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NEW BERN, CRAVEN COUNTY, N. C., FRIDAY OCTOBER 25, 1907.—SECOND SECTION

30th YEAR

POSTPONEMENT OF RAILROAD OPENING

Found Expedient Under Circumstances to Change the Date Until November

DELEGATES APPOINTED TO MINING CONGRESS

New Recruits to the Penitentiary Possible Easy Solution of the Railway Rate Case. Successful Re-Valuation State Fair for Colored People in Fall Swing. Governor Glenn Made Speech.

Special Correspondence. Raleigh, N. C., October 22.—A short postponement of the date for the celebration of the completion of the Norfolk and Southern Railway between Raleigh and Washington. Vice President M. K. King will be here tomorrow to confer with four correspondents regarding the matter. A telegram from him says that President Cannon cannot be in Washington October 30, and it is important that an effort be made to fix another date in the following week. Your correspondent had a conference with Governor Glenn this morning, and the Governor finds that while he has no engagements next week all his time is taken the following week, his first clear date therefore being November 11th, other clear dates being the 13th and 14th. Tomorrow everything will be definitely arranged.

Captain Robert H. Brooks, the superintendent of the county home, who has served so faithfully in that position for many years, is quite sick, there. He is greatly loved by the veterans and by the Raleigh public and all hope for his speedy recovery. The Governor appoints as delegates to the 10th annual session of the American Mining Congress at Joplin, Missouri, November 17th to 16th, State Geologist Joseph A. Holmes, State Geologist, Joseph Hyde Pratt, T. R. Hewitt, Thomas Woodroffe, and Robert Lassiter.

Sheriff Fitch of Haywood county, today brought two white men, M. K. Sutor and Joseph Gregory, to the penitentiary, to serve two years for breaking into and robbing a railway warehouse.

Things look more hopeful for an arrangement as to the Southern Railway rate case. Today a rumor ran around that some kind of an agreement was in sight and that authorities representing the State, for example, Governor Glenn and certain of his attorneys and President Spencer, vice-president Andrews, and other officials of the Southern Railway might soon go to Washington. There has been a good deal of talk about the putting of vice-president Andrews on the witness stand and some papers have intimated that this is a great mistake and that of course he will be put on the witness stand. It is remarked that there was nothing of the "tenderfoot" as to this matter on the part of the State and it was added that all necessary to be done in satisfaction of the authorities that the people demand it. This seems to be the keynote of the whole affair. It was remarked today that something very important would develop from this visit to Washington and that the State was so remarked, would do as President Roosevelt did, "eat bear liver." Perhaps this was a very good way to put the matter. All sorts of inquiries as to the date of the Washington meeting or conference, or whatever it may be termed, brought no answer. Mention has already been made of the fact that the conference which attorneys expected to have here with Governor Glenn tonight to discuss the trial, this being the document to combat the arguments advanced. The bill will not be filed in the court of appeals, however, before December 1. Included in the bill as given to Mr. Sims, is a copy of Attorney General Bonaparte's letter to the District Attorney, which was read in Judge Landis' court at the time the immunity matter was finally disposed of. This states that the agreement was made previous to the beginning of the trial. The attorney argues that if they had been informed of the agreement under which the Attorney General took the witness stand, they would have questioned them differently.

The colored State Fair was formally opened at noon today. Tomorrow Governor Glenn will speak to the colored farmers there. The colored Agricultural and Mechanical College at Greensboro makes a very good exhibit and several classes of its students are here. Base ball enthusiasts are interested.

WILL ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE FINE

Stand Oil Trust Attorneys Pledge Bill for Effective Use

TWENTY-FIVE MAIN POINTS IN ARGUMENT

Government Attorneys Take Copy of Bill to Determine Points, Constitutionality of Elkins Act Attacked. Number of Violations Not Correctly Computed.

