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GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP OF RAILROADS MAY RETURN

Events of Next Few Weeks or Months Will Determine Whether or Not Roads Shall Return to Government Control Says Frederick Strauss Before Interstate Commerce Commission.

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, May 24.—Argument of the applications of the railroads of the country for a general increase in freight rates to afford the six per cent revenue guaranteed by the new transportation act began today before the interstate commerce commission with the presentation of the carriers case.

Whether a system of private ownership shall once again obtain here as it did in the days when the American transportation system was regarded as second to none in the world, will be determined by the events of the next few months or weeks.

WOOD SPENT \$15,000 IN NEW JERSEY

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, May 24.—Frank H. Hitchcock, one of Major General Leonard Wood's campaign managers, told a senate investigating committee today that so far as he knew the largest sum spent in any state by the Wood organization was \$15,000 in New Jersey.

REV. JOHN McNEILL, D. D. SCOTCH AUTHOR AND PREACHER HEARD TODAY

Many Pulpits in Gaston and Mecklenburg Counties and South Carolina Filled by Commissioners Sunday — Dr. McNeill Preached Splendid Sermon on Evangelism.

(By Rev. G. R. Gillespie. CHARLOTTE, May 24.—With the benign smile of Providence attending them in the shape of North Carolina sunshine and ideal Dixie weather, the commissioners to the sixtieth General Assembly in Charlotte buckled down to business again Monday morning at nine o'clock.

At the urgent request of the department of evangelism of the Southern Assembly, Rev. Dr. John McNeill, noted author of John McNeill's Sermons and pastor of South Highland Presbyterian church of Birmingham, Ala., where he succeeded Dr. Albert Sydney Johnson, now pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Charlotte, where the Assembly is being entertained, was invited to preach on Evangelism at noon Monday.

ORDERED BY GOD, HE SAYS, TO STRANGLE OWN CHILD MOSS POINT, Miss., May 24.—Louie Smith, a shipyard worker, is held in prison here, following his arrest Sunday afternoon on a charge of strangling his four-year-old daughter, Lula, to death.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Events of the next few months or weeks will determine whether government ownership of railroads will come again—despite popular opposition—Frederick Strauss, of New York, today warned the interstate commerce commission, contending that the main thing at present is to establish a feeling of security in the minds of investors.

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SOCIALIST CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT



New and unusually fine photograph of Eugene V. Debs, who for the fourth time is the presidential candidate for the Socialist party. This photograph was taken at Atlanta, Ga.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN GETS GOOD START

Services Sunday in the Baptist Churches of Gaston, Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Counties Were Unusually Successful — Dr. Forest Maddox Was Speaker at the Union Service at First Baptist Church of Gastonia.

The thirty Baptist churches of Gaston, Mecklenburg and Cabarrus counties, with Gastonia, Charlotte and Concord as centers, began their long expected and much advertised campaign Sunday. Each center reports an auspicious opening with prospects rosy in promise of a mighty harvest of souls in the immediate future.

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RAILROADS MUST INCREASE FREIGHT RATES IN ORDER TO MEET THEIR OBLIGATIONS

Howard Elliott, of General Rate Committee of Association of Railway Executives Tells Interstate Commerce Commission That Railroads Earned On Property Investments Less Than One-Fifth of One Per Cent for Year Ending October 31st.

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Under the conditions of private ownership and operations of railroads, "with governmental regulation, protection and encouragement," Mr. Elliott said, "the railroads must obtain earnings enough to meet all obligations and have sufficient credit to sustain them in competition with other forms of industry into which people put their time, brains, energy and money."

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ANTI-SUFFS COMING TO NORTH CAROLINA

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BAPTIST CAMPAIGN PROGRAM FOR TUESDAY. 10:00 a. m. — SONG LEADER: Mr. S. J. Spencer. — SOLOIST: Mr. P. S. Rowland. — DUET: Messrs. Miller and Combs. — SELECTION: Campaign Male Quartet. — INSPIRATIONAL SERMON: Dr. T. O. Reese. NOON HOUR: — Cotton Mills Contiguous to the co-operating Churches of the Campaign: Pastor and Evangelistic Team. 7:45 p. m. — ALL BAPTIST CHURCHES