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## PARDON SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

### CONCERNED WITH EARL COTTON AND RED HOPKINS IN MURDER CASE.

### SERVED OVER TWO YEARS

Was Sentenced to Ten Years But Was Pardoned Upon Condition of Good Behavior—Reasons Are Assigned for the Action Taken.

Raleigh.—A sequel to the conviction of Tim Holderfield, Earl Cotton and Red Hopkins in April, 1909, for the murder of Dr. E. W. Smith, a Richmond traveling man, is a conditional pardon by which Governor Kitchen allows Holderfield his freedom during good behavior. It will be remembered that Holderfield was convicted of murder in the second degree and sentenced to ten years in the State's Prison, of which sentence he has served something over two years. Earl Cotton is still in the penitentiary, serving a thirty-year sentence, and Red Hopkins has completed his sentence.

The Governor has assigned the following reasons for the conditional pardon:

"Prisoner with the others was convicted of murder in the second degree. The principal offender was sentenced to thirty years. Holderfield was in his employ and acted under his direction. The murder was the result of drugging for robbery. The prisoner got none of the spoils and had nothing to do with the drugging. The police justice who conducted the preliminary investigation, the twelve jurymen who tried the case, the trial judge, the solicitor, the attorney who aided the solicitor, and many other reputable citizens recommend pardon. Prisoners was not regarded as a vicious man.

"I pardon prisoner on condition that he remain law abiding and of good behavior."

### Guard Shot Escaping Convict.

Tom Browning, a young white man, who is serving a term of three years on the roads for stealing two cows, is at the county home with a bullet through him, the wound being inflicted while he was attempting to escape. Browning chose the time to run when Guard Ferguson was lifting a bucket of water up to his head and had both arms in position to be easily attacked. But Browning decided not to do this, and made a break. He ran seventy-five yards through a thicket, when the guard caught sight of his body on the other side and fired. So far as Mr. Ferguson could see, he did not hit his man, and he attempted another shot, when one of the cartridges caught in the gun and he could not break it. Browning continued to run about 250 yards and fell. It was found that he had been struck in the back and that the bullet went directly through, coming out an inch or so below his heart.

### New Division Counsel Appointed.

Winston-Salem.—The official announcement of the appointment of Messrs. Manly, Herdren & Womble as division counsel for North Carolina of the Southern Railway, succeeding W. B. Rodman of Charlotte, was received here, the change taking effect July 1. The chief clerk, Mr. John C. Wallace, who so capably held the office under Colonel Rodman, will retain his position, together with his stenographer, and also the office force will be increased by two. Messrs. Manly, Herdren & Womble have been for years assistant division counsel for the Southern and the general practice of the firm is certainly one of the largest in the Carolinas and Virginia. The new connection of the firm will in no wise interfere with its general practice.

Raleigh.—There was a charter issued for the Stateville Gas Company of Statesville, capital \$150,000 authorized and 5,000 subscribed by W. E. Webb, H. N. Street and J. M. Tissell.

### Annual Meeting of Trustees.

A annual meeting of the board of trustees of the State Normal and Industrial College was held with Hon. J. Y. Joyner, as chairman, ex-officio, entered into the matter of general improvements. No important changes were made, however. Those members of the board present were: T. B. Bailey, of Mocksville; A. J. Connor, of Rich Square; G. W. Hinshaw, of Winston-Salem; T. S. McMullan, of Hertford; R. T. Gray, of Raleigh; Joe Rosenthal, of Goldsboro; C. H. Mebane, of Catawba.

## THE PLANS ARE TO BE DRAWN

### State Building Commission Convenes in Full Meeting—Hold Conference With Architects and Officials

Raleigh.—The State Building Commission reconvened in a full meeting at the State Auditor's office. The following members were present: Mr. Ashley Horne, of Clayton, chairman; Mr. W. C. Springer, of Wilmington, secretary; General Julian Carr, of Durham; Mr. J. A. Long, of Roxboro, and Mr. J. Elwood Cox, of High Point, Commissioners; W. L. Parsons, of Rockingham, and A. S. Roscoe, of Bertie county, were absent.

The full commission met—having been represented the previous day by a sub-committee, which conferred with the architects and the state officers—in order to go over matters thoroughly with the architect. Allotments of the various state departments were agreed upon—these matters having been pretty thoroughly gone over at the Monday session—and all changes necessary for each department were communicated to the architect, to be embodied in the plans which are now to be drawn.

The commission further made an agreement with the architect—Mr. P. Thornton Marye, of Atlanta, with whom Mr. Frank B. Simpson, of Raleigh, is associated as consulting architect—that full details and blue prints should be reported to the commission within ninety days. When this is done, the commission will be ready to advertise for the construction of the building.

