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PENNSY NEW YORK TERMINAL.

Magnificent Piece of Railroad Construction, Costliest Ever Known. Millions Been Expended, Train Service to Begin in June or July. Direct Connection by Rail With South and West—Largest in the World.

New York, April 2.—The Pennsylvania Railroad opened to public inspection for the first time to-day 16.5 miles of the most expensive construction work, foot for foot, ever attempted, namely, its tunnel and terminal improvement from Harrison, N. J., to Sunnyside, Long Island.

The average cost of a mile of steam railroad is about \$25,000; the cost per mile of the tunnel and terminal improvement have been more than \$9,600,000. The company has thus far expended \$102,000,000 and will expend \$160,000,000 before the improvement is completed.

Train service is due to begin late in June or early in July with an initial card of 1,000 trains daily. The boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens, with a population of 1,500,000, will then have direct connection by rail for the first time with the South and West. Eventually, by the construction of the New York connecting line, which at the cost of \$12,000,000 additional will bridge the East river at Hell Gate, linking the Pennsylvania system with the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad system, it will be possible to travel all rail from any point in the West and the South to any point in New England.

The tunnel division is electrically operated and the third rail carrying the current is the heaviest ever rolled—150 pounds to the yard. The gars are built of steel, the tunnel itself is of concrete. The trains run in a slot, as it were, between solid concrete benches and in event of a collision or a derailment the cars could not burn and the train could neither ram the walls of the tunnel, nor even upset, because of the benches at either side.

The terminal in Manhattan is the largest in the world and one of the handsomest ever constructed.

EDGAR TURLINGTON PRESIDENT

Of Y. M. C. A. At University Of North Carolina.

Chapel Hill, N. C., April 6.—The following officers of the Y. M. C. A. were installed last week: Edgar W. Turlington, President; D. B. Bryan, Vice-President; R. T. Webb, Treasurer; and H. C. Smith, Secretary. All four of these young men are men of fine character and achievement in University life exemplifying the fact that the Y. M. C. A. is a representative University organization. Turlington, the president, is also a commencement debater, marshal and prospective president of the Phi Beta Kappa. The University Y. M. C. A. is now one of the three strongest in the South according to the opinion of Dr. W. D. Weatherford of the International Committee.

Death Near Powhatan.

At her home near Powhatan last Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Mary Adams, wife of Mr. David Adams, passed away after several weeks illness, at an advanced age, perhaps 68 or 70 years.

She was buried yesterday afternoon at the family burying ground near her home, in the presence of a large concourse of relatives and friends.

She had been a faithful and consistent member of the New Chapel Free Will Baptist Church for many years. She was a good woman and will be greatly missed in her home and community.

She leaves a husband, four sons and two daughters to mourn their loss. She also leaves one brother, Mr. T. H. Ellis, and three sisters, Mrs. I. H. Medlin, Mrs. D. P. Pool and Mrs. M. M. Gully.

No All Day Sunday Service.

The Johnston County Telephone Company has discontinued its all day Sunday service. Regular Sunday hours—from 9 to 11, and 1 to 3—will be in force now. There is no need for an all day Sunday service, and we think the company should be commended for its action. Let the operator have at least part of the Sabbath day to rest.

COOK STILL HAS FRIENDS.

Fund of \$175,000 Raised to Prove Claim of the Explorer.

New York, April 2.—On the authority of Capt. Osborn, one of the most active supporters of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the explorer it was announced today that about \$175,000 had been guaranteed towards a fund to help Dr. Cook prove his claim to discovery of the North Pole. "A prominent Western man," Capt. Osborn said "had pledged \$100,000 of this sum, and Eastern friends of the explorer the remainder."

"Dr. Cook has been in no shape, either physically or mentally to do himself justice in a fight for his rights" added Capt. Osborn. "He is being strongly urged, however, to come home at once now and take measures to establish his claim as I am sure he can."

