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SOUTHERN STRIKE AGAINST STRIKERS

More Operators Now Than they Have Positions

SELMA THE LAST SHUT OFFICE OPENS TONIGHT

University Began Talking at 4 O'clock This Afternoon—All Trains Run- ing Practically on Time—Cau- ses That Led up to Strike.

Southern Railway telegraph operators who went on a strike on this division yesterday seem to have lost their fight as every office between Greensboro and Goldsboro has a regular operator at work and all tickets and baggage facilities are as smooth as they have been in the past. The only offices where the strike is continued in this division is a night operator at Cary and an operator at Selma, and these two will be out of the question by tonight.

The Southern decided to do away with a night operator at Cary for the present, it not being absolutely necessary to the workings of the road.

At Selma, where the most serious trouble was expected and where threats against the life of any man who should attempt to take charge of the key had been made, the trouble is about over. It will be at an end as soon as the eastbound train reaches that town.

Mr. Henry W. Miller, of First Vice-President Andrews' office, had a long talk over the long distance telephone this afternoon with the Mayor of Selma and received information that the telegraph operator at that point held to the key, claiming that he could not be made to give up possession of the office until an auditor of the company would come and check him out of the office. This was satisfactory to the Southern Railway officials, though it is not necessary for them to comply with the demand of the man at Selma, so this afternoon a travelling auditor of the company left Raleigh at 4 o'clock to check up the accounts of the Selma operator and pay him off, when a new operator will be put to work at once. The Mayor of Selma has promised that everything in his power will be done to give the new man protection if it is needed.

At Selma there has been a deal of talk and excitement today. No tickets could be purchased and no baggage could be checked. The regular mails made their way through without trouble, but freight traffic was considerably hithed for the local merchants. This, too, is all over now and tonight Selma will be in as good humor as the other stations along the line.

University Station was among the number to stop business. The doors to the depot were closed and locked and no one could enter to get to the telegraph key. This, however, was at an end this afternoon a few moments after four o'clock, when talking was resumed and the afternoon west bound train will be cleared from that station as usual.

Locally the strike was a failure. The operators went out from the freight office, but a day and night operators are doing the work as usual today.

It was announced this afternoon that the number of men ready to take their positions as telegraph operators in the places of those who desired to go on the strike had been so large that the Southern could not accommodate them and that every office had already been filled.

One question that is being considered by those who have read of the strike and who have taken any interest in the matter is what position will the Southern Railway take in future toward the men who have gone on the strike. It is generally supposed that the road will put those names on the black list and will let them seek employment elsewhere.

The cause of the strike lies with an agitator named Powell who came from St. Louis. He is at the head of the organization of Railroad Telegraph Operators and is seeking recognition. He is a carpet bagger from the West and the Southern Railway is not favorably inclined toward allowing him to come between the road and its employees in the matter of management.

It is stated in a dispatch that the strike is the outcome of trouble that has been brewing between the operators and the Southern for sometime. The demands of the operators are three-fold: First, that standard wages of \$40 be paid all operators. That is, that operators in small offices, who now receive from \$25 to \$35, be paid \$40 per month. Second, that the Southern road recognize the Order of Railway Telegraph Operators; and third, that operators be paid for extra work.

FEW MEN IN STRIKE.

Norfolk, Va., April 13.—Only fifty one telegraphers, out of the entire Southern Railroad system went out on the strike. These were:

- Knoxville Division, 14.
 - Charlotte Division, 6.
 - Asheville Division, 6.
 - Atlanta Division, 10.
 - Richmond Division, 6.
 - Birmingham Division, 6.
 - Macon Division, 5.
- Chattanooga reports, representing the operators, say that nearly all the telegraphers of the Southern Railway will go out.

The railroad officials say only ten per cent of the Knoxville Division are on the strike.

SECY. PORTER RESIGNS.

Washington, April 13.—John Addison Porter, Secretary to President McKinley, has resigned. Ill health is given as the cause. George B. Corley, for some time assistant secretary, is appointed as his successor.

HEROIC SACRIFICE.

New York, April 13.—A tenement house on Clinton street was burned this morning. Tailor Hyman Beller was burned fatally. Finding the fire very hot, he placed himself between the flames and his wife and children.

ANDREWS REFUSES.

Lincoln, April 13.—Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews will, on Saturday, notify the Regents that he cannot accept the position of chancellor of the University of Nebraska, to which he was elected last Wednesday. He has received assurances that his tenure of office as Superintendent of the Public Schools of Chicago will not be disturbed. While grateful to the Nebraska Regents he prefers to remain where he now is.