### Entitled to Foreclosure.

For non-payment of interest on an unredeemed mortgage held by J. W. Perry and others of Virginia, Judge J. C. Pritchard of the United States circuit court signed a decree at Asheville ordering the Navy Yard Home Corporation of Charleston, S. C., to pay to the clerk of the United States circuit court the sum of \$82,935 within the next ten days. The complainants according to the decree are entitled to the foreclosure of the mortgage, a sale of defendants' property and a judgment for any deficiency after the sale.

### Railroad Holds Enthusiastic Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Statesville Air Line Railroad Company, held here, was one of the most enthusiastic gatherings of the railroad promoters ever held and the attendance were good. The stockholders from Yadkin and Surry counties, who had not visited the scene of the work on the road, were taken for a drive over the portion graded and were much elated over the progress being made. The reports of the officers of the road were very gratifying. It was shown that nearly five miles has been graded, the work being first-class and permanent, at a cost of only \$10,000 to the state, which is furnishing convict labor for stock in the road. The officers were urged to make every effort to secure more convicts for the road. All the directors and officers were re-elected for another term, and M. A. Ausley, of Statesville, and T. L. Adams, of Bethany township, were elected additional directors.

### Roads Macadamized by Convicts.

Since December 1, 1906, there have been 77 1/2 miles of macadam roads placed in Mecklenburg county to convict labor. Some time ago, Chairman W. M. Long, of the board of county commissioners, asked County Engineer Sam T. Stowe to compile a statement of the work which has been done and of the roads which have been macadamized, during his administration.

### Slim Fruit Crops Expected.

Assistant Horticulturist S. B. Shaw, of the State Department of Agriculture, returned from a tour of horticultural inspection in the Brushy Mountains. Mr. Shaw reports that while the average yield of apples in the state will not exceed a 30 per cent crop, there is to be a fair apple crop in Yancey and McDowell counties. The peach yield, says Mr. Shaw, will not exceed 5 per cent of normal.

Raleigh.—Mr. J. C. Allison, who attended the meeting of the State Building and Loan association in New Bern went to Morehead for a short vacation, is expected in Raleigh.

### Commission Issues Statement.

As a result of the hearing that Commissioners McNeill and Lee gave at Lexington two weeks ago, the Corporation Commission issued a statement to the effect that if the town of Lexington will provide the proper approaches for a new railroad crossing at Lexington for the Cotton Grove road the commission will then order the Southern Railway to put in the necessary bridge and other approaches on its right of way in order that the present dangerous grade crossing can be abolished.

## WIRE COMBINE IS HAILED TO COURT

### CHARGED THAT THEY ARE IN RESTRAINT OF COMPETITION.

### MANY HAVE BEEN INDICTED

Many Individuals and Associations Are at the Bar of Justice.

New York.—Nine indictments charging restraint of trade in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law were returned by a Federal grand jury here this afternoon against as many associations and a long list of individuals comprising the so-called "wire trust," affiliated with the steel industry.

Prominent among the defendants are Herbert L. Satterlee, president of the Habirshaw Wire Company, Yonkers, N. Y., and a son-in-law of J. Palmer, president of the American Steel and Wire Company, a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation, and Frank Jay Gould, of New York, president of the Old Dominion Iron and Nail Works Company, Belle Isle, Richmond, Va.

"What this suit charges," said District Attorney Wise, "is a trade agreement in restraint of trade."

The most prominent individual defendants in addition to those above named and a full list of the associations in which they are members follow:

William P. Palmer, president of the American Steel and Wire Company, Waukegan, Ill., and Worcester, Mass. Charles F. Brooker, vice president of the Ansonia Brass and Copper Company, Ansonia, Conn., and member from Connecticut of the republican national committee.

Harry G. Stoddard, president of the Trenton Iron Company, Trenton, N. J.

Erskine Hewlett vice president of the Trenton Iron Company. Frank N. Phillips, president of the American Electrical Works, Phillipsdale, R. I.

Ferdinand Roebing, president of John A. Roebing's Sons Company, Trenton, and Roebing, N. J.

Phillip H. W. Smith, second vice president of the Standard Underground Cable Company, Pittsburg, Pa., Oakland, Cal., and Perth Amboy, N. J.

The Horse Shoe Manufacturers' Association—William P. Palmer and others.

Bare Copper Wire Association—William P. Palmer and others.

Weatherproof and Wire Magnet Association—William P. Palmer and others.

Lead Encased Rubber Cable Association—William P. Palmer and others.

Wire Rope Manufacturers' Association—Edwin E. Jackson, Jr., and others.

Fine Magnet Wire Association—Ferdinand Roebing and others.

Underground Power Company, Cable Association—Phillip H. W. Smith and others.

Telephone Cable Association—Frank N. Phillips and others.

Rubber-Covered Wire Association—William P. Palmer and others.

