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NATION'S AUTHORITY IS PARAMOUNT

ALL STATE LINES ARE DESTROYED FOR THE RAILROADS OF THE COUNTY.

STRONG DISSENTING OPINION

Decision of Far-Reaching Import Rendered by Interstate Commerce Commission.

Washington.—The interstate commerce commission, in an opinion made public, established the far-reaching principle that a railroad must so adjust its rates that justice will be done between communities, regardless of state lines. If a railroad makes a low rate upon traffic wholly within a state, even when forced to do so by a state commission, it must accord the same rate to interstate traffic moving under substantially similar conditions.

It puts on a radically different basis the relations between state and Federal railroad commissions.

The decision directly affects the Western and Atlantic railroad case, in which the Georgia railroad commission is claiming the right, under the terms of a lease for the state road to fix the rates from Atlanta to Chattanooga. It would also affect the rates from Atlanta to Augusta, Atlanta to West Point, or any other local rate that might be shown to have an effect upon the interstate commerce business of the carrier. A sweeping extension of the power of the interstate commerce commission is here indicated; and notice is served on state commissions that they must take into consideration the interstate business of carriers in passing upon the justness and reasonableness of rates entirely within a state.

The principle was laid down by a vote of 4 to 3. The minority held that the powers of congress were usurped by the majority opinion, and that the remedy for such a situation should be applied through additional legislation.

The decision was in the case of the railroad commission of Louisiana against the St. Louis and Southwestern railway and other carriers operating between Louisiana and Texas. The case practically precipitated a conflict between Federal and state authority over the control of interstate traffic. The opinion of the majority of the interstate commerce commission, prepared and handed down by Commissioner Lane, is a definite assertion of the supremacy of national regulatory authority over the powers exercised by any state. It is the first time this assertion has been made distinctly by the commission.

Cattle Quarantine Lifted by Wilson.

Washington.—These counties were released from the cattle tick quarantine: King and Pecos counties, Texas, also portions of Howard and Terrell counties; portions of Ripley, Ore.; Newton and McDonald counties in Mo.; Panola and Adams counties, Miss.; Hart county, Ga.; Union, Laurens, Cherokee, Spartanburg and Greenwood, and portions of Abbeville, York and Chester counties, S. C.; Lawrence and Benton and portions of Hardeman, Hamilton and Polk counties, Tenn.

Attack Made on Americans.

Ichang, Province of Hu Peh, China.—A telegram received here from Wu Shan, Province of Sze Chwan, says that three Americans, Messrs. Hicks, Hoffman and Sheldon, who are presumed to be missionaries, were attacked while exploring the gorges in the Yangtze river in a boat, and all three were robbed and wounded. Soldiers and a doctor have been dispatched from this city to Wu Shan, which is about seventy-five miles to the west.

Health Certificates for Bridal Couples

Chicago.—Dean Walter T. Sumner of the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul delivered a sermon upon the "Sacrament of Marriage," during which he made the following announcement: "Beginning with Easter no persons will be married at the cathedral unless they present a certificate of health from a reputable physician to the effect that they are normal, physically and mentally, and have neither incurable or communicable disease."

Lawrence Strike Declared Off.

Boston, Mass.—The great Lawrence strike, which brought in its train increased wages for 275,000 textile workers in New England, was officially declared off at all the mills in Lawrence, having accomplished its purpose. In this connection, it is generally believed that advances in wages or reduction in hours to paper mill employees, bagging and burlap workers, machinists are all traceable directly or indirectly to the movement which had its origin in Lawrence.

GOVERNOR W. R. STUBBS



Gov. W. R. Stubbs of Kansas has issued a statement announcing his intention of becoming a candidate for the United States senate against Senator Charles Curtis, whose term expires March 3, 1913.

SEVENTY MINERS KILLED

AT McCURTAIN, OKLA., SCENE OF HOLOCAUST.

More Than Half of the Mine Victims Are Americans and Leave Families.