Chicago, October 22.—The Inter-Ocean says today: "Plans for the tremendous effort that will be made by attorneys for the Standard Oil Company to have the \$29,240,000 fine imposed by Judge Landis wiped out by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals were discussed yesterday. Twenty-five main points, each of which the attorneys will argue is sufficient to have the record-breaking fine declared void, will be advanced when the case comes to trial in January. The principal argument will be:

"1. That the Government attorneys failed to inform the defense of the Alton immunity agreement.

"2. That the Elkins act, under which the conviction was secured, was unconstitutional.

"3. That as the Hepburn act was passed before indictments were returned, prosecution under the provisions of the Elkins law was illegal.

"4. That Judge Landis did not compute the number of violations correctly.

"5. That certain evidence should not have been admitted.

"6. That the Standard Oil Company accepted the rates in question with the understanding that they were authorized rates.

"A copy of the bill has been given to United States District Attorney Sims and special assistant District Attorney Wilkerson and Parkins, will decide upon the further steps to be taken had been postponed. The absence of ex-Governor Aycock, as important an attorney was given as one of the reasons for the postponement. This is the fifth week of the Revival Meeting by Rev. P. G. Elson, in the Fayetteville Street Baptist Church here, and during that time 74 persons have joined the church.

"In attacking the constitutionality of the Elkins act and in contending that the passage of the Hepburn law made it unlawful to prosecute for violations of the repealed Elkins measure the Standard Oil attorneys hope, in the event of a favorable decision, to furnish a basis for freeing the company from numerous other suits now pending.

"It will be contended that Judge Landis failed to compute the number of violations correctly. Instead of each shipment constituting a violation the defense will claim that either the number of settlements between the company and railroad, or less the number of times the rate was granted should be the only things considered.

"In the one case the number of violations would be about 300, while in the other it would be reduced to only 3. Conviction was secured in 1,342 violations.

"Other arguments that will be advanced are mainly those introduced at the first trial."

Disastrous Earthquake in Italy.

Special to Journal. Calabria Province, Italy, October 24.—At six o'clock this morning two distinct shocks of earthquake were very strongly felt and the city was a wreck scarcely a house but was affected. People fleeing from their houses were struck by falling objects. Some were killed. Many were injured and property to the extent of hundreds of thousands of dollars has been ruined.

"ed in knowing whether the league formed of three South Carolina towns and three North Carolina towns will knock out the proposed North Carolina league or not.

Another Confederate relic has been added to the collection in the Hall of History here, this being presented by Mr. N. W. West, a Confederate veteran of this county. It is a parasol made in 1864, an old frame with whalebone ribbing used, this being covered with an old silk dress pattern in recollecting this. It shows very plainly the stress of those trying times. The parasol is very small, being really a sun-shade of the pattern of about 1850, the fashion having been set by the Empress Eugénie of France.

SUGGESTIONS OF COMPROMISE MADE

In regard to the Railway Rate Case to be Heard Next Week

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL DRAINAGE ASSN

Col. Cameron Elected President National Farmers Congress. Synods Interest in Peace Institute. Conference Between the Executive Committee of Rex Hospital and State Medical School.

Special Correspondence. Raleigh, N. C., October 22.—Mention has been made of the fact that next Monday the Southern Railway rate investigation will be resumed at Washington before Standing Master Montgomery. The air yesterday and today was full of hints of a compromise between the State and the road, and yet no one, in authority would say anything about it. It is one of those curious rumors which lingers in the air and remains persistent. It is therefore all guess work as to what will be done next week. Some have been said that another rate might be fixed than the 2-1-4 cent but there is none in this. That rate bill in all probability will stand as it is.

Col. Benjamin Cameron has been elected president for the next two years of the Farmers National Congress, which is in session at Oklahoma City. He has been vice-president two years.

Ex-Judge Robert W. Winston, is preparing a life of Edwin Fuller, a North Carolina poet of repute. Three hundred sketches of southern writers are thus to be prepared for publication.

