

DUKES GET CHARTER

Tobacco Kings Put Forth Big Enterprise.

THE TOTAL LENGTH 657 MILES.

Commission Granted in Columbia For an Extension of the Anderson System to Spartanburg.

Columbia, S. C., Special.—The enterprise backed by J. B. Duke and B. N. Duke, the tobacco kings, which proposed to extend the Anderson interurban trolley system from Belton through Williamston, Pelzer and Piedmont on to Greenville and thence 30 miles to Spartanburg has been commissioned by Secretary Stille. The initial capital is \$300,000 with an ultimate two million. The name of the corporation is the Greenville, Spartanburg and Anderson Railway Company. The incorporators are J. B. Duke, B. N. Duke, Ellison Smythe, W. J. Theakston, H. J. Haynesworth, Lewis W. Parker. From Greenville the line is to be built to Taylor's Creek, Pelham, Duncane, Reidsville, Wellford, Lockhart, Fairforest, Spartan Mills. The total length of the line will be 657 miles.

MERGER OF TRUST COMPANIES

J. Pierpont Morgan, Thomas F. Ryan and Levi P. Morton Link Hands. New York, Special.—J. Pierpont Morgan, Thomas F. Ryan and Levi P. Morton have linked hands in New York in a trust company merger which unites resources of \$150,000,000. It is a triple combination, bringing the Guaranty Trust Company, the Morton Trust Company and the Fifth Avenue Trust Company, all of this city, under one head with the title of the Guaranty Trust Company. The merger is perhaps the largest of its kind in the United States.

To Investigate Reedy Fork Wreck.

Raleigh, N. C., Special.—Chairman McNeill of the Corporation Commission announces that on the 12th of January the investigation into the railway wreck at Reedy Fork creek, on the Southern Railway, near Greensboro, last month, in which a dozen or more people lost their lives, will be investigated. The witnesses will include all whom the railway offers, the coroner's jury, etc. This investigation will be full of interest.

Governor Haskell Wins.

Washington, Special.—The case of the Prairie Oil and Gas Company, which attracted so much attention in Oklahoma during the campaign of 1908, because of the intervention by Governor Haskell in the interest of the company, has been dismissed in the Supreme Court of the United States. The effect of the dismissal is favorable to the Governor's contentions.

Boundary Line Dispute.

Washington, Special.—An order has been issued by the Supreme Court of the United States in the boundary line case between the States of North Carolina and Tennessee giving each of the States ninety days to take testimony. The order takes effect immediately. As complainant North Carolina will be the first to proceed.

White Enumerators For White Settlements.

Washington, Special.—Directors of the Census Bureau announce that he has notified his supervisors in the South to avoid having negro enumerators call on whites. In case colored enumerators are named white men should also be named to see white persons. In other sections colored enumerators will not be appointed unless at least two-fifths of the population is colored.

Ray Lamphere Murderer of Mrs. Belle Guinness Dies in Prison.

Laporte, Ind., Special.—A great crowd assembled about the Lamphere home to attend the funeral of Ray Lamphere, who burned the home of Mrs. Belle Guinness, near Laporte, on April 28, 1908, and incarcerated the owner of the "murder farm" last week in Michigan City prison where he was serving time for arson.

Lost Boy Found.

Louisville, Ky., Special.—A search nearly three months for Otis True, the son of wealthy parents of New Albany, Ind., was ended by the finding of the body in a forest near his home. Beside it was a note saying that he intended to end his life and a box marked "Paris green." He was 25 years old. Since his disappearance on October 15, it has been the belief that he was run over by a train and every accident reported in the entire country was investigated by order of the family. No motive has been assigned for the act.

BRADSTREET'S REVIEW

The Year Just Closed Was Entirely Satisfactory.

New York, Special.—Bradstreet's weekly review of trade says: "Quiet has followed the preceding week's rush of business in retail lines, while in whole sale lines salesmen are in from road and inventing is general. All obtainable information points to a satisfactory in many sections, indeed, a record volume of business done in the year just closed. The least satisfactory reports as to the year's result come from those sections of the South where crop damage has prevented fullest advantage being taken of the high prices of cotton. "In wholesale and jobbing lines a large if not indeed record spring business has been booked. Prices of commodities show undiminished strength and some of the highest prices of the year were made in the last week. Cotton, for instance, reached 16 cents, a price never before reached at this date since '07 times."