McCurtain, Oklahoma.—Seventy lives is accepted as an approximately correct estimate of the human toll taken when mine No. 2 of the Sans Bois Coal company here was wrecked by an explosion. Of 116 men of the day shift only 4 are known to be alive, while the others are entombed behind the debris.

In the opinion of government experts and mine officials they are dead and a special train which brought physicians and nurses from Fort Smith, Ark., returned. Five physicians remained with the faint hope that some of the imprisoned men might be found alive. Among those unaccounted for are a surveying party headed by W. D. Roper of Ohio, S. C. Forty-three Americans were employed in the mine.

The explosion occurred shortly after nine o'clock in the morning. Those on the surface heard a faint rumble and an earth tremor. When those nearest to the mouth of the mine's mouth reached the opening a cloud of dust and smoke belched forth.

Then came tense moments of waiting for those in the mine to emerge. Frank Fields, a miner, was the first to stagger out. He was walking in an entry and heard the explosion, he said. He jumped into side room and the explosion passed and he made his way to the mine opening. Nine other miners escaped through a "man way." A "rope rider" who was coming to the surface when the explosion occurred was the eleventh man to escape.

NORTH DAKOTA PROGRESSIVE

Returns Show That LaFollette Will Have 15,000 Majority.

Grand Forks, N. D.—Robert M. LaFollette's majority will not be far from 15,000 when the final presidential preference primary returns are received and may be heavier. Of the total vote LaFollette has polled about 32,000 votes, while Roosevelt has polled about 18,000. The Taft vote in the state has only been about 3,000. The trend of the vote throughout the state as indicated by the incoming returns was interesting.

It is in the western congressional district that the greatest surprise was found. The entire northern part of the district, consisting of a group of eight counties, went to LaFollette solidly, giving him a plurality of about 3,000. In the southern part of the district this lead was increased.

Bombs Placed to Murder Knox.

New Orleans.—As the result of the discovery by the government of Nicaragua of a plot to assassinate Secretary of State Knox on the occasion of his recent visit to the capital of that country, it is not improbable that a number of prominent Liberals will be put to death. Thirteen dynamite bombs placed beneath the roadbed over which Secretary Knox's special train traveled from Corinto to Managua and connected with an electric battery were discovered by government agent.

1911 COTTON CROP 16,053,819 BALES

PRELIMINARY CENSUS BUREAU REPORT SHOWS AN UNPRECEDENTED YIELD.

ANOTHER REPORT IN MAY

Greatest Crop Heretofore Was in 1904, When 13,679,954 Bales Were Gathered.

Washington.—The census bureau's preliminary report on cotton ginning, giving the government's first figures, other than estimates, on the size of the 1911 cotton crop of the United States, shows the total crop to have reached the unprecedented size of 16,050,819 running bales, counting round bales as half bales, and including linters, which is equivalent to 16,205,097 five hundred-pound bales.

The crop reporting board of the department of agriculture in its estimate of the 1911 cotton crop, issued December 11, last, reckoned the total production at 14,885,000 bales of 500 pounds, gross weight. The country's 1910 production was 12,005,688 bales of 500 pounds. In previous record years the total crop was 13,587,306 bales in 1908, 13,595,498 in 1906, and 13,679,954 bales in 1904.

Included in the figures for 1911 are 239,146 bales which ginners and delinters estimated would be turned out. Sea island bales included in the 1911 total are 119,252, compared with 90,368 bales for 1910, and 94,791 bales for 1909.