Today there was a conference between members of the executive committee of the Rex Hospital here and of the State University Medical School at Raleigh. A desire of the Medical Board is that the hospital shall make a start to induce the trustees to select what they will do in the way of erecting a new building, which will also contain quarters for the Medical School. The latter now occupies a leased building which is not convenient in many respects and the hospital is in an old frame building, by no means suited to its purpose, the house having been built three quarters of a century ago, and the additions to it being necessarily of a more or less temporary character.

Governor Glenn appoints the following delegates to the National Drainage Association, which meets in Baltimore, November 25-27: Congressman John H. Small, Charles R. Thomas, and H. L. Godwin, State Geologist I. H. Pratt, Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes, Frank Wood, Thomas W. Mount, Mark Mallett, H. C. Carter, James A. Bryan, J. Allen Taylor, and W. C. Rodman.

Among today's visitors here was ex-Attorney Robert M. Douglas, who paid his respects to the Governor. Corporation Commissioner Rogers left today for Wadesboro, to hear a petition for a union station there to be built jointly by the Seaboard Air Line and Atlantic Coast Line Railways.

Corporation Commissioner Reddingfield, goes to Greensboro to hear a complaint as to the assessment of standing timber lands. He bears this as a member of the State Tax Commission, it being an appeal from the assessment made by the county board of tax equalization. The complainants set out that the assessment is excessive. There have been relatively very low complaints of assessment this year.

Roosevelt Will Say Neither Yes Nor No.

Special to Journal. Washington, D. C., October 24.—Reporters have been endeavoring to secure some statement regarding President Roosevelt's third term candidacy, but he will not affirm or deny the talk.

Buzzard Not Healthy Diet.

Special to Journal. Corfu, Ky., October 24.—An Italian action band killed a buzzard yesterday and cooked the bird, serving it with dumplings. Three other Italians partook with him of the meal. Immediately afterward all four became violently ill. An hour later the host died in great agony, and his countrymen are not expected to recover.

In Amsterdam there is a factory where 400,000 diamonds are cut annually. Most of the work is done by women.

THE GIN HOUSE WILL BE REBUILT

No Time Will Be Lost in Making Necessary Arrangements for Their Construction.

N & S YARD IS A BUSY PLACE

Men Hard at Work Grading and Preparing the Yards for General Purposes

For the second time in seven months the New Bern Cotton Oil and Fertilizer Mills has suffered by fire. As the Journal reported in yesterday's issue, the gin house of that corporation was destroyed at one o'clock yesterday morning. The fire gained rapidly and before either fire company had arrived the building was doomed. The dry condition of all material made it easy food for the fire. The flames were fanned into a fury by the breeze which blew from the northeast, and was the means of scattering the embers far and wide, and placing the balance of the plant and cars, which were in the yard in extreme jeopardy. The gallant fight of the fire-ladders is worthy of more than passing notice. They were handicapped by a very insufficient pressure, and but for this failure they would have been enabled to put the fire under control before. As it was, they subdued the flames in a wonderfully short time. A good specimen of their work was on the cars which repeatedly caught on fire—being right abreast of the fiercest of the conflagration. The wonder is that they were not all consumed. The saving of the water tank was a feat hard to accomplish, but by taking great risks, two firemen went up the ladder a distance of thirty or forty feet from the ground and put out the fire which would undoubtedly have caused much damage.

Enquiry yesterday failed to reveal the origin of the fire. The place is remote from the boiler room, and it could not possibly have caught from that source; there was no other fire of any description around the place, consequently the real origin of the fire is as much of a mystery to the proprietors as to others. There were 10 or 15 bales of cotton, all of which were more or less burned. The loss is provided for by insurance.

With characteristic energy, the company will begin as soon as possible to rebuild and will push the construction rapidly in order that they may lose as little time as possible. They had but just completed the repairs from the first fire, when this occurred. They have the sympathy of the public in their misfortunes.

NORTHERNERS COME SOUTH IN GREAT NUMBERS

This State Harbors Many Who Seek Mild Winter Climate.