TENNESSEE GOES DRY.

Forty-One Distilleries and Five Big Breweries Affected.

Nashville, Tenn., Special.—The law passed by the last Legislature prohibiting the manufacture of intoxicating liquor in Tennessee went into effect at midnight December 31. Forty-one distilleries and five big breweries are affected and all announced a suspension of operations with the close of the business day. It is conceded, however, that some of them will commit a deliberate overt act for the purpose of testing the statute.

Prize to English Aeronaut.

Chalons Sur Marne, By Cable.—The Michelin cup for duration and distance covered in the air during 1909 goes to Henry Farman, the English aeronaut, who on November 3 established a since unbeaten record of 144 miles in 4 hours, 17 minutes and 35 seconds. The trophy is given by M. Michelin, a wealthy member of the Aero Club of France and consists of a beautiful prize and \$32,000 to be competed for during a period of eight years. Each year the trophy and \$4,000 or one-eighth of the cash prize goes to the aviator making the longest flight in that year. The trophy was first offered in 1908 and was won by Wilbur Wright, with a mark of 76.5 miles made in France in competition with Farman and others.

Cotton Seed Oil Men Form an Organization.

New York Special.—Cotton seed oil men of New York have completed an organization known as the Oil Trade Association of the New York produce exchange with a charter membership of one hundred. Its object is to further the cotton seed oil industry in all parts of the world. Sales of cotton seed oil on the New York produce exchange last year aggregating 2,303,500 barrels. J. G. Gash of the American Oil Company, was elected president.

Greater Birmingham a Reality.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.—At the stroke of midnight December 31, ten incorporated suburbs of Birmingham and a large amount of unincorporated territory automatically became a part of the city of Birmingham, giving the city an estimated population of 135,000. The Supreme Court recently sustained the act creating Greater Birmingham and today the area of the new city is slightly in excess of forty-two square miles.

\$1,000,000 to Nippon.

Seattle, Wash., Special.—Sixteen thousand money orders payable in Japan, worth in the aggregate \$1,000,000, were sent from the Seattle post-office during the Christmas holiday rush. The money came from the State of Washington, Idaho, Montana and Minnesota and the Territory of Alaska.

Challenge Watson to Public Debate.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—Thomas W. Watson has been challenged to a public debate by representatives of the various protestant churches of Georgia. The challengers want the debate to be held in Atlanta January 14 and have named as Watson's opponent, William T. Ellis, a Philadelphia newspaper man.

Annis Left Only \$300.

New York, Special.—William E. Annis, the publisher who was slain by Capt. Peter C. Hains, Jr., at the Bayside Yacht club, in August, 1908, left an estate valued at only \$300.

JOHNSON IS PRESIDENT.

Matter of Next Meeting Place Left to a Committee.

Charlotte, N. C., Special.—The Southern Educational Association, which has been in session here for three days, after transacting much business and enjoying social functions, elected the following officers: President—Dr. D. B. Johnson, of Winthrop College, S. C.; first vice president—Chancellor J. H. Kirkland, of Vanderbilt University; second vice president—C. E. Glenn, of Birmingham; third vice president—J. S. Grabbe, of Kentucky; treasurer—E. P. Burns, of Atlanta, Ga. The elective directors chosen by the association are: Alabama—Prof. C. C. Thach, Polytechnic Institute, Auburn; Arkansas—J. J. Doyno, Florida—W. W. Holloway, Georgia—J. M. Pound, Atlanta; Kentucky—M. A. Cassidy, Lexington; Louisiana—T. H. Harris; Maryland—F. E. Buckner, Baltimore; Missouri—E. E. Todd, Mississippi—L. H. Whitfield, North Carolina—E. C. Brooks, Trinity College; Oklahoma—E. D. Cameron, South Carolina—H. N. Snyder, president Wofford College; Tennessee—T. P. Poley; Texas—R. B. Cousins; Virginia—J. L. Jarman; West Virginia—M. P. Shawkey; District of Columbia—D. J. Crosby. The matter of next meeting place was left to a committee. Many cities are bidding.

ANTI-TRUST LEAGUE.

The Object of Which is Keep Down the Cost of Living.