By states the cotton crop grown in 1911, with that grown in 1910 and the big crop years 1908 and 1906, expressed in equivalent 500-pound bales, follows:

Alabama—	1911	1,753,484
	1910	1,223,285
	1908	1,374,340
Arkansas—	1911	971,311
	1910	847,874
	1908	1,913,402
Florida—	1911	849,777
	1910	60,049
	1908	63,221
Georgia—	1911	2,833,571
	1910	1,820,610
	1908	1,980,077
Louisiana—	1911	399,525
	1910	255,733
	1908	486,350
Mississippi—	1911	1,248,521
	1910	1,206,668
	1908	1,704,592
Missouri—	1911	62,159
	1910	64,532
North Carolina—	1911	1,101,138
	1910	726,850
	1908	663,167
Oklahoma—	1911	1,060,138
	1910	958,955
	1908	706,815
South Carolina—	1911	1,677,204
	1910	1,190,929
	1908	2,195,235
Tennessee—	1911	478,429
	1910	349,476
	1908	359,859
Texas—	1911	4,437,876
	1910	3,172,488
	1908	3,913,084
Virginia—	1911	14,815
	1910	14,815
	1908	12,326
All Other States—	1911	154,137
	1910	8611
	1908	5,439

Sidna Edwards Is Captured.

Hillsville, Va.—Sidna Edwards, a tall, rugged mountaineer of 22, sat calmly in the darkness of the little brick jail here, the first catch of the posse who have been scouring the mountains for those of the Allen gang who got away after the court house assassination of March 14, when a judge, prosecutor, sheriff and two bystanders were killed and two others were seriously wounded.

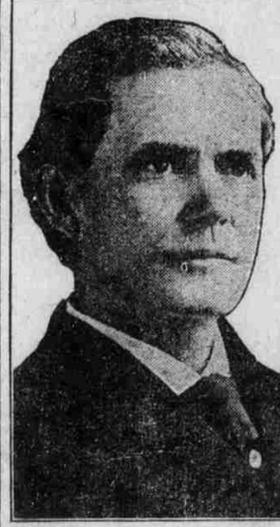
Jap Expedition Didn't See Scott.

Wellington, New Zealand.—The Japanese antarctic expedition returned here. They report having seen nothing of the British polar expedition of Capt. Robert Scott. The Japanese reported all well.

Paraguay Has a Revolution.

Buenos Ayres.—A fierce battle between revolutionaries and the government forces in Paraguay has been going on for several days and is still raging according to telegrams received here from Asuncion.

CONGRESSMAN CLARK



Representative Frank Clark of Florida is pushing the congressional inquiry into the Everglades affair before the house committee on expenditures in the agricultural department.

BANDITS RAID M. & O. TRAIN

FOUR MEN HELD UP MOBILE AND OHIO TRAIN NEAR CORINTH, MISS., AND LOOT SAFE.

Two Robbers Forced Engineer to Halt the Train While Two Others Dynamite Safe.

Corinth, Miss.—Mobile and Ohio passenger train No. 4, northbound, was held up and the express safe dynamited and robbed, seven miles south of Corinth by four men, heavily armed and masked.

After accomplishing the robbery, the quartet took to the dense underbrush of the Tuscumbia river bottoms.

While definite information is not available, it is reported the safe contained considerable money and valuables. One report has it that \$60,000 in currency was among the contents.

Where the robbers boarded the train is not known. Engineer Wilder and Fireman Kulman first learned of their presence when two of the men crawled over the engine tender with revolvers drawn and commanded that the train be brought to a halt at a point designated. The command was obeyed.

In the meantime the other members of the band had gained entrance to the express car, and after subduing Express Messenger Snoddy, set the explosive which was touched off when the train came to a stop. The contents of the safe was quickly gathered and at the signal of the man who seemed to be in charge of operations the four took to the woods without attempting to rifle the mail or molest the passengers.

INCOME TAX BILL PASSED

The Democratic Excise Measure Passes House by 250 to 40.

Washington.—The Democratic excise bill to virtually tax everybody's income when it is \$5,000 or more a year passed the house, 250 to 40. The Democrats voted solidly for it, and carried eighty Republican votes with them. Forty regular Republicans were the opposition.

