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ISSUED TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS

## TRUST HAS TROUBLES

### Supreme Court Will Consider Independent's Petition.

Decision as to Reviewing the Plan of Re-Organization of the American Tobacco Company is Expected on Monday of Next Week.

A special from Washington says: The Supreme Court of the United States today took under consideration the application of the Leaf Tobacco Board of Trade of New York to have that tribunal review the re-organization plan of the American Tobacco Company. A decision is expected next Monday. The government opposed the motion.

The application for the petition was made by Felix H. Levy, representing the Leaf Tobacco Board of Trade of New York, which is composed of about seventy-five concerns engaged in the business of selling leaf tobacco to tobacco manufacturers. In the petition it was stated that the attorneys-general of Virginia, North and South Carolina joined in the request for a consideration by the Supreme Court of the re-organization plan.

The petition asked that the United States Circuit Court for Southern New York be required to vacate its recent decree approving the re-organization of the American Tobacco Company which had been directed by the Supreme Court in its opinion last May, to disintegrate. Another prayer was that the Circuit court be directed to send the case to the Supreme Court for review, and to allow the board to intervene as a party to the suit which resulted in the dissolution decree of the Supreme Court last May.

In support of the petition, a brief had been prepared for submission to the court. In this brief, Mr. Levy and his associate, Benjamin N. Cardozo, argued that the decree of the Circuit court was not in conformity with the Supreme Court's mandate in the tobacco case. The court was told in the brief that the attorney general of the United States had announced that he would not appeal from the Circuit court decree.

"The repugnance between the decree and the mandate must therefore remain uncorrected," the attorneys said, "the decision of this court, designed to remedy a great public wrong must be frustrated, and the beneficial results that should have followed from it be forfeited, unless at the instance of a citizen, whose interests are vitally affected, this court shall see to it that its commands are made effective."

The foremost objection urged to the re-organization plan was that it resulted in the division of the stock of the several corporations, into which the combination was divided, among the common stockholders of the American Tobacco Company, "with the result that the very men who have been adjudged by this court to be illegal conspirators are maintained and confirmed in their ownership and control." It was contended that the common stockholders should be prohibited from obtaining or retaining control over the business.

"We do not ask that the defendants be deprived of anything which they now own," the brief continued. "We do not ask that a single share now belonging to them be surrendered. We merely ask that when the

Tobacco Company parts with the shares which it owns, it will be required to do so in such a way as to prevent the conspiracy from being perpetuated. If the court may compel the chief corporate defendant to break up the combination by ridding itself of its shares, it may compel the individual defendants to break up the combination by refraining from buying these shares."

The attorneys-general of Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina are quoted as saying that the re-organization proposed, in substance, would effect a change in the method of bookkeeping, and nothing more.

### MISSION HAS CLOSED.

All Agree That Much Good Has Been Accomplished.

The mission conducted at the Episcopal church during the past several days came to a close on Wednesday night, and the missioner, Rev. John R. Matthews, and the rector, Rev. George M. Tolson, have gone to High Point, where they will conduct a mission for a week.

Rev. Mr. Matthews' sermons have been greatly enjoyed by all who have heard him. No minister who has ever visited Reidsville held the attention of his congregation more closely than he. His familiarity with the Bible was something wonderful. He seemed to be able to recall the chapter and verse of every passage of scripture in the Holy Book. His Bible readings each afternoon during which hundreds of citations were given without the use of notes, occasioned the greatest wonderment among the people.

The parishioners of St. Thomas church have extracted a promise from the missioner to return next year for another mission.

The Rev. John R. Matthews was born in Manchester, England, about 40 years ago of Irish parentage. He graduated from Oxford, and took special readings at Cambridge. He served as an officer of the Church of England in England similar to the Salvation Army in this country. After coming to this country he studied at Moody's Bible School, Chicago, and then became a missioner of the Episcopal Church. He later became an archdeacon in Ohio, where he met his wife. His home is on a farm near Barnesville, where Mrs. Matthews spends most of her time. There have been no children born to Mr. and Mrs. Matthews. After serving as archdeacon in Ohio for some time he again took up the work as missioner. For a year he was employed to conduct missions with the churches of the East Carolina diocese. Recently he has been visiting the churches of the Diocese of North Carolina.