Washington, D. C., Special.—Plans for a national boycott of those combinations that increase the cost of living were laid out last Thursday when the National Anti-Trust League was launched. Members of Congress are interested in the new movement. The plan has worked well in Germany. Among some present were Representative Champ Clark, the House minority leader; Representative Alexander and Murphy of Missouri; Martin of South Dakota, Kincaid of Nebraska, McKinley of California and Morgan of Oklahoma. One matter was settled however. The women of the United States will be taken into membership on equal terms with the men, and will have equal voice in the campaign.

FIRE AT PORTSMOUTH.

Overheated Office Stove the Cause of a \$125,000 Conflagration—Eight or Ten Horses Cremated.

Norfolk, Va., Special.—Fire originating from an overheated office stove destroyed the O. L. Williams' block of business houses at South and Crawford streets, Portsmouth, with a loss of \$125,000, partially covered by insurance. The Portsmouth market and armory were only saved by shifting winds. Eight or ten horses were cremated. The places burned were O. L. Williams' livery stables, where the fire started.

ASK RANSOM FOR GIRL.

Return of Little Alma Kellner to Her Parents is Promised on Payment of \$5,000.

Louisville, Ky., Special.—A letter has been received from some town in Ohio promising the return of little Alma Kellner to her parents on payment of \$5,000 ransom. The girl disappeared December 8. Frank Fahrin, millionaire brewer and cousin to Fred Kellner, father of Alma has gone to Chicago or elsewhere on such a mission.

City Adopts State Prohibition Law.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.—By unanimous vote the city council of Birmingham has adopted the State-wide prohibition laws has regular city ordinances. Heretofore the city acted with the State laws but a decision of the Supreme Court knocked out all convictions. Many men working on the city changing will have to be released from arrest.

Diaz Cautions Zelaya.

Mexico City, Special.—That President Diaz gave Jose Santos Zelaya a little friendly advice in regard to talking to newspaper reporters, and whispered in his ear that it would be wise for him to refrain from too freely expressing his opinions, was admitted by his secretary.

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Coldest South Has Experienced.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—A terrific cold wave gripped the entire South last Thursday, not even the orange belt of far southern Florida being exempted from the freezing temperature. The mercury ranged from 2 degrees above zero at Asheville, N. C., to 23 degrees at El Paso, Tex., with 20 above registered at Jacksonville, Fla., and 28 at Tampa. A few Texas points and the extreme southern portion of the Florida peninsula alone escaped the freezing blast. It was the coldest day the South has experienced. Ice in the Chattahoochee river at Atlanta for first time since 1886.

MADRIZ FOR PEACE

But Estrada Declines to Accept His Terms.

TROOPS TO BE SENT EASTWARD

New President of Nicaragua Wires Revolutionists Leader Asking Suspension of Hostilities.

Washington, Special.—General Estrada, the revolutionary leader in Nicaragua, will not accept the extraordinary terms proposed by the new President Madriz as a basis for peace. A telegram from Bluefields states that on the 22d inst. Madriz had proposed in a telegram to Estrada, a suspension of hostilities, pending the arrival of a committee which he was sending to Estrada to discuss an amicable and equitable settlement of the present strife. Madriz begged the revolutionary leader not to obstruct his efforts for peace. General Estrada in his reply expressed his willingness to meet the Madriz commissioners, but said the revolutionary party would not recognize the action of the legislative Assembly in placing power in the hands of Madriz. He denied most emphatically the Assembly's right to deal with the election of President, and stated that he saw in Madriz the usurper of the rights of the Nicaraguan people. It is not doubted here that Estrada's known astuteness will prevent him from accepting terms of peace predicated upon the prior surrender by him of his army, arms and ammunition to his enemy. Therefore, it is not believed that the conference between Estrada and the Madriz commissioners will result in any particular change in the present status. A telegram from Managua received at the State Department says that the Madriz party is making preparations to send troops to the eastward to meet Estrada's army.

Zelaya Declares He is Still President of Nicaragua.

Cordoba, Mex., Special.—Jose Santos Zelaya says that he is still President of Nicaragua, although he may never go back to that country to enjoy the privileges of the office. Madriz, he asserted, is only a provisional President and that he (Zelaya) has no relinquished the executive office. He also enters a denial that he is a prisoner in the hands of the Mexican officials.

Receiver Appointed.