The general charges in all the indictments are the same, allowing for the difference of the business in which the defendants reside:

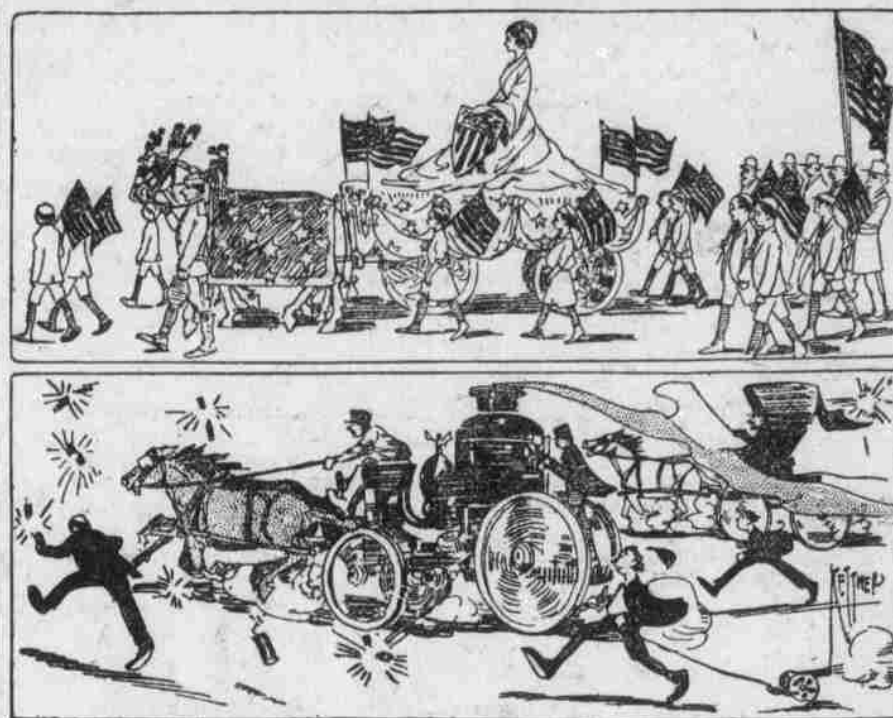
"Because said corporations, at all such time, have been, and in fact each other, their said interstate business should have been conducted by each strictly on a competitive basis, and would be so conducted but for the unlawful conspiracy hereinafter mentioned."

It is set forth that the various associations organized under their association names and each elected a supervisor, and adopted rules and regulations. An arbitrary rating was determined, it is charged, by the ratio of output for an agreed time; each member was obliged to pay \$5,000 or less into a fund called "the general deposit" and in case any member failed to abide by the regulations his deposit was forfeited.

### Seaboard Gets Western Outlet.

As a result of a meeting of the railroad men, held recently in Spartanburg, S. C., definite arrangements have been made whereby the Carolina and Clinchfield and Ohio railway will be leased by the Chesapeake and Ohio and the Seaboard Air Line. This means through trains from Chicago, Cleveland, Pittsburg and intermediate points of the middle west, via the Chesapeake and Ohio, Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio, and the Seaboard Air Line, to points on the south through to the gulf.

## THE SANE AND THE INSANE FOURTH



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## "GREEK AGAINST GREEK" SHOW GIVEN INDORSEMENT

### JOHN D. SPRECKELS BEFORE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE ON SUGAR TRUST.

### Describes Methods Employed to End Sugar War in the Early Nineties.

Washington.—Details of a great sugar war in the early nineties between Claus Spreckels in the west and Henry O. Havemeyer in the east, resulting in an alliance between those two sugar sovereigns, were related to the sugar "trust" investigating committee of the house by John D. Spreckels, son of the Pacific sugar magnate, and president of the Western Sugar Refining company of San Francisco.

"When Claus Spreckels met Henry O. Havemeyer in that old sugar war," asked Representative Madison of the witness, "it was a contest of Greek against Greek, was it not?"

Mr. Spreckels then described how, during the sugar war, his father invaded the eastern territory and erected a great cane sugar refinery in Philadelphia. That brought about the culmination of the fight.

"Who was the first of those two masters to throw up his hands?" Mr. Madison resumed.

"I think it was Havemeyer," said Mr. Spreckels. "When we entered the east in that fight of course both father and Mr. Havemeyer realized they were losing money. They came to their senses, and, in short, came together. It resulted in a consolidation of the plants in the east and the formation of the Western Sugar Refining company in California, which took over the American Sugar Refining company plant and our plant there. The American plant in the west was closed down. Each side took a half interest in the new company. The entire Philadelphia Spreckels was eventually sold to the American Sugar Refining company. That was, I think, in 1892."