The bill now goes to the senate, where its fate is a guess. Many senators declared that if upon analysis they found the house measure would tax all classes of people alike they would support it. Democratic senators with a few exceptions are expected to vote for it. Democratic Leader Martin expressed the hope that the Democratic senators and the Progressive Republicans might put the bill through. Republican leaders are depending upon the president's veto to check revenue revision bills from the house.

The excise bill, though primarily intended to produce anywhere from \$20,000,000 to \$60,000,000 a year to make up for the losses on free sugar, is also expected to be one of the offsets to general pension legislation.

Scientific Basis for Grading.

Washington.—Dr. B. T. Galloway, chief of the agricultural department's bureau of plant industry, believes that to get a more scientific basis for grading cotton than the present one, if a "community type" of cotton can be raised the farmers of the South will get more money for their product, said Mr. Galloway and the department of agriculture is planning to make extensive efforts to have groups of planters in various sections raise exactly the same grade of cotton.

HAVE LOCATED THE WAREHOUSES

FIRST ONES ARE TO BE ERECTED IN CITIES OF RALEIGH AND GREENSBORO.

MANY TOWNS WANT THEM

Ten Thousand Dollar Structures For Storing Cotton Will Be Erected As Soon As the Stock Has Been Subscribed.

Greensboro.—Officials and committeemen of the state farmers' union were here in conference with Nation President C. S. Barrett relative to the proposal to establish a string of warehouses in the state. All the members of the state council were present, except President Alexander of Mecklenburg and C. C. Wright of Wilkes. At the meeting representatives from Raleigh, Wilmington, Charlotte, Sanford, Fayetteville and Greensboro renewed propositions and requests submitted at the Raleigh meeting of the council last month.

Before adjournment it was decided to locate warehouses in Raleigh and Greensboro, to cost \$10,000 each. They will be built as soon as the stock-selling committee announces the subscription of the stock. The sum of \$10,000 has already been guaranteed and the rest will be secured from farmers of the state. These warehouses will mark the beginning of a system of warehouses in the state, which will be located from time to time as the experiment justifies.

A board of directors and the officers of the warehouse company were named as follows: Directors—Dr. H. Q. Alexander, Mecklenburg; E. C. Fairies, Moore; I. P. Coggins, Chatham; W. G. Crowder, Cary. Officers—J. J. Green, president; W. H. Moore, vice president; E. S. Fairies, secretary. I. P. Coggins was elected temporarily treasurer and general manager. The head officers of the company will remain in Raleigh temporarily.

Boy Killed With a Toy Dart.

News was received at Elizabeth of a horrible tragedy which occurred on Roanoke Island. While several youngsters were playing about the school house at Manteo and while their amusement included the shooting of darts, in which were stuck ordinary brass pins, the little 6-year-old son of Mr. Jack Shannon, a well-known fisherman of Roanoke Island, residing about one mile from the town of Manteo, was struck in the ear by one of the toy instruments. The accident, while causing the little boy considerable pain, was not considered serious until next morning, when lockjaw set in and all hope was despaired of shortly afterward.

Seeking Pardon For Tweeds.

An effort is to be made to secure the pardon of Robert and Major Tweed of Madison county, who were convicted over two years ago of killing Arthur Franklin and sentenced to the penitentiary. Judge P. C. Cocke has gone to Raleigh for that purpose. The killing was done in Madison county and the men were convicted of murder in the second degree. The Tweeds are prominently connected in Madison county and the case was brought here for trial and much interest was felt in the outcome. Judge Cocke was provided with a petition signed by a large number of people, including some of the jurors.

North Carolina New Enterprises.

A charter was issued for the Pamlico Co-Operative Company of Washington, N. C., capital \$25,000, by A. M. Drewry, George T. Linch and C. F. Freeman. There is also an amendment to the charter of the Durham Mutual Life Insurance Company of Durham that provides that the affairs of the corporation shall be under the immediate supervision of the State Commissioner of Insurance of North Carolina and that it shall be subject also to Chapter 100, Laws of 1905.

Fight For Preferential Primary.