Capt. Osborn said that he was in correspondence with the explorer but would not indicate where his letters to Dr. Cook were addressed. He stated, however, that he expected the doctor home by the latter part of the present month.

Dr. George John Robinson.

After an illness of many months, Dr. George J. Robinson, of this place, passed away on Wednesday evening, March 30th, at 7:40 o'clock. The end came quietly and peacefully, just as he had so often wished, and he passed into the dreamless sleep as a little child sleeps in the arms of its mother.

Skilled physician as he was, he had long realized the seriousness of his condition, and knew that the final summons was ever eminent. This summons found him ready and prepared to go. He was a lifelong Catholic and died in the full enjoyment of all the consolations that his holy religion offers to its children.

The remains were carried to Goldsboro Thursday afternoon and the funeral was held from St. Mary's church at 3:00 o'clock by Rev. Father Price, of Raleigh. The interment was made in his family plot in Willowdale cemetery by the side of his first wife who died many years ago. A large number of his friends from Smithfield accompanied the remains to Goldsboro and assisted in the last sad rites.

Dr. Robinson was the oldest son of John and Margaret Robinson and was born in Ireland on January 6th, 1846. When very young he came with his parents to this country. He studied medicine at the Jefferson Medical College, of Philadelphia, and after graduating at that institution, he served for some time as surgeon in the United States Navy. Resigning this position, he returned to his home in Goldsboro, where he entered politics and was made Clerk of the Court of Wayne county. But his profession called him to return to its practice and he abandoned politics, for which he had no love, to assume the duties and the responsibilities of the physician. After a brief association with the late Dr. James Hay, at Princeton, he located at Smithfield and immediately entered into a large and lucrative practice. For nearly thirty years he has ministered to the people of this vicinity and, for several years has been the Dean of his profession in the county. He was a hard worker and always a student. He loved his profession and was jealous of its traditions.

He was twice married. His first wife was Miss Kate Nixon, who was the mother of his only child, Mrs. Thomas S. Ragsdale, of this place, and who died when Mrs. Ragsdale was but a child. His second wife was Miss Lizzie Hyman, who died some years since. Besides his daughter and grandchildren, he is survived by two brothers, Judge W. S. O'B. Robinson and Col. Jos. E. Robinson, of Goldsboro, and by three sisters, Miss Eliza Robinson and Mrs. Mary R. Morris, both of Goldsboro, and Mrs. Margaret R. Cox, of Newton Grove.

Smithfield, N. C., April 2. H.

Abrupt End of Powell Trial.

Halifax, N. C., April 2.—The trial of E. E. Powell came to an abrupt termination yesterday afternoon when the two special venires were exhausted and only ten jurors secured.

In view of this and other conditions Judge Ward made an order, removing the case to Warren county.

FACTS IN STANCIU CASE.

Fate of Smithfield Appointee Rests With Mr. Pou. Morehead's Part in Case. Fifth District Representative Gives Out Interview in Which He Explains His Attitude.

Observer Bureau, Congress Hall Hotel, Washington, April 3.—The Smithfield postoffice matter will be settled soon. Stanciu will either be confirmed or his name withdrawn within the next week or ten days. All depends on the statement of Representative Pou before the Senate committee. It is reported that Mr. Pou is backing from his original story. This is the rumor among some of the Senators.

Tonight when asked about the case, Representative Morehead gave the following interview, which is frank, direct and concise:

Mr. Morehead's Side.

"My activity in the Smithfield postoffice matter, primarily, consisted in the discharge of the obligation placed upon me by the result of a great many letters from former Postmaster Parker's friends asking that I call these communications and the facts involved in the case to the attention of the President; the representation of these letters being to the effect that Mr. Parker had made a satisfactory official and that he had the majority endorsement of his local organization, as well as the overwhelming endorsement of the patrons of his office and accordingly deserved to be reappointed.

"This I did and the President promised that he would call for the papers in the case and personally investigate the situation. This he did.

