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NOW TO CONTROL WESTERN UNION

BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY WILL MANAGE WIRES.

Acquisition of the Necessary Stock and Voting Rights Has Been in Progress For About Six Months, the Work Having Been Conducted Very Quietly—Only a Sufficient Amount of Stock to Insure Control, Said to Be Fifty-One Per Cent, is Purchased—Officers of Bell Company Regard the Step as One of Economy Solely.

Boston, Nov. 18.—A long stride toward the complete control by one corporation of all wire communication in the United States was made today in the acquisition by the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., of the control of the Western Union Telegraph Company.

In order to make the absorption complete, the incorporation of a new billion dollar company, it is said, will be necessary to include the \$592,475,490 of bonds and stock of the American Telephone Company, known as the Bell company, and the outstanding \$165,000,000 of bonds and stock of the Western Union.

The acquisition of the necessary stock and voting rights of the Western Union by the Bell company has been in progress for about six months. The work has been conducted quietly and only a sufficient amount to insure control, said to be 51 per cent, was taken over.

The officers of the Bell company regard the step as one of economy solely. They point out that ever since the telephone has been a factor in human life, it has had to compete with the telegraph. Lines have been paralleled and there has been an immense amount of duplication. The officers of the telephone company believe that the merger will save the bell company \$75,000,000 in new construction while it will also enable the utilization at the same time of wires for both telegraphing and telephoning.

The history of the Western Union dates back to before the civil war but the Bell company is of comparatively recent origin. Both companies pursued the usual method of absorbing smaller companies. The small companies acquired by the Western Union have been lost in oblivion.

The telephone system annually transmits 5,956,800,000 messages while the Western Union handles 68,053,000. The telephone system has 8,098,679 miles of wire and the Western Union 1,382,509. The total property value of the telephone company is \$545,045,600 and that of the Western Union \$124,086,920.

A HORRIBLE MINE DISASTER.

Hundreds Shut up With No Hope of Escape.

One of the greatest tragedies in the list of mine disasters, occurred at the mine of the St. Paul Coal Company at Cherry, Ill., last Saturday.

A pile of bog allowed to smoulder too long set fire to the timbers of the mine, and before the four hundred workers, who were in the mine, realized their danger, the mine was filled with smoke, gases and flames. The greatest heroism was exhibited by the mine officials and the citizens of the little town of Cherry. Six heroes gave their lives in a futile effort to save the imprisoned workers. The scene around the shaft was heart-rending. The shrieks of the women could be heard throughout the town officials hastily improvised hospital and secured nurses and physicians to care for any who were taken from the mine. The preparations were needless, only bodies of the dead were taken from the mine.

Last Friday evening, Miss Mattie Tart a young lady about 17 years old, who lived near Dunn, committed suicide by shooting herself. She left a note saying she was tired of life.

GREAT DAY IN GREENVILLE.

Robert H. Wright Inaugurated President of East Carolina Teachers' Training School. Able Address by Col. J. Bryan Grimes.

The greatest day in the annals of Pitt county, and one of the most important events in the history of Eastern North Carolina, was celebrated at Greenville last Friday when the East Carolina Teachers' Training School had its formal opening and President Robert H. Wright was inaugurated.

Greenville was profusely decorated in the colors of the new college—old gold and royal purple. Banners and streamers hung from every building from the depot to the college, a half mile distance. The automobiles and carriages which conveyed the guests to the college were also gaily decorated. Greenville virtually gave over the keys of the city to her guests, and entertained them royally.

The vast audience assembled for the inauguration exercises in the spacious college auditorium at eleven o'clock, with State Superintendent Joyner presiding. The doxology was sung by over a thousand voices followed by a prayer by Rev. J. H. Shore, pastor of the Methodist church at Greenville. He delivered an inspiring invocation, praising the Almighty for the capacity to feel, think, act like God and to be like God, and thanking him for a revolution in the educational interests of the state. The audience repeated the Lord's prayer.

Mr. F. C. Harding welcomed the visitors in behalf of the city of Greenville while Col. F. G. James welcomed the people to Pitt county.

County Superintendent, W. H. Ragsdale, who is also a member of the faculty of the new school, spoke greetings from the faculty. Superintendent Joyner then made a short address after which he read telegram from Dr. B. F. Dixon, State Auditor, and Gov. Kitchin. Dr. Dixon had missed his train, while Gov. Kitchin was kept away on account of illness. After joining heartily in the singing of the state anthem, "Carolina," the audience listened to an able address from Secretary of State, J. Bryan Grimes.