Special Correspondence. Raleigh, N. C., October 24.—An unusually large number of people from the north it seems, are coming to the State this season. Letters from various points in the north indicate as much. Last winter was very severe there, but mild here and several of the letter writers say they fear a heavy winter in their section, and so desire to come south early. Hereafter they have been going rather in beaten tracks, but some of them this season are going to strike out and enter new fields. Captain Samuel A. Ashe, always so observant, was speaking today about the wonderful North Carolina climate. He has travelled much but has never found anything equal to it. There is a little humidity a couple of months in the year, July and August, but during the remainder of the time the conditions are generally ideal. Certain resorts in North Carolina, as for example Asheville, and Pinehurst, and Southern Pines, have sought most successfully for the tourist and winter visitor business, and it has trebled the value of property in Moore county in ten years, but other parts of the State have done relatively little towards attracting people from the colder States. Along the coast a vast deal could be done by careful advertising.

Farmers who have come in here from all parts of this county, report that the game laws have been wonderfully well observed this year, and that they have heard of no shooting of partridges. The season opens November 1, and the outlook for sportsmen is very good indeed. The summer has been favorable for birds and this fall there is plenty of food for them, though the weather has been rather dry for cornfield peas, of which these birds are so fond.

Boasted Because He Praised Lee.

Special to Journal. Washington, D. C., October 24.—Rev. John Van Schaick, a pastor of one of the prominent churches here incurred the displeasure of the members of the Burnside Post G. A. R., because he made complimentary reference in an address to Gen. Robert E. Lee. The post adopted resolutions censuring the minister.

Millionaire Harries Janitress.

Special to Journal. Pittsburg, October 24.—John McShane, a millionaire manufacturer, politician, and member of numerous clubs and lodges created a great sensation today by marrying the janitress of the flat where he resided. The woman is of Irish parentage and possessed of good looks. It is said that she is not and was never obliged to be in such a lowly position, but she took that method to study conditions among the Irish people.

Canada has asserted ownership over a number of British islands.

CRISIS IN MONEY MATTERS PASSED

Such Seems Verdict of Leading Financiers in New York City and Elsewhere

TWO SMALL BANKS CLOSE THEIR DOORS

Combinations Enter Market and Take Big Blocks of Stocks. Trust Company at Pittsburg Goes to Receivers, but Will Meet Its Obligations. More Banks Close their Doors.

Special to Journal. New York, October 24.—It is believed here that the financial situation has made a definite turn for the better. The stock market is showing greater strength and a number of advances are being recorded.

In the best informed circles here it is now believed that the Trust Company of America will weather the storm, being supported by such powerful interests as the First National Bank and J. P. Morgan & Co., who, it is said, are determined to see it clearly through.

Clearing house sheets went through successfully and there are no indications of runs on any other banks at present.

J. P. Morgan is quoted as saying that the worst is over.

Millions were poured into the stock market here today and everything offered was purchased in interest of combination of the bankers determined to stop panic liquidation on extensive scale.

The Empire City Savings Bank refused to pay depositors this morning, taking advantage of the thirty days' clause in the bank's charter.

The Twelfth and Hamilton, small banking company houses, closed their doors today, due to runs made by depositors.

Stock values show a slump amounting to \$3,500,000,000.

Pittsburg, Pa., October 24.—The Iron City Trust Company, has passed into the hands of receivers, following the appointment of receivers yesterday for the Westinghouse companies. The bank is solvent and creditors and depositors will lose nothing.

New York, October 23.—John D. Rockefeller has taken an active interest in the present financial situation, and he has arranged to loan very large sums to a number of New York financial institutions.

"I think," said Mr. Rockefeller to a reporter of the Associated Press this evening, "that the existing alarm among investors is not warranted, and I hope the good common sense of our American people will control the situation."

"Instead of withdrawing any of my money from the banks, I am co-operating with others in helping to meet that which I firmly believe to be only a temporary crisis. Every one having the good of his country at heart should by word and deed lend a hand, now to re-establish confidence and I propose to do my part to the full extent of my resources."

