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WOULD HAVE COMMISSION RESCIND THEIR ORDER

Chairman J. A. Taylor, of Commercial Bodies' Committee, Entered Protest.

REASONS GIVEN WHY 90 AND 91 UNDESIRABLE

Claimed Restoration Would Forestall Plans to Effect Effective Train Service For Entire Section Surrounding Wilmington—Petition in Full.

Mr. J. Allen Taylor, chairman of the committee of several commercial organizations working for adequate train service in and out of Wilmington, yesterday afternoon forwarded to the Corporation Commission in Raleigh a formal protest against the restoration of passenger trains Nos. 90 and 91 on the W. & W. line, and asked that the Commission rescind their action of yesterday in issuing an order to the Coast line to restore these trains.

The order requires that the Coast Line operate the trains again, beginning next Sunday morning, arriving here about 1 a. m., and leaving about 3 a. m.

The schedules contemplated, says Mr. Taylor, will be much better than the service provided for any section by trains 90 and 91.

Mr. Taylor pointed out today that while he did not go so deeply into detail in the statement to the commission, the improved schedules which the Wilmington people are working for would furnish the territory along the W. & W. line accommodations better for their purposes than would 90 and 91. He said, also, that the suggested schedules mentioned in the statement were not necessarily fixed, but could be varied to give the best service to the greatest number of people.

Geo. B. Elliott, Esq., general counsel of the Coast Line, said that he has had no intimation from the management that the Coast Line will take any action in resistance to the Commission's order.

Mr. Taylor's protest follows: "Wilmington, N. C., May 22, 1916." "Corporation Commission, Raleigh, N. C."

"Gentlemen: In the name of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce and in behalf of the Wilmington public I telegraphed you this morning requesting you to defer your decision on the application to restore Atlantic Coast Line trains Nos. 90 and 91, and that formal protest would follow, and have reply from your Mr. Maxwell advising that these trains have been ordered on of date May 28th, and suggesting that we file petition for amending schedule, etc.

"I was not aware that a petition had been filed with the Commission for the restoration of these trains. True, I had observed that the matter was being agitated, but it was generally understood that Wilmington did not favor these trains, and I supposed we would have been afforded an opportunity to be heard before a decision was reached. However, it is not too late for the Commission to reconsider its order if the facts presented justify such action, and invite your attention to the following considerations:

"First. Atlantic Coast Line trains Nos. 90 and 91 are essentially and peculiarly for a local section, the territory served being scarcely more than the points between Goldsboro and Warsaw, the travel beyond the latter point being concededly negligible. These trains have always been unproductive from a revenue standpoint, for the reason that they are dead trains from and to Warsaw, but the mere fact that trains are operated into and out of Wilmington is chargeable to Wilmington as a service, the effect of which is to diminish our right to ask for increased passenger facilities of a character that would be of a general public value.

"Supplying a strictly local section, these trains can be defended only on the ground that they are peculiarly self-sustaining or that their operation does not hinder a more needed service for a larger territory, and I submit that these trains cannot be justified on either ground.

"Second. The principle of the decision of the United States Supreme Court in the Shreveport case, which I understand is now recognized by all State Commissions as a fixed and settled fact in regulation, can be least invoked in this case, at least to the extent that State and Federal questions cannot be separated in their larger view, and should properly be considered in their interrelated interests. There is no through Atlantic Coast Line service northbound out

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GETTING READY FOR BIG WORK IN THE CAMPAIGN

Democrats Lining Up The Plan of Procedure Against Republicans.

MISSOURI PLATFORM WILL BE FOUNDATION

Peace and Prosperity Will be Preached—The Currency Bill Will Also Be Stressed

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 23.—Work of putting into words the issues on which the administration plans to conduct the presidential campaign has been begun in earnest. Former Governor Glynn, who as temporary chairman at St. Louis, will deliver the keynote address, has tentatively prepared his speech and will submit it to President Wilson shortly.

The general outline of the Democratic platform has also been agreed on. It is understood the platform follows the general line of that adopted by the Missouri Democrats, although several planks will be added. The Missouri platform was submitted to the administration leaders before its adoption.

Peace and prosperity will be the main features of the Democratic platform and also of Mr. Glynn's address. The legislative record of the Wilson administration, particularly the currency bill and the claim that the administration has been of assistance to business and labor, also will be included.

The Monroe Doctrine, as explained by the President in his addresses, will be reiterated and strong emphasis will be laid on effort of the government to foster trade and good relations with South and Central America.

ROOSEVELT ON WITNESS STAND

Former President Appeared in Behalf of Banker Riggs.