The inaugural address by President Wright was scholarly and masterful. He was given the profoundest attention as he stated his ideals for the great institution of which he is the head.

Following this elegant speech, the audience again joined in singing America, after which representatives of sister institutions greeted the East Carolina Teachers' Training School. The first word of greeting was from the State University represented by Prof. M. C. S. Noble, followed by Dr. D. H. Hill, of the A. and M. College. President James I. Foust brought greetings from the State Normal and Industrial College, while Wake Forest College was represented by Prof. J. B. Carlyle. President F. P. Hobgood, of Oxford Female Seminary, and Dr. E. McK. Goodwin, of the State School for the Deaf and Dumb, represented those schools.

After a few well chosen words of congratulation to the people of Greenville by Superintendent Joyner, the exercises were concluded with the benediction, pronounced by Rev. Mr. Shore.

ORDERS 10,000 NEW CARS.

Big Order for Equipment for the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Pennsylvania, Nov. 16.—By orders placed here today the Pennsylvania Railroad will order 10,000 freight cars to its rolling stock. For the Eastern lines of the company 3,500 hopper gondola coal cars and 500 steel under-frame flat cars were ordered from the Pressed Steel Car Company, and 1,000 hopper gondola coal cars from the Standard Steel Car Company. The lines west of Pittsburgh 2,500 gondola cars, 1,500 gondola cars and 500 box cars were ordered from the Pressed Steel Car Company, and 500 box cars from the Ralston Steel Car Company.

These orders are in addition to the orders for regular replacements on the 1909 and 1910 schedules, for which 10,000 cars had already been ordered since the first of the year.

RENDER THANKS UNTO THE LORD

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION BY GOVERNOR KITCHIN.

A Day of Thanksgiving "For the Good We Have Received and the Evil We Have Escaped"—"Contribute to the Relief of the Poor and the Needy, the Afflicted and the Distressed, the Widow and the Orphan."

Governor Kitchin Wednesday issued a Thanksgiving proclamation to the people of North Carolina, following closely upon that written by the President of the United States. It reads:

"I, William W. Kitchin, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby appoint Thursday, the 25th day of November, 1909, a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God for the good we have received and the evil we have escaped.

"A great and prosperous people to be happy must be grateful and charitable. Therefore, let the people throughout the State assemble on that day in their accustomed places of worship and render thanks unto the Lord for his manifold blessings; and let them contribute to the relief of the poor and the needy, the afflicted and the distressed, the widow and the orphan.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed.

"Done in the City of Raleigh this 17th day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nine, and of the American Independence the one hundred and thirty-fourth.

"W. W. KITCHIN.

"ALEX J. FEILD,
"Private Secretary."

SHIP SINKS AND 101 DROWN.

Sharks Hamper work of Rescuers After Collision Near Singapore.

Singapore, Nov. 14.—One hundred and one lives were lost early this morning when the mail steamer Seyne of the Messageries Maritimes service running between Java and Singapore, and on her way to this port, was in collision with the steamer Onda of the British-India line and sank within two minutes. Seven European passengers, including Baron and Baroness Beniczky, the Captain of the Seyne, five European officers and eighty-eight others, comprising native passengers and members of the crew, were drowned.

The accident occurred about 4 o'clock in a thick haze. The vessels were steaming at good speed and the Seyne was cut almost in half. The majority of those on board were caught in their berths and carried down with the vessel. So sudden was the catastrophe that there was no time for a panic or for any attempt on the part of the officers of the foundering steamer to get out the boats.

The force of the collision brought the Onda to almost a dead stop, and her engines were at once slowed and boats lowered. Rescue work proved difficult, for not only were the rescuing parties impeded by the darkness, but shoals of sharks were already attacking those clinging to pieces of wreckage in the water.

Sixty-one survivors were finally dragged into the boats and brought by the Onda to this port. Many of them had been bitten by sharks and several are severely injured.

Killed in a Boiler Explosion.

Spring Hope, Nov. 16.—There was a fearful accident one mile from Nashville at the sawmill of William Sellers today when a boiler exploded instantly killing his son, John Sellers, a young man of 18 years.

W. W. Kinzie, of Salisbury, has called upon interested citizens of Rowan county to meet at Salisbury to-morrow for the purpose of organizing a society to aid the North Carolina Association in fighting the White Plague in this state.

ENGLISH DIPLOMAT MUCH IMPRESSED

AMBASSADOR BRYCE STRUCK BY CAROLINA'S PROGRESS.

After Visit to State Says He is More Hopeful as to Future and Emphasizes His Appreciation of Hearty Welcome Given Him and of the Value of State Literary and Historical Association.