FAIR EASTER SUNDAY.

The official weather bulletin predicts for Raleigh and vicinity: Fair weather, cooler tonight; fair Saturday and Easter Sunday.

The barometer is still low on the middle and north Atlantic coast, and over the Lake region. Rains occurred throughout the eastern states in small amounts, and snow is still falling at Marquette and Cleveland. The weather is generally fair and cool throughout the southern, central, and western districts. Heavy frost was reported at Atlanta and light frosts at Macon and Meridian. The temperature is still a few degrees below freezing in the extreme northwest.

CHINESE COMING.

San Francisco, April 13. The Daily Calls says that thousands of Chinese are passing the barriers of the custom house and are not only being landed, but are accepted as native citizens of California, and each will vote and have representation in the political affairs of this city and State. It is asserted that in the past thirty-four months ten thousand Chinese have been landed, a hundred of whom are admitted each month on the ground that they were born in this State.

GOOD FRIDAY.

New York, April 13. Good Friday is well observed. Many business houses are closed. All exchanges are closed.

KENTUCKY'S GOVERNOR.

Louisville, April 13.—Indictments against Governor Taylor and Senator DeLoe are said to have been found by the grand jury, also other presentation of officials will be presented tomorrow.

THE SUMNER.

Gibraltar, April 13.—United States transport "Sumner" arrived here today and will sail for Malta tomorrow.

The extra chairs that were used by the Democratic Convention were loaned by the Sunday school of the Church of the Good Shepherd and were hauled to and from the Academy of Music by Messrs. Crowder and Rand and Wyatt Brothers without charge.

A GOOD GAME TOMORROW

Ladies Will be Charged Admission But Numbers Will Attend.

Lovers of outdoor sport will be given an opportunity tomorrow to see what promises to be the best exhibition of ball playing that will be given in Raleigh this season. The A. and M. baseball team will cross bats with the team from Lehigh University.

The game will be called about four o'clock in the afternoon, and at that time the farmer boys hope to see a large aggregation of Raleighites on the grounds. Ladies will not be admitted free, but the boys hope this will not keep away any of those who were in the large crowd in attendance on the recent games when ladies were admitted without charge.

The A. and M. team is in excellent condition and the team from Pennsylvania is one of the best that comes South this year from Northern universities. It is to be hoped that the crowd will turn out, and that the greatest game of the year between Tar Heels and the Quakers will result in favor of the Carolinians.

Senators Allen, of Nebraska, and Pettigrew, of South Dakota, will speak here next Tuesday night, on the eve of the Populist State convention.

ROBERTS KEEPS GOOD FRIDAY

Operations in South Africa Seems Suspended

BOER LOSSES IN RECENT FIGHT HEAVY

Boers Have Adopted Plan of Working Their Farms by Night and Fighting by Day.

London, April 13. It is calculated that General Roberts has 244,000 men effective and twelve thousand or more are under orders afloat. In a round-about way London hears that General Roberts, in writing the Prince of Wales at Copenhagen congratulations, added two or three hopeful sentences, portending an early advance of Wide-reaching combinations. Quite assurances are passed around among the military men that General Roberts is employing a great army effectively and that the Boer commanders are likely to be crushed.

Bloemfontein, April 13. Corporal Lloyd, who escaped from a convoy of five hundred, was captured at a drift near the waterworks. He says that he recognized among the burghers, who trapped the convoy, many Orange Free States, who had been selling produce at General Roberts' camp at Thabaneha.

WORK AT NIGHT.

Alival North, April 13.—A detachment of two hundred from Rossbyville is patrolling in this direction. Many men do work on their farms at night and rejoin the detachment in the morning. Command numbers seven hundred. A large body from Basuto are watching events from the border.

BOERS LOST HEAVILY.

Alival North, April 13. It is reported that the Boers lost heavily in the recent fighting at Wepener. There was much weeping among the women. Urgent messages for assistance have been sent to the Rossbyville command. News from the Boer source at Wepener communicated officially says: four Boer guns were disabled, and the Boer commandants killed and wounded. Tuesday night the British made a sortie capturing a Boer gun and taking some prisoners.

GOOD FRIDAY IN AFRICA.

London, April 13. Judging from the lack of news from South Africa it is thought that Good Friday is being kept there as religiously as it is here. Presumably the situation remains unchanged.

MRS. W. T. STAINBACK DEAD

Passed Peacefully Away at Her Residence Before Noon Today

Mrs. Annie Stainback, wife of Mr. W. T. Stainback, of the Heller Bros. Shoe Store, who was recently severely ill, passed away peacefully at her residence at 110 West 14th street, at 11:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Stainback was born August 26th, 1846. Before her marriage she was Miss Annie Bart and was raised in this city. She leaves a husband, and several children to mourn their loss. The children are Thomas and Frank Stainback, two bright carriers of The Times-Visitor; Theodore and Clara and a little baby.