## PURSUES LABOR LEADERS

### Wright Seems to Be Anxious to Punish Gompers, Mitchell, Et Al.

Washington.—Justice Daniel T. Wright of the district supreme court issued a rule against Samuel Gompers, Frank Morrison and John Mitchell, the labor leaders, requiring them to show cause on July 17 why they should not be judged guilty of contempt of court. This action followed the filing of the report of the special committee of attorneys appointed by Justice Wright to inquire into the matter of contempt proceedings in the Bucks Stove and Range boycott case.

Mr. Gompers is president, Mr. Morrison secretary and Mr. Mitchell a vice president of the American Federation of Labor. The contempt proceedings against the labor leaders recently were passed upon by the United States Supreme court, which set aside jail sentences heretofore imposed by Justice Wright. The Supreme court held that the contempt on which Justice Wright formerly passed was of a civil nature and against the Bucks Stove and Range company.

### Disastrous Fire in Texas.

Port Arthur, Texas.—Two lives were lost, half a dozen or more men were injured, some seriously, three oil barges and one tug burned to the water's edge, about ten thousand barrels of oil destroyed and two large warehouses and over five hundred feet of wharves burned in an explosion followed by a disastrous fire in the Port Arthur harbor and water front. The loss is estimated at about \$300,000. Capt. Frank Weber and a man who is as yet unidentified lost their lives in the explosion.

### Blind Boy Leads Class.

New York.—Benjamin Appicillo, a blind boy, is the leader of his class of more than ninety pupils in public school No. 110, with an average of 97 per cent, in all his studies. He will enter DeWitt Clinton high school here next fall. The boy's ambition is to become a lawyer. Since he has been in No. 110 he has been the presiding justice of the boys' republic. He has heard the testimony and sentenced the culprits for their dereliction of duty and infraction of rules of the republic.

## ANTI-RECIPROCITY DAY IN SENATE

### IMPORTANT AMENDMENTS ARE OFFERED TO RECIPROCITY BILL.

### NO SESSION OF THE HOUSE

### The Bill Would Admit Free of Duty Agricultural Products, Says Cummins.

Washington.—With a continuation of the debate on the Canadian reciprocity bill, the speech of Senator Cummins of Iowa was the fixed event of the senate. Senator Borah of Idaho, whose speech was interrupted by the storm that swept over the capitol, caused a quick adjournment of the senate because the proceedings could not be heard, expected to continue his remarks if Cummins yielded the floor. The session was figured as an anti-reciprocity day from the Republican insurgent standpoint.

It was expected that Senator Owens' speech on the commission form of government would be delivered if opportunity offered, but he is unexpectedly absent.

Referring to the consideration of the Canadian reciprocity question as the "drama now in progress in the senate of the United States," Senator Cummins of Iowa delivered a speech on the reciprocity bill and offered important amendments to its agricultural provisions.

No attempt was made by the Republican leaders at the opening of the session to fix a date for a vote on the bill.

Senator Cummins said it was apparent Republicans and Democrats favoring the bill had determined to submit to the repeated statement that the president will accept no amendments to the Canadian agreement.

The bill, he said, would accomplish only two important things: Admit free of duty the agricultural products of Canada, and admit a small quantity of wood pulp and print paper.

After the passage of the bill Senator Cummins said the Democrats expected, to make a combination with Republicans who favor tariff revision to pass other bills.

## THE INSURGENTS MUST ACT

### Upper House Will Sit Early and Late to Get Something Done.

Washington.—In a few days the screws will be applied to the senate insurgents who are preventing a vote on Canadian reciprocity and they will be forced to talk or vote. It has been decided to hold early sessions and sit late, which program will keep LaFollette and his small but noisy band tolerably busy.

"I don't see any sense in letting matters drift along as they are now going," declared Senator John Sharp Williams.

"The senate has an antiquated piece of machinery that pays too much deference to senatorial courtesy. I am in favor of sitting early and late and compelling senators to either talk or vote. The senate wants to pass the reciprocity bill without amendment, and ought to be permitted to do so."

### Advises Against Barbecue.

Macon, Ga.—Announcement in the newspapers that four prominent planters of Pulaski county who were recently acquitted of peonage in the United States court here, were to celebrate their acquittal on July fourth with a big barbecue and that an invitation had been extended to the twelve jurors to be the guests of honor, has provoked from Judge Emory Spear of the United States court a warning to the jurors not to attend. The judge takes the position that it is against the law to tamper with a jury. He says that the names of the jurymen are in the box yet, they are on the jury list and may be called upon to try a similar case. Several of the jurors announce that they will attend the barbecue despite the remarks of the judge.

### John M. Whitman Retires.

Chicago.—John M. Whitman, vice president in charge of construction of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad and one of the oldest railway officials in the country, is to retire from the service, so it has been announced. Mr. Whitman is 74 years of age, and has been engaged in railroad engineering and engineering work continuously for 55 years, of which the last 31 years have been devoted entirely to the service of the Northwestern. Mr. Whitman said he had no definite plans except to enjoy himself from now on.