"Pending this investigation by the President, I had requested Senator Crane to hold the confirmation of Mr. Stanciu in the Senate until the President could reach a conclusion as to whether or not he would withdraw Mr. Stanciu's name.

The Stanciu Charges.

"Just at this juncture, I received a letter from Mr. E. S. Abell, setting forth the fact that Mr. Stanciu had made the offer to Mr. E. W. Pou, Representative of the fourth district, and a resident of Smithfield, to retain him to assist in the matter of securing his appointment and confirmation, which proposition, embodying as it did, the endeavor to employ a member of Congress to secure appointment, is construed as an attempt at bribery.

"I first submitted Mr. Abell's letter to Mr. Pou, telling him that I expected to submit the communication to the President. Mr. Pou read the letter and confirmed its contents with the remark that while I did not care to and would not have made the charge, it is true and you can send the letter to the President. I withdrew the letter from the Postmaster General's office, where it had been sent without being called to the President's attention, and at the first appointment I could secure, presented same in person to the President. In the meanwhile, I also filed with the Senate postoffice committee a copy of Mr. Abell's letter.

Present Status.

"Kaleidoscopic changes in Mr. Stanciu's confirmation followed in quick succession and, I suppose, the matter is now before the Senate committee and its status is just as if no action had been taken in the matter of confirmation.

"What is my personal attitude to the case? Personal attitude? Why, none exists. I never saw Mr. Stanciu or Mr. Parker and would not know either or both if they should step in this minute. My action in the case was altogether based upon what I deemed a sufficient demand as to make it incumbent upon me that Mr. Parker's side of the case be called to the attention of the President.

"This obligation was further increased by the receipt of Mr. Abell's letter and the gravity of its purport, especially after confirmation by Mr. Pou, and necessitated that it reach both the President and the Senate committee. This constitutes my activity and animus which, as before stated is absolutely non-personal but simply the discharge of a disagreeable public duty."

The fate of Stanciu is with Mr. Pou, a fellow countryman and a Democrat.—Charlotte Observer.

India's revenue from the opium trade last year amounted to about \$23,079,500.

FATAL BALLOON ASCENSION.

Balloon Soars into Clouds Then Drops Into Baltic Sea, Freightened With Human Cargo, Monster of the Air Carries Three of its Passengers to Death.

Stettin, Germany, April 3.—The German balloon Pommern, which made an ascension here this afternoon, met with a series of accidents, which ended in a disaster under most tragic circumstances in the Baltic Sea. Three men lost their lives, including the radical member of the Reichstag, Werner Hugo Delbrueck.

Herr Delbrueck and another member of the party were drowned, a third occupant of the car was picked up unconscious and died from his injuries, while the fourth was rescued in a serious condition.

The Pommern, carrying Delbrueck, who was acting as pilot; a banker, Herr Sommelhardt; an architect, Herr Benduhn, and a man named Hein, ascended early in the afternoon at the gas works. The wind at the time was blowing a hurricane, and the Pommern broke away before she had been completely ballasted.

A chapter of accidents began immediately. The balloon collided with telegraph wires, which broke, almost overturning the basket. It then dashed into the roof of a neighboring factory, destroying the smokestack. With the basket swaying wildly, and half of its ropes out, the balloon soared to a great altitude and disappeared in the clouds at a terrific speed.

Thousands of onlookers, including a detachment of military, which had assisted in the ascent, ran along the roads, expecting the basket to break away. The balloon, however, was not seen again until it reached Swinemunde, thirty-six miles northwest of Stettin, over which it passed at a height of 6,000 feet in the direction of the sea. Tugs followed in its track, and one of them, which had outdistanced the others, was almost directly under it when suddenly the balloon fell into the sea. The tug steamed to the spot quickly, but the work of rescue was difficult.

Already Delbrueck and Benduhn had disappeared, but Sommelhardt and Hein were clinging to the ropes and they were dragged aboard the vessel.