Camden, N. J., Special.—Vice Chancellor Learning has appointed James Calloway of Atlantic City receiver of the Southern Public Service Corporation, incorporated under the laws of New Jersey, to build railroads in South Carolina and Georgia. The company is capitalized at \$1,500,000. The receiver was appointed upon application of Ludwig & Co., an engineering concern, which claims the company is insolvent.

Anthony Murphy Dead.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—Anthony Murphy, aged 80, a pioneer citizen of the South and one of the two men who pursued and captured the famous engine "General" when the latter had been seized and carried off from Marietta, Ga., by Federal raiders during the civil war is dead.

Secure Contract to Build Canal.

Lynchburg, Va., Special.—Scott Brothers, general contractors of this city, announced here that they have just secured a fourth contract on the New York State canal at Rome, N. Y., which will amount to \$1,750,000. Four years will be required to do the work.

Twelve Killed During Christmas.

Bluefield, W. Va., Special.—Twelve tragic deaths are reported from Southern West Virginia and Southwest Virginia as the result of drunken men walking on railroad tracks and being killed by trains and in fatal affrays with knives and pistols.

Madison Square Garden Sold.

New York, Special.—Madison Square Garden, erected at a cost of \$3,000,000, has been sold to a real estate syndicate and will be torn down and replaced by a modern office building.

Pierce Succeeds Cone.

Richmond, Special.—W. L. Pierce, with headquarters at Strasburg, has been appointed superintendent of the Richmond division, to succeed the late A. P. Cone, who was killed in the wreck near Greensboro, N. C.

Whole Turkish Cabinet Resigns.

Constantinople, By Cable.—The whole Turkish Cabinet resigned, following resignation of Hilmi Pasha.

TOWN WIPED OUT BY FIRE

Hamlet of Holland, Near Suffolk Practically Wiped Off the Map

Richmond, Va., Special.—Fire destroyed the Majestic theater, the postoffice and all but one of the twenty-six business places in Hamlet of Holland, 12 miles from Suffolk, Va., on the Southern Railway Saturday night, and rendered half of the town's two hundred inhabitants homeless. There was only the crudest apparatus with which to fight the flames, and aid asked of Suffolk was rendered nugatory by reason of the absence of water facilities. The total loss is estimated at \$115,000. The total insurance is about \$63,000. More than \$10,000 worth of peanuts were burned. Only twenty-one homes are left in the town, and these are housing the homeless. Five of these caught fire but were saved.

HOSTILITIES CONTINUE.

Belief That Two More Battles Must Be Fought.

Bluefields, Nicaragua.—Hope that the war should be brought to an end through the recognition of the provisional government by the United States has been abandoned. Many believe that two more battles must be fought; one in the State of Chontales and the other near Managua. The insurgent generals have signed a solemn pact to the effect that they will stand as a unit with Estrada until the last vestige of Zelayaism is blotted out of the government of Nicaragua. The peace commissioners which President Madriz announced that he was sending to negotiate with Estrada have not arrived.

FIRST NEW YEAR RECEPTION.

President Shook Hands With More Than 5,575 Callers.

Washington, D. C., Special.—President and Mrs. Taft held their first New Year's reception Jan. 1st, at the White House. All classes passed in review, and in two hours and fifty-five minutes more than 5,575 people shook hands with the Chief Executive. The diplomatic display surpassed all previous ones, and all members of the cabinet were present, except Knox and Dickinson.

Will Wage Determined Fight.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—"To wage an organized and determined fight" against the methods of dealing in cotton in vogue at the New York cotton exchange, President Charles S. Barrett of the National Farmers' Union has issued a call for a meeting of the officers and leading members of the union to take place in Washington during the present month. In the call Mr. Barrett announces the determination of representatives of the union to remain in Washington until Congress takes some definite action in the matter.

Greetings to All Nations.

Washington Special.—Precisely at midnight on Dec. 31st an employe of the Navy Department pressed a button in the naval observatory. Instantly there leaped from it a spark that encircled the globe. It lost only a comparatively few seconds, which did not discommode those who heard the news that a new year had been born. New York got the word, both started from Washington and a few seconds later after it had encircled the globe.

Banker Trask Only Victim.

New York, Special.—Spencer Trask, the head of a firm of bankers, which for many years acted as fiscal agent of the late Queen Victoria, was crushed to death by a rear-end collision of a Pullman and freight train in his private compartment while returning to New York from Yeddo, his country place at Saratoga.