Washington, May 23.—Former President Roosevelt appeared on the witness stand today in the perjury trial of three officers of the Riggs National Bank. He testified as to the character of C. C. Glover, of the bank, one of the indicted men.

He said he had known Mr. Glover since 1889 and had had business and social relations with the banker while a civil service commissioner, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Vice-president. Mr. Glover's general character and standing in the District of Columbia, he added, was of the highest. Mr. Roosevelt said he came to Washington voluntarily to testify.

Roosevelt reached the courtroom ten minutes before court convened. A crowd cheered him as he entered.

TO CONTINUE MEETINGS STARTED BY MRS. ALEXANDER. Continuing the Thursday evening meetings that was inaugurated here by Mrs. Chas. M. Alexander during the Chapman-Alexander evangelistic meetings, a meeting for the business women of the city will be conducted tomorrow evening directly after working hours in the gymnasium of the Y. W. C. A. Mrs. M. T. Plyler will conduct the services and make an address of much interest to the employed girls and ladies of the city. Chapman-Alexander songs will be sung. All those who will be present at the service are requested to leave their names at the Y. W. C. A. office in order that supper may be prepared for them.

Struck Out Woman Suffrage Amendment. (By Associated Press.) Washington, May 23.—The House struck from the Porto Rican bill today, by a vote of 80 to 59, an amendment designed to grant woman suffrage to the island. The bill was then passed without roll call, virtually as introduced.

WILL CLAIM THAT DR. WAITE WAS CRAZY AT TIME

That Is The Intention of Counsel For Dentist Charged With Murder.

MEDICAL TESTIMONY BEING PRESENTED

State Continues Along This Line—Held Chloroformed Handkerchief to His Nose.

New York, May 23.—The State continued to pile up medical testimony today as the foundation of its case against Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, charged with the murder of his father-in-law, John E. Peck, of Grand Rapids, Mich. Mr. Peck was reputed to be a millionaire and the theory of the prosecution was that the defendant committed the murder so he might fall heir to the Peck fortune.

Dr. Albertus A. Moore, the physician who attended Peck before his death at the Waite apartment in New York, had not finished his testimony under cross-examination when the first session of the trial adjourned yesterday.

Upon direct examination he had declared that Waite admitted purchasing arsenic for his aged father-in-law. The reason Waite gave, according to the witness, was that "the old gentleman did not want to live."

In his opening statement District Attorney Swann declares that Waite hastened his victim's last by applying to his nostrils a handkerchief soaked with chloroform.

The defense announced that it will call one or more alienists and it was indicated that Waite's attorneys will try to prove that when he committed the crime he was insane.

RED MEN TO HAVE ANNUAL SERMON

Memorial Service to be Held at Fifth Avenue Methodist Church Sunday Night.

The local tribes of Red Men will on next Sunday evening conduct their annual Memorial Day celebration. Rev. J. H. Shore, pastor of Fifth Avenue Methodist church, preaching the annual sermon.

The Red Men will form at their hall in the Odd Fellows' building at 7:15 o'clock and will march in a body to the church, where specially reserved pews have been arranged for them. The members of the order take much interest in this occasion, and honor the memory of their departed brothers in a most impressive manner.

Mr. W. B. Savage will be the grand marshal and Mr. M. Marshall will be the prophet. The committee on arrangements consists of Messrs. J. R. Davis, E. P. H. Strunck, F. K. J. Fuchs and J. F. Pope.

REV. L. B. BONEY. Will Conduct Mid-Week Service at Calvary Church Tomorrow.

Rev. L. B. Boney, of Goldsboro, who is a guest of relatives at Winter Park, will conduct the mid-week prayer service at Calvary Baptist church on Wednesday evening of this week. Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor of the church, calls special attention of his congregation to the changed hour of service for the evening, which will be at 7:30 o'clock instead of 8 o'clock. The congregation will be released in time for them to attend the Bird Masque Pageant at the Chautauqua.

2 IMPORTANT MATTERS BEFORE ASSEMBLY

Orlando, Fla., May 23.—Interest in the report of the committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, which will recommend the raising of \$1,000,000 as endowment for ministerial relief work, and consideration of that portion of the report of the committee on woman's work in the church relative to deaconess, divide the attention at today's session of the assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

MORE MEXICAN TROOPS SENT AFTER BANDITS

Carranza Orders Thirty Thousand Soldiers South of Border.

FIRST CHIEF WILL SEND A NEW NOTE

Withdrawal of The Second Expedition May Reassure the Mexican De Facto Government.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 23.—The Carranza government has ordered 30,000 troops into the region south of the border to exterminate the bandits, according to information received today at the State Department.