Secretary-Treasurer Clarence H. Poe, of the State Literary and Historical Association, has received an enthusiastic letter from Ambassador Bryce concerning his recent visit here and the evidences of progress he saw.

"It was a great pleasure to me," he says, "to be in North Carolina and to have such an extremely hearty welcome as you and your friends in Raleigh gave me. The welcome was repeated elsewhere especially at the University and the colleges I visited. I came back greatly struck by the progress in every direction, which your State is making and more hopeful regarding the future than I had been for a long time."

As to the check sent by the association for his trip and address, Ambassador Bryce declares, "The pleasure to begin in and getting to know North Carolina was sufficient inducement and has been sufficient satisfaction."—News and Observer.

SIX MEN GIVEN JAIL TERMS.

Sentences Imposed by United States Supreme Court for Contempt Upon Sheriff Shipp and Deputies.

Washington, Nov. 15.—For the first time in American history six men are in prison tonight for contempt of the Supreme Court of the United States. For the first time, too, the Federal government has placed men behind the bars as an outcome of the lynching of a negro.

At the United States jail in this city Captain Joseph F. Shipp, former sheriff at Chattanooga, Tenn.; Jeremiah Gibson, his father, and Luther Williams, Nick Nolan, Henry Padgett and William Mayes, of the same city, this afternoon began serving terms of imprisonment imposed a few hours before by the Supreme Court of the United States.

Shipp and Gibson had been found guilty of failing to protect from a mob Ed Johnson, whose legal execution for rape had been stayed by the Supreme Court until it could review the case. The others had been found guilty of participating in the lynching of a Federal prisoner. Shipp, Williams and Nolan were given sentence of 90 days imprisonment each, while Gibson, Padgett and Mayes received 60 days.

As the big barred doors of the jail swung open to receive the prisoners this afternoon immediately after sentence had been imposed, Warden McKee stood before them.

"At last we're in the hands of a soldier," exclaimed Captain Shipp, who had been in many a fight for the Confederacy as he espied a G. A. R. button in the lapel of Warden McKee's coat. Then turning to his five fellow prisoners, he said: "Boys, it will be all right."

Warden McKee has inaugurated methods of punishment at the jail as humanitarian as the various classes of prisoners will allow, and he was prepared for the reception of the six men from Tennessee.

ABLE ADDRESS ON CHILD STUDY

Winston-Salem, Nov. 12.—The feature of the meeting of the State Primary Teachers' Association this morning was the magnificent address on the subject, "Child Study," by Mrs. Ira T. Turlington, of Smithfield. This address made such an impression that the body decided to have it printed in pamphlet form to be distributed to the teachers who were not able to be present and a committee consisting of Misses Royster and Womble, of Raleigh, with the president, was appointed to have the work done. The paper dealt with child study, giving many practical hints along this line, and was a masterpiece of its kind.—News and Observer.

THE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Splendid Session Held Last Week At Bethesda Church. Old Officers Re-Elected. Next Session at White Oak.

The seventh annual session of the Johnston County Baptist Association was held with the Bethesda church, beginning last Thursday and concluding Sunday.

The session began Thursday morning at 11 o'clock, with the introductory sermon by Rev. A. A. Pippin, of Wakefield, who used as a text the words from Nehemiah, "I am doing a great work." It was a strong and helpful sermon, and appealed to all those who heard it.

The following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year:

Moderator, R. H. Gower; Vice-Moderator, A. A. Pippin; Clerk, T. J. Lassiter; Treasurer, Will H. Lassiter; Auditor, J. D. Underwood; Historian, R. W. Horrell.

Among those from outside of the Association who were present, we note the following: Rev. Livingston Johnson, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention; Mr. E. L. Middleton, Sunday School Secretary of the Baptist State Convention; Rev. I. M. Mercer, D. D., pastor of First Baptist Church of Rocky Mount; Rev. T. H. King, pastor of the Baptist church at Winterville; Rev. J. F. Murry, of Swansboro; Mr. Archibald Johnson, Editor of Charity and Children; Rev. J. S. Farmer, Business Manager of the Biblical Recorder; and others.

All of the thirty-nine churches comprising the Association were represented either by delegate or letter, save one. Two new churches were received into the body—Pinckney Chapel and Bailey.

The next session of the Association will be held with White Oak church at Archer Lodge, beginning Wednesday after the first Sunday in November, 1910. Rev. T. B. Justice, of Benson, was appointed to preach the introductory sermon.

One of the features of the session was the presentation to the association of Pleasant Grove church, with seats, organ, and one acre of land, by Mr. J. M. Beatty, who had purchased it from the Christian Conference.