Mrs. Matthews will join Mr. Matthews in this State during the next week or two and will spend the Christmas holidays with him and his friends in Eastern North Carolina. About twenty people from Spray came over Monday night to attend services at the Episcopal church. The party was composed of the most part of those people who recently connected themselves with the Episcopal church there following the mission conducted by the Rev. Mr. Matthews. Their coming to Reidsville through the bitter cold to hear him again is the compliment of which the minister might feel proud.

John Temple Graves visited North Carolina this week. Since leaving Atlanta several years ago he has been doing splendid work on Wm. R. Hearst's New York American.

There will be an entertainment and box party at the Bethany High School on the night of Dec. 16.

## Reidsville's Postoffice to Be Remodeled—Work to Be Started at Early Date

Recommendations have been made to Congress by the Postoffice Department to appropriate the sum of \$3,500 for rental expenses of a building to be used temporarily as a postoffice during the progress of the work of remodeling and enlarging the Reidsville postoffice. This seems to settle the fact that the office has to be moved during the time the work is under way.

During August Mr. Lix, representing the office of the supervising architect, visited the Reidsville postoffice to secure data for the completion of the plans for the addition to the building, and it was his impression at that time that everything could be put in readiness for the advertising for bidders for the work by September 15. Assuming that this would be possible, Mr. Lix anticipated that the work could be started on the addition by the first of this month.

Sometime during the fall 200 clerks in the office of the supervising architect were thrown out of employment because of the fact that the extra session of Congress had failed to make an appropriation for their pay. This, it is thought by Postmaster Joyce, had to do with the delay in getting the work well under way. He is not posted as to when the work of adding to the building here will be taken up, but says that the recommendations to Congress to appropriate money for renting a building for a temporary office undoubtedly shows that the supervising architect has reached the conclusion that the office could not be conducted in the present postoffice building while the additions are being made. Mr. Joyce thinks the work of making the improvements to the building will be started at an early date.

The appropriation for the Reidsville building is \$35,000, and \$25,000 of this is already available and the remaining \$10,000 will be forthcoming at this session of Congress.

The present building is to be completely remodeled. There will be an

addition of thirty feet at the North of the building extending the width of the present building. This addition will have a basement, a first and second floor, thus making a considerable addition to the floor space.

The present vaults will be torn out and replaced with more modern ones. All the lock boxes and drawers will give way to new and later patents, and two new sections of boxes will be added. All the screen work will be torn away and new screens substituted.

The lobby will be greatly enlarged and all across the front there will be windows and no lock boxes or drawers, as at present. From South to North going back to the postmaster's office, which will be in the Northeast corner, as at present, there will be the lock boxes and drawers.

The little building to the Northwest of the postoffice, in which is located the gas plant, will be torn away, and the light plant and toilet and bath rooms will be placed in the new basement. The building will be wired for electric lights to be used in case of an emergency.

The third floor of the building will have a hall running from South to North and three offices on either side. On the West side of the hall will be located the offices of the United States Commissioner and deputy collector. On the West side of the hall will be the office of the division deputy collector, and a room fitted up with desks and seats will be provided for the civil service department, where all civil service examinations will be held.

The present building cost \$50,000. The additions to be made, according to the plans of the supervising architect, will provide a building adequate to the needs of the town, and will furnish space sufficient for the organization and accommodation of a force of carriers which will make it possible for city delivery to be established.

### MEETING OF BAPTISTS.

Annual State Convention in Session in Winston-Salem.

With more than 500 delegates and visitors present for the greatest occasion of the year for the Baptists of North Carolina, the first session of the eighty-first annual meeting of the Baptist State Convention in the handsome new auditorium of Brown Memorial church in Winston-Salem on Tuesday night.

The opening feature of the session was a sermon by Rev. W. A. L. Smith, of Chapel Hill. Following the sermon was the election of officers of the convention.

Mr. W. C. Dowd, of Charlotte, is president of the State convention and has been for the past two years. Mr. N. B. Broughton, of Raleigh, has been recording secretary since 1882.