Mrs. Stainback was a noble Christian woman, patient, unselfish and laboring incessantly for those whom she loved.

The funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Stainback will be held tomorrow afternoon from the First Baptist church. The hour will be announced in the morning papers.

THE RIDICULOUS OPTIMIST.

There was once a man who smiled
Because the day was bright;
Because he slept at night;
Because God gave him sight
To gaze upon his child!
Could he leap and laugh and run,
Because the distant sun
Smiled on the earth, he smiled.
He smiled because the sky
Was high above his head;
Because the rose was red;
Because the past was dead!
He never wondered why
The Lord had blundered so
That all things have to go
That wrong way here below
That overcrack way.

He toiled and still was glad
Because the air was free;
Because he loved and she
That claimed his love and he
Shared all the joys they had;
Because the grasses grew,
Because the sweet winds blew,
Because that he could hew
And hammer, he was glad.

Because he lived he smiled
And did not look ahead
With bitterness or dread,
But nightly sought his bed
As calmly as a child;
And people called him mad
For always being glad,
And shook their heads and smiled,
—S. E. Kaiser in Chicago Times-Herald.

MET SUDDEN DEATH AWAY FROM HOME

Mr. Alf Barron Received Sudden Stroke of Paralysis

WAS DRIVING ON THE ROAD TO WAKE FOREST

Taken Home by Laborers He Died Soon Almost Immediately—Was Well Known Here and Had a Son in Town.

News reached Raleigh this morning of the sudden death of Mr. Alf Barron, a highly respected and fairly well-to-do farmer of Barton's Creek Township, last night, just after he was taken home by some laborers from a neighboring plantation.

Mr. Barron decided yesterday afternoon that he would go to Wake Forest to attend to some business. He hitched his horse to a buggy and started from home during the early afternoon, expecting to return as soon as he could complete the business that required his presence at Wake Forest.

While he was on his way to the town he received a sudden stroke of paralysis and was at once seen to be in a critical condition. He was taken home in his own vehicle by some laborers from the farm through which he was passing when the stroke came to him. It was known from the first that he could not recover and as soon as he reached home he was given all of the attention of his wife and daughters to make his last moments as comfortable as possible. He passed away late in the afternoon. The funeral will be held at the old farm place tomorrow morning.

Mr. Barron was well known in Raleigh. He was a frequent visitor to the city and in times gone by was a familiar figure about the county court house. He leaves a wife, two daughters and two sons, both of the sons now living in this city. One son living here is Mr. D. Barron, an employee at Johnson's Livery stable on North street, and the other at Davidson.

Mr. Barron was about sixty years of age and was a Confederate veteran. He served in the War Between the States in a regiment that was composed almost exclusively of men from this section of the State.

"FAUST"

Faust will be presented at the Academy of Music on Easter Monday night by the Landis Company. The following criticism of the play and company is taken from the Kokomo Daily Dispatch:

"Kokomo has had numerous productions of Faust by Lewis Morrison's company among others, but one play has never been staged with such scrupulous care as by the Landis company, seen at the opera house last night. This does not relate to a single scene, as in the Broken, on which, as a general thing, the stage is scientific and the stage manager is conscientious. The neglect of other opportunities no less important. The Landis carry every detail of scenery used, and every act and scene is a complete picture. The handling of the lights was also excellently managed, as electric effects being particularly striking. Mr. Landis' "Mephisto" hardly follows the conventional lines, but it loses nothing in art or effectiveness for that. It is strong and clean-cut, with no out-of-door robberies. Miss Ann Truitt, Landis' "Marguerite," was pleasing and in the best scenes, as in the act, she met all requirements. The company is a capable and well-balanced one. The Landis can claim for their Faust that it is a scenic production without doing violence to truth, as is too often the case."

Reserve seats are now on sale.

GONE TO WASHINGTON.

District Attorney C. M. Bernard and United States Marshall Henry Clay Dockery, left early this morning for Washington, where they will see some of the Republican leaders from this State.

GENERAL TOON.

The Democratic Nominee for Superintendent of Public Instruction, General Thomas F. Toon, the nominee for Superintendent of Public Instruction is being much discussed on the streets and many questions are asked about him. He was born in Columbus county in 1840, was educated at Wake Forest College, graduated there in 1861, but May 20 of that year went in the Confederate service as a private in the Twentieth North Carolina Regiment. He got a furlough and returned to the college, where he graduated in June, rejected his regiment. He was elected lieutenant, captain and colonel, by vote of his command, becoming colonel in 1863.