The new troop movement already is in progress, the state department advises state. Officials here are inclined to anticipate further delay by Carranza in dispatching the new note regarding the border situation. It has been assumed that the note would be in some measure Carranza's reply to representations sent after the Glenn Springs and Boquillas raids.

The retirement of Colonel Sibley's expedition across the border, after penetrating 198 miles to Mexico on the bandits' trail is expected to bring some alternations in Carranza's communication. Prompt withdrawal of the second expedition, when it reached the end of a hot trail probably will have a beneficial effect on future negotiations with the de facto government, officials believe.

WANTS \$,000 FOR LOSS OF FINGER

Insurance Company Made Party to Damage Suit Entered in Superior Court

Zebulon Harris, colored, through his attorney, Iredell Meares, Esq., today entered suit for \$5,000 in Superior Court for the loss of a finger at the Wilmington Coopers Co., in the southern section of the city, a few days ago.

An interesting feature in connection with the suit is that the insurance company, the Employers Liability Assurance Co., of London, is made a party to the suit, as well as the local concern. Mr. Meares said that since the insurance company has undertaken to relieve the local company of all the burden such suits, by the payment of insurance fees, he believes that the insurance company has also assumed liability and therefore has made them a party.

VICE PRESIDENT AT GREENSBORO

Made Commencement Address Today at The State Normal College.

(By Associated Press.) Greensboro, N. C., May 23.—Thomas R. Marshall, vice-president of the United States, and Mrs. Marshall, were here today to attend the commencement exercises of the State Normal and Industrial College.

The vice president this morning delivered the commencement address before the graduating class. Tonight Mr. and Mrs. Marshall will be the guests of honor at a banquet tendered by representative citizens, after which a reception will be held at the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Club. They will leave for Washington shortly before midnight.

NEGRO CONVICTED OF ATTEMPTED ASSAULT

(By Associated Press.) Durham, May 22.—Thomas Small, a negro, charged with an attempted assault several weeks ago upon a young white woman in Cedar Fork township, was found guilty in the Superior Court here today and sentenced to serve fifteen years in the penitentiary. The negro will be taken to Raleigh later today.

NATIVE TAR HEEL SHOT HIMSELF NEAR HOSPITAL

Tragic End to Career of Colonel John L. Phillips, A North Carolinian.

COMMITTED SUICIDE IN WASHINGTON

Had Suffered For Some Time Melancholia—Came From a Distinguished Family.

(By George H. Manning.) Washington, D. C., May 23.—Colonel John L. Phillips, United States Medical Corps, a native of Orange county, N. C., formerly in charge of the Walter Reed Army Hospital here, committed suicide in a secluded ravine near the front of the hospital here today, by shooting himself in the heart with a 38 calibre revolver. He left a note attached to the lapel of his coat, addressed to his wife and daughter directing that his body be cremated and deposited with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery and later buried at Chapel Hill. The note said he was tired of life and asked forgiveness.

Colonel Phillips was a son of Samuel F. Phillips at one time attorney general of North Carolina and solicitor of the United States beginning with the Grant Administration and extending to the first Cleveland Administration. After leaving that office he was prominent in practicing before the United States Supreme Court. Colonel Phillips had been a patient at the hospital since last September when he accidentally fell down an open elevator in the hospital injuring his head from which he had not recovered.

He was a victim of melancholia and suffered from hallucination.

He walked from the hospital this morning, as was his custom, and his body was later found in the ravine. He was a graduate of Chapel Hill and entered the medical corps in 1883. He served through the Spanish war. He was first aide to Colonel Gorgas, who made the Canal Zone a healthful place, and he stood very high in his profession. He was fifty seven years old.

The funeral service will be held from his home tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

PULLMAN LOAD SHRINERS LEAVE

Wilmington Delegation to Invade Raleigh Midnight Tonight—Return Thursday.

Something will happen to Raleigh tonight about midnight, the same being the arrival of a Pullman load of Wilmington Shriners who, upon the departure of the 6:45 o'clock train this evening, will be on their way with a goodly supply of fresh meat with which to feed the ravenous goat which will stalk rampant over Raleigh streets tomorrow.

The Shriners of the State will be there, and to accommodate them Raleigh has been doing some mighty handsome things in the way of decoration and preparation for entertainment. The State's capital will be turned over to the visitors in a most hospitable manner, and things will "go on" in that fine city which have never been "pulled off" there before.

The Wilmingtonians will live in their car while away. Of the Masons of high degree who will attend the meet from here will be about fifteen who will be initiated into the Shrine. The party will return to Wilmington Thursday morning, leaving Raleigh early that morning.

WOMAN HONORED BY SALEM COLLEGE.