Rev. Livingston Johnson, secretary of the State Mission Board, submitted his report to the convention. The report shows that the Baptists during the last fiscal year contributed \$48,990 for State missions, or \$5,744 more than during the previous year. The Baptists raised for all purposes \$247,245, of which \$109,285 were for missions of all kinds, \$4,209 for ministerial relief, and \$52,802 for the orphanage. During the year 10,119 sermons were preached; 1,921 persons were baptized, and there were 2,332 professions of faith. Fifty-five new churches were built, 14 others finished and 10 organized. For missionary ministers' salaries \$25,432 were raised. The North Carolina Baptists have undertaken to raise \$26,000 of the \$400,000 pledged to be raised by the Southern Baptist Convention to extend the work of home missions. There are 1,200 Baptist organizations of women in the State with 36,000 members and they raised one-third of the total amount raised by the denomination for missions. The report shows that in Sunday-school work there are 96 per cent. as many Sunday-schools as churches in the State, while the average in the Southern Baptist Convention is 63 per cent. The Sunday-school enrollment exceeds that of Texas by 15,000.

Rev. W. L. Mellichampe, of High Point, a former rector of St. Thomas Episcopal church here, has moved his family to Monroe, where he has accepted the rectorship of St. Paul's church, which was under the pastorate of the late Reverend Frederick A. Fetter at the time of his death.

Dr. Cook, who claimed to have discovered the North Pole, has entered suit against the New York Times for \$100,000 for slander.

### CASWELL MAN CONVICTED.

For Concealing Blockade Whiskey in His Barn.

Greensboro, Dec. 7.—I. Y. Wilson, of Caswell county, was caught by officers of the U. S. government with 170 gallons of pure corn whiskey in the loft of his barn a few weeks ago, and there were other suspicious circumstances to connect him with a scheme to defraud his Uncle Samuel of his due in the matter of revenue. About 1½ miles from the barn was discovered a still which showed signs of recent operation and Mr. Wilson was indicted for illicit distilling.

Tuesday morning this case came up for trial in the Federal court, seemingly with a sure conviction in store for the defendant, but the case assumed peculiar aspects by the time all the evidence was before the court and the whole morning session was consumed in hearing the testimony and the argument of counsel. A negro employed on Wilson's place testified in favor of the defense, and made a telling stroke for Wilson, his testimony being used as the basis of argument for the acquittal of the defendant. The negro swore that on the day of the raid of the farm three negroes had come to the house with a wagon load of something and asked to store their goods in the barn. In this manner, when the request was granted, the 170 gallons of spirits was saddled off on Wilson, according to the witness.

The evidence was at times conflicting and confusing, but with much labor counsel for the defense and the prosecution got the case before the jury and the jury after several hours deliberation returned with a verdict of guilty as to concealing. The prisoner, an aged and prosperous looking farmer, was placed in the custody of the marshal.

The right of the States to penalize States for refusing to receive goods for shipment in interstate commerce was argued Wednesday before the Supreme Court of the United States. The question presented to the court concerned particularly the State of North Carolina. A direct attack was being made on the constitutionality of the statute, enacted in 1905 in this State, imposing a penalty of \$50 a day on a railroad for every day it refused to accept goods for transportation.

Mr. J. B. Chilton dropped in Wednesday to present us with a turnip that measured 23 inches in circumference. Mr. Chilton says he has many bushels as large or even larger than the specimen he brought to this office.

### FLAG AND BIBLE PRESENTATION

Local Juniors Will Officiate at the Sadler School.

Carolina Council No. 9, Jr. O. U. A. M., will present a Bible and flag to Sadler school this (Friday) morning at 11 o'clock, at which time the following program will be carried out:

Committee in Charge—G. W. Brittain, Chairman.

Invocation—Rev. C. E. M. Raper.

Song, Bless Be the Tie That Binds—By School.

Address of Welcome—Mr. Corum.

Response to the Address of Welcome—Judge I. R. Humphreys.

Song, Carolina—By School.

Address, Public Education—Supt. L. N. Hickerson.

Adjournment For Dinner.

1:04 P. M., Song, Dixie Land — By School.

Presentation of Flag—C. O. McMicheal.

Song—By School.

Presentation of Bible—J. R. Joyce.

Song, Nearer My God to Thee — By School.

Acceptance of Flag and Bible.—

Raising of Flag; Song, Columbia.