There is certain to be a renewal of the fight for preferential primary in the state Democratic convention, which has the power to change or abrogate entirely the action of the committee. However there is understood to be a general agreement that the order for the primaries shall stand, whatever changes may be made as to the character of it or the regulations governing it. E. J. Justice of Greensboro gave notice that he would move in the convention to make changes that the committee had voted down.

Convict Shot by Two Guards.

County convict guards shot George Wilkins, who was serving a 20-days sentence, he having attempted a dash for liberty at the state fair grounds, where a squad of convicts are stockaded for road work. He made a dash to climb a fence and a bullet entered the small of his back and came near penetrating through to his chest. The shot was from a 38-caliber revolver in the hands of Guard A. V. Ross. An other guard peppered his back with buckshot. It is thought that Wilkins will recover.

THE PROGRESS OF TAXATION

Every County in the State of North Carolina Except One Has Special Tax For Schools.

Raleigh.—The development of local taxation in North Carolina for the improvement of public schools is treated strikingly in two bulletins just issued from the State Department of Education. One reviews the rise and progress of local school taxation from 1875, when the start was made, to the present time. There were only four local tax districts in 1880 and the development to date has been to 1,275 districts, with annual taxation of \$1,228,826, the taxation for this year being \$157,028 more than the tax for 1911. There are 27 counties that have from 18 to 47 districts; 23 have as many as 11 to 15; 21 have from 6 to 10; 22 have from 2 to 5 districts and every county, except one, has at least one district for local taxation.

The bulletin on local taxation and its development since 1875 treats the subject under the captions, "What It Is and How to Get It," "The Need of It," "Popularity and Success of It in North Carolina," and "Some of the Benefits of It."

To Return Flags to This State.

The Adjutant General of New Jersey, carrying out instructions from the Legislature, has written the Adjutant General of North Carolina desiring to return to this state a flag of the Twenty-second North Carolina Infantry that was captured at Chancellorsville in 1863 and also a flag believed to belong to North Carolina, which is described as being made out of a lady's dress or shawl and having white stars on a blue field and bearing the inscription, "Surrey Marksmen" and "Traitors Beware." Also in a worn section of the flag there are the letters, "Car—" the belief being that this really read "Carolina." Adjutant General Leinster is also in receipt of a letter from John Mayer of Richmond offering to furnish copies of the original pay-roll of Company E, Fourth Regiment, North Carolina Confederate troops, February, March and April 1863, and December, 1863.

Pleased With Progress of Work.

Chairman Ashley Horne and Commissioners J. Elwood Cox and J. A. Lang of the state building commission are much pleased with the progress that is being made on the state administration building, now that the weather conditions have opened up. The walls will be completed to the top of the first floor in another week and the contractors, the John T. Wilson Company of Richmond, have the largest force of men they have yet assembled to push the work, and are striving to procure more. They are also putting in the foundations now for the territory bank and office building to be erected by the Commercial National bank, Martin and Wilmington streets. This building is to be erected in half-sections, so the bank will not be deprived of quarters.

Has Issued Call For Convention.

Chairman Harshaw of the Republican county executive committee has issued a call for the Republican county convention to meet in the court house in Lenoir at 12 o'clock Saturday, April 20, to elect delegates to the state congressional and senatorial conventions. In the election two years ago this county went Democratic by a small majority. Prior to that time the county officers were Republicans for several terms. This county is a close one between the two political factions and the fight this year will be a hard one. The cutting off of a part of Caldwell county when Avery county was established had a tendency to hurt the Republican ticket in this county materially.

For Passing Worthless Checks.

A young white man named Ed Padgett was arrested in Shelby, being wanted in a number of places on the charge of passing worthless checks. Under the name of Fred Blanton, young Padgett came to Gastonia a few weeks ago and deposited \$10 in a local bank. He began issuing checks in various amounts and one or two local merchants, as well as parties at Shelby, Bessemer City and Mooresville, were the victims. He will be held for trial at Shelby.

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