Florida Crops Not Injured.

Jacksonville, Special.—The damage to Florida crops from the recent cold weather is trivial. It was thought the low temperature had ruined early vegetables, but only trifling damages have been wrought and this can be remedied by replanting. The orange crop had been marketed.

Kills Two and Puts Three in Jail.

Guthrie, Okla., Special.—Five men who intended to rob the bank and postoffice at Harrah, Okla., ran into a party headed by United States Marshal "Jack" Abernathy. As a result two of the bandits are dead, one is in jail at Guthrie wounded, and two others are held in jail at Oklahoma City as suspects.

It Is Now Judge Lorton.

Washington, D. C., Special.—Judge Horace H. Lorton, the new associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, was sworn in last Monday at noon.

MEMORY OF WOMEN

Monuments to be Erected in Remembrance of 61-65

ELEVEN WILL BE DEDICATED.

Design is Selected by a Committee of Confederate Veterans—General J. S. Carr, Treasurer.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—A design for a suitable memorial to the women of the Confederacy has been selected by a committee of Confederate veterans named by General Evans last June. All the Southern States except Virginia were represented at the meeting last week in this city. Only two artists submitted designs, Louis Potter of New York and Miss Belle Kinney of Nashville. The design submitted by Miss Kinney was selected. For the purpose of raising funds to pay for the erection of one of these memorials in the capital of each of the Southern States, the following committee was appointed: General C. I. Walker, of South Carolina, chairman; General Julian S. Carr, of North Carolina, treasurer; General John P. Hickman of Tennessee, secretary; General J. O. Waddell of Georgia, Maj. C. M. Felder of South Carolina, Maj. L. C. Scott of Mississippi and Col. James Dickens of Louisiana. The price agreed upon for the monument is \$5,000, the veterans entering into an agreement to accept no less than ten in duplicate. The committee named will be incorporated under the laws of Tennessee as a memorial association and will actively enter upon a campaign for funds, appealing especially to the different States Legislatures for appropriations.

COLD WAVE GRIPS COUNTRY.

Thermometer Reaches Lowest Mark of Season in Many Places. Chicago, Special.—The thermometer dropped to one degree above zero in Chicago. The thermometer registered the lowest at Charles City, 12 degrees below zero. St. Louis, Special.—The Mississippi river was frozen over at the outskirts of St. Louis for the first time in four years. Two below zero was reported by the government observatory. Pittsburg, Pa., Special.—Weather conditions here the most severe since 1875. Damage to waterfront property and shipping along the Ohio will total close to half million dollars.

Had to Move Out.

Glowing Rock, N. C., Special.—The fiercest snowstorm that has visited the mountain section for years fell last week. The snow was so deep in places that the houses of the mountaineers were covered. One house collapsed and many families whose homes were strained under the great weight of piled-up snow had to move out for fear the roofs would give way and they would be buried.

Blizzard Cost \$5,000,000.

Baltimore, Md., Special.—The storm of Christmas Day was a costly one to the Eastern States, says the Sun. In and around Boston the damage wrought by the blizzard has been estimated as high as \$5,000,000. Along the New England coast there was a tide which swept over low-lying lands and much damage was done to shipping. New York and Philadelphia were almost smothered under the fall of snow. In Baltimore about 140 extra men and a few carts were employed in removing the snow, while in New York the number employed in this work was 10,000. In Pittsburg traffic was tied up and in the North generally railroad trains were snowbound.

Hurt by His Mother's Punishment.

Toledo, Ohio, Special.—Sent to the cellar because he refused to get his mother a pail of water, Herman Miller, aged 14, son of John C. Miller, hanged himself.

Will Wager Money on Johnson.

New York, Special.—A pool of \$10,000 has been raised by negroes in New York city to wager on Jack Johnson in the championship.

Furniture Men Meet.

High Point, N. C., Special.—The manufacturers of upholstered furniture of the Southern States met in this city last Thursday. The object of the meeting was to perfect the organization of an upholstered furniture manufacturers' association and to formulate plans for the future.

Kills Self in Texas.

Kingsville, Tex., Special.—Henry Jackson, a young man about 28 years of age, who came here recently from North Carolina, and opened a meat market, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head.