### Dancing.

Corn-shucking and hog-killing times make "Buzfuz" feel his oats. Here is a squib recently gotten off by him: In some of the Oriental countries it is said that the better or upper class of men have their dancing done by proxy; that is, when they have to attend fashionable balls or dances they hire some one to take the exertion for them, thereby saving their neckwear from the soil of such useless sweatdown. Sensible fellows, so far as the modern so-called round dance is concerned, it has been said it requires no brains or other qualifications for a good round dancer save endurance. Be that as it may, the old fashioned quillless square dances such as the quadrille reels and lancers—when the fiddles and banjos begin to stagg (no violins) the inspiring strains makes the young blood surge. "Ole Dan Tucker," "Ole Mollie Cotton Hare," "Pretty Bettle Martin," and "Mississippi Sawyer" pulls powerfully strong to cut a few steps. Proxy, bah!

In his annual report to the board of agriculture, read by him today, Commissioner Graham gives the board to understand that he will follow out the law with regard to his duties, as interpreted by himself and the attorney-general, without regard to the opinions of certain members of the board in the matter. He hints at the interference on the part of a faction of the board and says, in effect, that they are endeavoring to usurp his authority. The issue, it seems, is between the commissioner and the State chemist, Dr. B. W. Kilgore, the board having attempted to separate this division from the authority of the commissioner. Another matter which the commissioner is opposed to is the taking of a representative of the department from the finance committee of the board.

Meredith College, located at Raleigh, the pride of the Baptist denomination, and a leading institution for the education of young women, is to have an endowment of \$150,000. This is the decision resulting from the mass-meeting held in Winston Wednesday night, when the Baptist State Convention raised nearly \$11,000, which, added to the amount already pledged, totals nearly \$60,000 of the \$100,000 necessary to secure the gift of \$50,000 offered by the general education board.

Old papers for sale at this office.

## THE NATION'S NEWS

### Items Taken From a Great Many Sources.

Condensed News Items Concerning Matters of Interest Occurring Since Our Last Issue.—News of the World at Large.

A three-story concrete building collapsed in Indianapolis Wednesday, killing four workmen and injuring 21.

Major W. A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture, estimates the sale of fertilizer this year at 711,380 tons. At present prices it would require 400,000 bales of cotton to pay for this fertilizer.

After eight years devious travel in the ways of grand juries and special pleas, the cases of ten Chicago meat packers, indicted for alleged violation of the criminal provisions of the Sherman anti-trust law, reached trial Wednesday.

Harper Hodgkin, a well known citizen of Guilford county, was injured in a runaway Tuesday afternoon and lived only a few hours after he was found on the county road leading from Greensboro toward his home. He was 72 years old and a prosperous farmer.

The Panama inspection trip of the House committee on interstate and foreign commerce will start Sunday, when 16 members of the committee will sail from New York. They will be away three weeks. The committee purposes to examine the canal with a view to proposing legislation for its operation.

With nearly three thousand delegates present, including some 20-odd from North Carolina, the eighth annual convention of the Rivers and Harbors Congress assembled in Washington Wednesday. The early completion of the Panama Canal and its probable effect on transportation in the United States featured the addresses of nearly every speaker.

L. M. Sandlin, the convicted wife murderer of Wilmington, condemned to die in the electric chair today, has been granted a respite by Governor Kitchin until Dec. 29, by request, and on the ground that there is some newly discovered evidence as to the alleged insanity in the convicted man's family. His attorney thinks there is yet some hope that he will escape the electric chair.

John D. Rockefeller terminated his career as head of the Standard Oil Company this week. With him there also retired most of the conspicuous figures of the early days of the "oil trust." Not a Rockefeller remains among the officers and directors of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, chief of the oil corporations. John D. Archbold has become president of the company and will control its destinies.

Dissolution of the Seaboard Company, the holding concern of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, is to follow the recent sale to a banking syndicate of \$6,700,000 Seaboard Air Line adjustment mortgage 5 per cent bonds. The Seaboard Company was chartered and organized in 1905 under the laws of New Jersey for the specific purpose of reorganizing the then insolvent Seaboard Air Line road. A special meeting of the stockholders of the Seaboard Company to act on the company's dissolution will be held in New York on January 3.



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