In 1864, upon the wounding of General R. D. Johnson, at Sportsylvania, Colonel Toon, who was also wounded, refused to leave the field, and for this was made brigadier general in 1864. He was wounded six times, five times seriously, but fought all the while save when in hospital. After the war he was for sixteen years in the railroad service on the Atlantic Coast Line. Then he established a school at Fair Bluff, and afterwards taught in the Robeson Institute. This work he continued until last autumn, when he devoted his whole time to farming, having three farms in operation.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Miss Ema Norwood, of Waynesville, is visiting Miss Lida Briggs.

Mr. Ed. Potter has bought out Johnson's stables on Marion street and will run a first class stable for board there.

Federal court will convene at Elizabeth City next Tuesday, and the Northern court the week after. Judge Thomas R. Parnell will preside.

Miss Harding left the city this morning.

Miss Young, daughter of Mr. J. R. Young, returned to Henderson today.

Mrs. E. T. Briggs left this morning for Elizabeth City to visit her daughter, Mrs. E. F. Aylette. She was accompanied to Elizabeth City by her son, Mr. T. H. Briggs.

Mr. Bruce White returned to Franklin today.

Mrs. H. O. Gattis, who has been in Baltimore some time will return Sunday. She will be met in Portsmouth Saturday by her husband, Mr. H. O. Gattis, of this city.

Mr. R. Giersch's restaurant will continue to be one of the most attractive places in the city during the spring and summer, just as it has been in the winter. Ice cream is served at any time in this favorite resort of ladies and gentlemen. Read his new advertisement in this issue giving prices for furnishing cream.

Rev. John Douglass returned to Clinton today.

Mr. and Mrs. George Allen have gone to Newbern.

The Good Shepherd Chapter No. 32, of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, have elected Messrs. Watkins Roberts, Fred Malder, Wm. J. Andrews and J. D. Grimsey delegates to the Brotherhood convention which meets in Washington, N. C., in May probably the 20th. The date has not yet been fixed.

TO LIFT BAN ON DANCING.

Two Conferences Also Ask That Specific Prohibition Against These

Dances and Cards be Annulled. New York, April 12. If the General Conference of the Methodist Church adopts the suggestions made yesterday by the New York Conference, meeting in this city, and the New York East Conference, in session in Danbury, Conn., members of the sect may dance, play cards or go to the theatre without breaking any of the prescribed rules of conduct.

"This does not mean," that these worldly pleasures are approved of by Methodists, but the proposition is made to revise the Book of Discipline so that the amendments proposed upon by the church will not be specified.

This is the New York Conference resolution introduced by the Rev. E. A. Triplett, of St. James' Church, this city.

"That provided the committee on the constitution of the church shall decide that paragraph 218 of the Discipline is constitutional, the General Conference be memorialized to omit from paragraph 218 the incomplete catalogue of prohibited amusements, and to substitute for the omitted entries the following paragraph in the chapter of 'Special Advice Christian Conduct':

"The command to follow Christ is an appeal to the humbled Christian living. We are no longer free to follow our own inclinations, having become servants to do the will of God. We are to please One who is our Master, even Christ. In all things, even in our recreations and our pleasures, we are to do all unto the glory of God. It is therefore urged that all members of our churches shall revere the time, making wise use of the time which God has committed to the keeping of every man, to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ; that they be not lovers of pleasure more than of God; that they abstain from all such diversions as cannot be used in the name of the Lord Jesus (see the General Rules, chapter 30); that they avoid the very appearance of evil, and that if in anything outeth offense, they will deny themselves, for the sake of their weaker brethren."

At the Danbury Conference, Prof. Rice, of Wesleyan University, introduced a similar resolution and spoke very plainly. He said:

"The attempt to legislate evil out of the Methodist Church has proved an evil in itself worse even than that which it tries to prohibit. Personally I am opposed to card-playing, theatre-going and dancing, but I think it is a sad mistake to have such explicit clause in the Book of Discipline."

After a lively discussion the New York Conference voted by a large majority to strike out of the report of the committee on periodicals derogatory reference to the Rev. Mr. Sheldon's paper and to the Rev. Dr. MacArthur's work as a religious editor of a local newspaper.

A member of the conference said he doubted the propriety of reference to the Rev. Mr. Sheldon. The Rev. James M. King, delegate-elect to the General Conference, said:

"It is an awful mistake for any man to edit a daily newspaper or any other paper, assuming to know what Jesus Christ would do. I think that it is nothing less than blasphemy."

