifle practice.

Asheville Negro Walking to Exposition

Richmond Times Dispatch 9. Winston Bay, an old time "down South nigger," reached Richmond last night from Asheville, N. C., having walked all the way, en route to the Jamestown Exposition. Winston is carrying with him a "soap box band" of his own make and he will play on it at the Exposition on Wednesday, which is "Negro Day" there.

Great Slaughter of Moors

Special to Journal. Tangiers, August 2.—The French army encamped outside the city of Casa Blanca, attacked 4,000 Moorish horsemen, who have been robbing and terrorizing the city and committed terrible slaughter on them. The Moors were being heavily re-enforced and were planning for a second raid upon the city. They killed many of the Jewish residents of the city.

Special to Journal.

VALUE OF STARCH IN COTTON MILLS

Investigation Shows That Fraud Has Been Perpetrated

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT INTERESTED

Drinking Fountain for Man and Beast to be Established in Raleigh. Extend Street Railway to Crabtree Creek. Boring For Coal and Oil. Other News of Interest.

Special Correspondence.

Raleigh, August 10.—The Agricultural Department of this State has just issued the very important bulletin upon starches used in cotton mills and their adulterations. This bulletin is specially prepared by C. Berth D. Harris, Assistant State Chemist and some startling revelations are made in it and it is of very great value to the cotton mills of North Carolina, which spend each year as much as \$400,000 for starch. Early last June two samples of starch were sent here for examination, one being represented to be potato starch and the other corn starch, the latter was found to be as represented, but very little potato starch was found in the sample claimed to be potato starch, the latter being mainly corn starch, and this caused the belief that a fraud was being perpetrated and a mixture of corn and potato starch was being sold for pure potato starch. This led to an investigation of the quality of the starches used in cotton mills in this State, for the benefit of the mills, and 80 weaving mills were asked to send samples of the kinds of starch they use. About three hundred pounds of starch are used for each loom operated in the State, and as there are 53,000 looms there is about 15,000,000 pounds of starch consumed by the cotton weaving mills alone, the average price for all starch being figured at two and a half cents per pound. It is impossible to tell the difference in starches without the aid of the microscope, and some manufacturers