Describing their terrible experience, Herr Sommelhardt, when he had been somewhat revived, said:

"Our collision with the telegraph lines and the factory roof had the most horrible consequences. Delbrueck sustained a broken leg and severe injury of the head. Benduhn had an arm and leg fractured. Hein received contusions of the head. I was knocked senseless, but recovered in a moment to find that I had a crushed knee and chest. The net work around the envelope was torn in such a manner that we feared every second the gas bag would slip out, and we would crash down to the earth from a height of 6,000 feet, to which we had ascended like a flash.

"Delbrueck, in spite of his awful condition, vainly endeavored to open the valve which had become entangled. We knew not what to do, but merely awaited our fate.

"In the meantime, we passed over Swinemunde at a great altitude and soon found ourselves above the sea. We thought possibly that we might land in Sweden, but the balloon was caught in a rain cloud, which drove us down, until we were within 150 feet of the water. Delbrueck was suffering agony, but he succeeded in putting the rippling cord, and we fell into the water like a log. All managed to get clear of the basket. I, with Hein, swam and caught hold of the net work, but Delbrueck and Benduhn sank. I remembered no more until I found myself in the boat which rescued us."

Hein died soon after being taken on the tug, and Delbrueck's body was washed ashore this evening.

The Pommern, with the aeronaut, Oscar Erbsloeh, in command, won the international balloon race at St. Louis in 1907.

No Stock Law For Them.

Mr. H. R. Britt, of Micro, was here last week and says the people around Micro are circulating a petition to the next legislature not to run the stock law over them. They will have it ready in good time. Without doubt this question should be left to a vote of the people in the territory to be affected by the law.

DEATH OF DR. E. A. BURTON.

The Funeral Was Held Thursday From the Late Home.

Greensboro, April 6.—The many friends of Dr. E. A. Burton were grieved to learn this morning that he died at his residence on Mendenhall street at 11:45 last night. The funeral will be held from his late residence at 10:30 Thursday, his pastor, Rev. E. K. McLarty, of West Market Street Methodist church, officiating. Members of the family who have come to attend the funeral are Messrs. John O. and V. M. Burton, of Weldon; Henry W. Burton, of Charlotte; Judge A. J. Burton, of Reidsville; Messrs. E. S. Abell of Smithfield, and W. U. Abell, of Columbia, S. C.; Mrs. E. J. Poole, of Lumberton, and Mrs. G. N. Bisset, of Nashville, N. C.

Dr. Burton was the youngest son of the late Rev. R. O. Burton, D. D., of Weldon, and is survived by a wife, nee Miss Alice Abell, of Smithfield, and three small children, five brothers and one sister. He has resided in Greensboro several years, and had a large practice. He was an earnest Christian, taking much interest in church work, and was a member of West Market Street Methodist Church.

Dr. Burton had won many friends here by his genial and cultivated nature, and his home life was delightfully hospitable to guests and tender to his devoted family. For sometime he has known that he was nearing the end, suffering from Bright's disease, and gave repeated testimony that he was prepared to go.

BLIZZARD SWEEPS AUSTRIA.

Train Blown Down Embankment and Four Killed.

Vienna, April 1.—The fiercest blizzard in years has caused immense damage and loss of life in Southern Austria. A passenger train was blown off the rails near Muggia and rolled down an embankment, killing four persons and injuring 18.

At Trieste steamship navigation has been suspended and great damage done in the new harbor. Several steamers of the Austrian Lloyd Line, dragged their anchors and narrowly escaped disaster.

This city is suffering greatly from the storm, which has extended over a considerable part of the country. Many accidents are reported and several deaths, and the tramway, telegraph and telephone services are practically at a standstill.

Board of Aldermen Meet.

The City Board of Aldermen met in regular meeting Tuesday night and several matters of importance were looked into.

The near-beer ordinance which requires a license tax of \$500.00 to be paid by every dealer of near-beer, which was introduced at the meeting one month ago, was unanimously passed by the board and thus becomes a law.