The Rev. S. P. Cadman, of the Metropolitan Temple, said: "There is altogether too much of this kind of religious raving about in the churches. Such movements as Mr. Sheldon's are on the whole a great injury to the cause he wants to help."

The Rev. J. S. Stone, of the Mort Avenue Church, New York, replied to Dr. Cadman in some sharp remarks. The conference by a large vote decided to memorialize the General Conference to do away with the five-year time limit for ministers. This was one after considerable discussion.

RALEIGH MAN CRUELLY JILTED

Mr. Britt Waits in Vain for His Betrothed

WEDDING SUPPER REMAINS UNTOUCHED

Mrs. Parker Gave Mr. Britt the Slip and Carried His Gold Watch and \$100. With Her—Fears and Un- known Rival.

(Durham Herald.)
There was a wedding scheduled to take place on Angier avenue, near the Commonwealth cotton mill last night, but it did not materialize.

It was through no fault of the would-be bridegroom that the ceremony was not performed. It was not a case of where he failed to show up and left a broken-hearted bride-to-be, wondering what had become of her lover. In this case the would-be bride, who was a blushing widow of 33 summers and an equal number of winters, slipped off and left her 34 year old sweetheart a sadder but by no means wiser man.

The parties to this romantic love affair are G. W. Britt, of Raleigh, and Mrs. C. N. Parker, who lives on Angier avenue. Invitations were sent out yesterday announcing the wedding to take place at 9 o'clock last night at the home of Mrs. Parker.

Before the hour named Mr. Britt, who had dyed his chin whiskers a beautiful black and donned his Sunday best, went to the home the woman who, he thought, was soon to be his wife. His heart beat like that of a school boy who is about to declare his love to some blushing maiden. He went in and found that the guests had already begun to arrive. Soon afterward the preacher came and 9 o'clock was not far off. He became more nervous but the bride came not, and he began to get impatient. Finally he inquired of her whereabouts and found that she was nowhere about the premises. Gradually it dawned upon him that he had been "fooled" and he sunk down and wept.

A supper had been prepared, (with money furnished by Mr. Britt) and the guests sat down and ate of what was intended as a wedding supper, but which had proved to be far from one. After this they began to depart for their homes and the broken-hearted old man came up the street inquiring if any one had seen his Nancy.

Mr. Britt spent the night, or a part of it, in the waiting room of the Southern depot. About 1 o'clock this morning the reporter had a talk with him and he told of how the whole matter occurred, and wound up by saying he did not want it to go in the papers.

He said that he received a note from Mrs. Parker and in response to that note came up from Raleigh yesterday morning and went to her home. The two went into the parlor and she asked him what about getting married. He said that he told her he was ready, willing and waiting. Then she said she wanted to get married but had no money with which to "fix" up. He asked her how much she needed and she told him \$100, which he took from his pocket and gave her. He then gave one of her daughters a watch with which to buy cakes, etc. He said that he later came up the street and sent her a gold watch as a bridal present. In the meantime the services of a Mr. Gurley had been called into use, who secured the house and wrote the invitations. He thought all was well until he went after his bride and found that she had flown.

Mr. Britt said this morning that he thought it was a deliberate and pre-conceived plan on her part to get his money, and he intimated that he intended to stay in Durham and see the matter out.

As to Mrs. Parker he said he had no idea as to her whereabouts, but was afraid she had gone off and married some other man.

WHY THE ENGAGEMENT WAS BROKEN.

From the Chicago Post.
"So your engagement is broken?" said the girl in gray.

"Yes," said the girl in brown, frowning at the recollection.
"What was the matter?"

"He basely deceived me," answered the girl in brown. "You see, it was this way: I asked him one day to promise me that he never again would smoke cigarettes, and he promised. Then I asked him to refrain from the use of tobacco in any form, and he promised to do that. Later I told him I had a horror of any one who touched liquor, and he agreed never to touch it. After that I suggested that I thought clubs should exert him to give them up, and he said he would. I also took up the subject of gambling, and made him promise that he would stop playing poker and buying pools on the races."

"Well, you didn't demand anything of him, did you?" said the girl in gray. "I suppose he deceived you in the matter."

"He did not," said the girl in brown. "Broken his promise, did he?"

"Oh, no; I could have forgiven that. But just when I was congratulating myself that I at least had reformed one young man I found that he didn't need any reforming. He wasn't addicted to a single one of the habits I made him promise to break. It was a terrible shock and I broke the engagement right away. There was no longer anything in it to make it interesting."