Generous Restitution.

In one of the Northwestern States they like nothing better than to tell how, a few years ago, there came to that section a Boston newspaper man whose mission it was to "write up" lynching in that quarter, although it appeared that there has not been a legal execution in the State for a long time. The natives took the questions of the Eastern scribe in good part, and even "jollied" him into believing that for downright lawlessness the community wherein he was for the moment sojourning was about the most conspicuous portion of the United States.

"Don't you ever make a mistake in these lynchings?" guilelessly asked the Bostonian. "That is, don't you ever lynch the wrong man?"

"That happened once," put in some one, "but we tried to do the square thing by the widow."

"Indeed!"

"Yes; we appointed a committee to inform her that the lynch was on us, and we gave her the choice of the crowd for her second husband."—November Lynnconter.

Germany and France Reach Clear Terms.

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RESULTS OF BANK GAMBLING

Seen in Continued Runs On New York City Financial Institutions

SECRETARY CORTELYOU RELEASES \$20,000,000

United States Treasury Will Assist Knickerbocker Trust Company Will Not Re-open. Morgan and Others to Lend Aid. Banks in Other Cities Report Sound Condition Existing.

Special to Journal. New York, October 23.—Secretary of the Treasury, George B. Cortelyou, made the following statement shortly before 1 o'clock this morning: "I repeat what I stated before leaving Washington this afternoon, if for no other reason than to emphasize it. The Treasury Department will use its facilities to assist in every proper way legitimate business interests, and its action will be prompt and thorough."

"The National banks of New York City are in an exceptionally strong condition. The general situation here seems to be well in hand, and is being looked after by many strong and influential men, such as those whose recent action in the clearing-house received emphatic public approval. The movement for similar concert of action among the trust companies should have a helpful and far-reaching effect. I shall spend the day tomorrow at the sub-treasury."

Following the above declaration, Secretary Cortelyou turned loose today \$20,000,000.

Following the excitement of yesterday, there was a continuation today, there being a heavy raid on the Trust Company of America, but it met demands, having \$11,000,000 cash on hand to satisfy the demands of the depositors.

The President of the New York Clearing House, says, all gamblers must retire from banks and trust companies.

The knockout of the Knickerbocker Trust Company came yesterday, when a check for \$1,500,000 was presented to be cashed. J. Pierpont Morgan's actions are puzzling Wall Street. After making a tacit pledge that he would provide \$5,000,000 to aid the Knickerbocker Trust Company in its extremity, he failed to comply and this helped to precipitate its failure. The Knickerbocker will not re-open.

A run was started today on the Star Savings Bank.

J. P. Morgan and other leading financiers, have taken means to prevent any threatened panic.

Reports from Paris, Washington, Chicago, and banks in western cities, say they are perfectly safe, and no panic is possible.

Pittsburg, Pa., October 23.—The Westinghouse Company failed today, with liabilities of several million dollars. The stock exchange here was closed refusing to transact any business as a precaution against exciting other matters.

New York, October 23.—Interest has now shifted to the Trust Company of America, and the Morton Trust Company. In the half hour of business yesterday the Morton Trust Company paid out of demand \$100,000 to depositors. Rumor is ripe today that Thomas F. Ryan, has been asked to resign from this company although Mr. Morgan denies it.

Thought It Was Earthquake.

Norfolk, October 24.—Deep rumbling noises of frequent occurrence, starting shortly before 10 o'clock tonight, caused a slight tremor to buildings throughout the city, and brought thoughts of earthquakes of other subterranean disturbances to the minds of many people, and caused no little alarm.

Investigation of the unusual sounds revealed the fact that the big guns of Fort Monroe, fourteen miles away, were being fired to a slight target practice, the first to occur at the fort for many years. The firing of the guns was entirely unexpected, and was very much startling to the other side of Hampton Roads, near the fort, where for practice cause an undue disturbance than it was heard. A wild report got out to the effect that the fort was repelling an attack by the Japanese.

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