Another ordinance to go into effect was one which requires all licenses to be taken out twice annually, and all licenses taken out, no matter at what time of the year terminate at the same time. Prior to the ordinance, a license taken out the first of March would run to the first of March the year following, and one taken out in July would run to the next July. Under the present ordinance all licenses expire at the same time.

A committee was also appointed to call on all the merchants and store owners, and see if they could not get them to agree to take down the awnings and place awnings in their stead, and to put cement walks in front of the stores. This committee has visited the merchants and it is understood that a majority have agreed to comply with the request of the Aldermen. It seems to be an assured fact that in the near future the old awnings will be torn down and beautiful awnings placed in their stead, and that instead of the present uneven brick and plank walks, we will have nice cement ones.

A committee was also appointed to contract for the placing of a cement walk in front of the City Hall, and this work will be begun in a few days.

NAPLES CHEERS ROOSEVELT.

Arriving There Saturday A Warm Welcome to the Ex-President Was Given. His Reception Greater than That Accorded to Royalty.

Naples, April 2.—Theodore Roosevelt saluted by the cheers of hundreds of American tourists, and members of the colony here, and was greeted by one of the greatest crowds ever gathered on the shores of the historic bay, eachd Naples this morning. As he landed from the boat he lifted his hat to yelling throngs and waved a hearty response. In spite of Mr. Roosevelt's request sent by wireless, that he be allowed to land as a private citizen, preparations were made as for the arrival of Royalty. Extra precautions were taken for his safety, hundreds of police being on hand. Crowds lined the quays for miles. Hundreds brought luncheons prepared to stay all day. It was as bright a crowd as this brilliant city could turn out. As his boat drew in thousands of handkerchiefs floated in the air. Mr. Roosevelt stood on the bridge of the boat and viewed the throng. "It is good to be out of the woods at least," he remarked. The local authorities were gathered at the wharf with mayor who presented an address of welcome. The crowd at the wharf looked like an American crowd for many Americans were massed in front.

SIX MINERS DIE BY BLAST.

Shot Believed to Have Gone Off Ahead of Time.

Wilburton, Okla., April 1.—Six miners were killed here yesterday by an explosion in the Great Western Coal and Coke Company's mine No. 2. It is not known what caused the blast, but it is supposed to have been the result of a shot going off prematurely just as the men, who were on the night shift, were leaving their work. The bodies were recovered.

Night Rider to be Hanged.

Nashville, Tenn., April 2.—The supreme court today affirmed finding of the lower court in the case of Marcellus Rhinehart, the night rider who killed Rufe Hunter in Montgomery county, and sentenced him to be hanged on May 28.

Grant Named Acclamation.

Asheville, April 2.—Hon. John G. Grant was renominated by the republican congressional convention by acclamation.

Mr. Pearson's name was not presented. Mr. Pearson of the committee to introduce Mr. Grant presented him as "our unanimous choice."

The convention was a tame affair. The dove of peace has lit in the opposing factions. Resolutions were adopted endorsing the zeal and sincerity of President Taft and endorsing Mr. Grant's course in congress, recognizing in him an efficient public servant.

Oxford Orphanage Concert.

The Opera House was crowded Wednesday night with an enthusiastic audience, who had come to enjoy the annual concert given by the Singing Class of the Oxford Orphanage. On account of the meeting which is going on at the Methodist Church the concert did not begin until nine o'clock, and for that reason some of the pieces on the program had to be left out. Each member acted his part or her part most admirably, and long and continuous was the applause following each selection. The special feature of the evening however was the acting of little Miss Isabel Smith, who charmed the entire audience with her songs and recitation. Too much credit can not be given this little actor, she deserving every good thing that was said about her, and the loud and continued applause that greeted each of her selections attested the great hit that she was making with the audience. While all the pieces were thoroughly enjoyed, the songs, "Better be Good," by the smaller children; "My Gal Irene," by the four boys; and "I'm going to Tell on You," by the smaller children, deserve especial mention.

The people of Smithfield welcome with the greatest pleasure the Singing Class to their town, and a large and appreciative audience witnesses each performance.