(By Associated Press.) Winston-Salem, N. C., May 23.—Dr. Charles W. Kent, of the University of Virginia, delivered the commencement address at Salem College here today before the graduating class. In recognition of fifty years of service as teacher of mathematics in the college the degree of Master of Arts was conferred on Miss Louise Shaffner, who for 25 years had been treasurer of the alumni association.

The degree of Bachelor of Arts was conferred on Miss Adelaide Fries, in recognition of her work of research in history and literature. Miss Fries is president of the alumni association.

FRENCH SURPRISE MAKES BIG HEADWAY AT VERDUN

ATTEMPT MADE TO WRECK TRAIN ON COAST LINE

Engineer Discovered Cross-tie Just In Time to Avert Disaster

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C., May 23.—What is believed to have been an attempt to wreck Atlantic Coast Line train No. 85 last night, between Elm City and Wilson, fourteen miles south of here, was frustrated by the engineer, who discovered a cross-tie across the rail and reduced the speed. The train was almost at a stand still when the engine struck the tie and practically no damage was done.

Officers went to the scene today, but so far no arrests have been reported.

OCCURRED BETWEEN ELM CITY AND WILSON

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MINISTERS NOW HAVE BIG TASK

Following Up Results of Chapman-Alexander Revival—Large Church Attendance

To the general public the Chapman-Alexander meetings are over, but to the ministers of the city the campaign has just begun, and all of them are now hard at work in an effort to bring into the church the hundreds who were converted under the influence of the meetings.

One minister speaking of the results of the services today, said that their influence is reflected in a manner most gratifying to the ministers in increased church attendance. Some of the churches have had overflowing congregations since the meetings, while the prayer meetings on Wednesday evening appear almost like the Sunday services, so large is the number of those attending.

As yet it is too early to get an accurate idea of how many persons will be added to the church, but the number will be fully sufficient to meet the expectation of the ministers. Every effort is now being exerted to see those who were interested at the meetings.

SHOT 9 TO DEATH BY RANGERS.

(By Associated Press.) Brownsville, May 23.—Col. Louis Morin, charged with planning a Mexican uprising in Southern Texas, and Victoriano Poppe, charged with participating in the wreck of a train west of here last October, were shot to death when they attempted to escape from Texas Rangers last night, according to reports reaching here today.

Letter in Fire Alarm Box. Lima, O., May 23.—Jeromius Hiatt, 80 years old, mailed his first letter here the other day while driving into the city. Now he knows the difference between a mail box and a fire alarm box. He tried to mail the letter in an alarm box and called out the entire City Fire Department. He was arrested, but released by Police Judge Jackson when he said he never mailed a letter before.

Their Dramatic Move Continued and Germans Are Hurling Back From Douaumont

AUSTRIANS CONTINUE GROUND FROM ITALIANS

Germans Attempt to Regain Captured Trenches From French But Without Success, Paris Claims.

(By Associated Press.) The dramatic surprise sprung by the French yesterday in attacking the Germans northeast of Verdun and successfully followed up by the French forces. The Germans now have been driven from all but a small angle in the northeastern corner of the fort, this afternoon's bulletin from Paris claims.

Furious counter-attacks were made by the Germans in effort to regain the trenches along a mile and a quarter front extending east of Douaumont to Thiaumont Farm, captured in yesterday's assault. The only success for the Germans, according to Paris, however, was recapture of the position north of Thiaumont Farm.

On the other side of the Meuse the battle has lost nothing in intensity, no ground changing hands as the result, the French official statement asserts. Gas and flame attacks were made by the Germans on Hill 304, but they were driven at once from the only French position which they penetrated.

The latest official bulletin of the fighting along the Austro-Italian front indicates that the Austrians are continuing to gain ground in the drive in Southern Tyrol. The current Austrian report claims important successes on the Lavarone plateau east of the Astico Valley. The official statement from Rome while recording repulse of the Austrian attacks on other sectors is silent as to the result of the fighting in the Lavarone region.

J. A. TAYLOR TO EXTEND BUILDING

Will Greatly Increase Present Store by \$5,000 Extension On Water Street.

To take care of future increase of business, Mr. J. Allan Taylor, wholesale merchant on Water street has given contract to Mr. R. H. Brady to erect a one story warehouse at the Southwest corner of Water and Grace street, adjacent to the building already used by this firm, which will nearly double the space that is now used.

Work of demolishing the present old two-story brick building that occupies the site has begun and as soon as it is down the construction on the new warehouse will start. The building when completed will give the wholesale firm frontage of 134 feet on Water street and 132 on Grace street. The office of the concern will be placed in a convenient place in the new building. The cost of the improvements is in the neighborhood of \$5,000.

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