Among those who made speeches of special interest, we note the following: Rev. Livingston Johnson, on State Missions; Mr. E. L. Middleton, on Education and Sunday Schools; Mr. Archibald Johnson and Mr. J. T. Holt, on the Orphanage work; Rev. T. B. Justice and Rev. R. W. Horrell on Education; Rev. A. A. Pippin, on Foreign Missions; Rev. W. C. Royal, on Home Missions; Rev. J. W. Nobles on Woman's Work; Rev. N. H. Gibbs on Ministerial Relief, Rev. J. S. Farmer on Periodicals.

There are others who took part in the discussions, but we have not space to mention them in detail.

This meeting of the Association was considered a very successful one from every standpoint. The people of the Bethesda section entertained the delegates and visitors royally, showing their unbounded hospitality.

The Cullom School of Music of Raleigh also received praise for the excellent music rendered during the sessions.

DIES ON 100th BIRTHDAY.

Will Power Keeps Old Man Alive Through Celebration.

Richmond, Ind., Nov. 16.—At a big celebration in honor of the one hundredth anniversary of his birth, John Fletcher Medaris, of Greens Fork, Ind., died today. Medaris all but collapsed earlier in the day, but by grim determination lived until the birthday party was over. The entire population of Greens Fork turned out to honor Mr. Medaris. Medaris had been a citizen of Wayne county for 50 years. His father was in North Carolina, and when he was 20 years old he started with his mother and several brothers and sisters overland for Indiana. Until eight years ago, when he went to make his home with his daughter in Greens Fork, his entire life had been spent on a farm.

Saturday night, Mrs. J. D. Hardin, of Wilson, died of Pellagra, after an illness of over six months.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE TO BUILD

BIG IMPROVEMENTS AUTHORIZED BY STOCKHOLDERS.

Provision Made for Double-tracking 1,500 Miles of the Main Line of The Road From Richmond South and Erection of Shops and New Terminals—Issue of \$200,000,000 in Gold Bonds.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 16.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway was held this afternoon at the offices of the company in this city, at which time provision was made for double-tracking 1,500 miles of the main line from Richmond south. The improvement, which is designed to make the Coast Line the great trunk road of the Atlantic seaboard, is to be provided for through an issue of \$200,000,000 in gold bonds, which will not only pay for the double-tracking, but for the erection of shops and new terminals as well as to care for present outstanding indebtedness of the company. The issue will provide for 4 per cent. interest, payable semi-annually in gold, either American, English, French or German, which indicates a possibility of finding a foreign market for the securities. Certificate holders are given 90 days in which to subscribe to the new bonds.

Aside from this bond issue the stockholders approved the issue of \$23,562,500 preferred stock and other bonds of the company, convertible into common stock and good until 1916, and to secure the old issue of 1902. The funds provided by the sale of the blanket mortgage will be utilized in taking up outstanding indebtedness and in providing capital for additional equipment and improvements. These bonds will be issued as soon as the general mortgage can be drawn, and will bear interest at 4 per cent. To make the debenture bonds attractive they will be exchanged for common stock after the first of the year at 135, the present value of the stock. This, it is announced, will make the debenture certificates of greater value since, as bonds, they can never draw interest at more than 4 per cent., while the common stock of the road is fully established upon a 6 per cent. basis.

CARNEGIE WIL HELP SOUTH.

Iron King Will Give \$1,000,000 to Fight Pellagra.

New York, Nov. 15.—An intimation has come to the national health officials at Washington that Andrew Carnegie is about to give an enormous sum for a campaign of eradication against pellagra, the mystery "Lombardy leprosy" which has appeared recently in Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi and frightened the entire south.

While there has been no definite announcement, it is said Mr. Carnegie's contribution will equal the \$1,000,000 which John D. Rockefeller has given for the eradication of the hookworm in the south. The spread of pellagra is said to be equally as great as that of the hookworm and the danger to the section affected even greater.

Mr. Carnegie is known to have long been interested in the problem of the south. He has an estate on the Florida coast where he usually spends part of the winter, and through these visits is thoroughly in touch with the section afflicted by the mysterious disease which is believed to be caused by a damaged corn.

BABY KILLS TWO OTHERS.

Four-year-old Ruth Butler Responsible for Two Deaths.

Charlotte, Mich., Nov. 16.—For the second time little Ruth Butler, four years old, is responsible for the death of a little sister. Sometime ago she pushed a baby sister off the bed and the infant strangled to death. This morning a 15-day-old baby died from the effects of chloroform playfully administered by Ruth, who had seen the mother use the drug to stop aching teeth.