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PRESIDENT GETS INFORMATION AS TO RAILROADS

Making Inquiries on Points Pertaining to Federal Supervision and Control.

TALKS WITH MELLEN OF THE N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.

Interview is Brief and No Particulars As to the Questions Discussed are Made Public by Either of the Parties Thereto.

Washington, D. C., March 19.—The interview between President Roosevelt and C. S. Mellen, the president of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, recently arranged for the purpose of discussing the railroad situation, took place at the White House today. It lasted not more than thirty-five minutes. No statement of the particular questions discussed was made at the White House and Mr. Mellen declined to talk.

Mr. Mellen's visit today is the outcome of a call made to the White House last week by J. Piermont Morgan, the New York financier, who came to Washington at the request of many business men to discuss the present business situation, particularly as affecting the railroads. At the time Mr. Morgan suggested to the President that it would be greater in the public interest if he would see certain railroad presidents and confer with them "as to what steps might be taken to allay the public anxiety as to the relations between the railroads and the government."

The visit of Mr. Mellen followed the (Continued on Page Two.)

LIBERTIES WILL BE GIVEN TO THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE

Liberty of Speech and Faith and the Habeas Corpus to Be Granted.

DECLARATION READ BEFORE LOWER HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT

Leader of Social Democrats in Making First Speech is Lavishly Decorated With Such Tokens of Esteem as Liar, Murderer, Inciter to Riot, Etc.

St. Petersburg, March 19.—The ministerial declaration, setting forth the government's program for legislation, was read this afternoon by Premier Stolypin before the lower house of parliament assembled in the hall of the nobility. Later in the day the declaration was read before the council of the empire, or upper house, at a special session.

The declaration of policy, which was studiously courteous in tone and avoided all reference to drumhead court-martials and other causes of contention, was received in respectful silence.

The project of law enumerated by Stolypin are summarized as follows: "Freedom of speech and of the press. "Liberty of faith.

"Habeas corpus, on the same basis as other states.

"The substitution of a single form of martial law for the various decrees of exceptional security.

"Local self-government. "Reform of the zemstvos. "Responsibility of officials. "Agrarian reforms.

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9 DEAD, MANY HURT BY COLLAPSE OF MEXICAN SCHOOL

One Teacher and Eight Members of Her Class the Victims.

SCORES BURIED IN THE RUINS OF BUILDING

Many of Those Caught Under Debris Are Dangerously Hurt and Death List May Be Greatly Increased. Heartrending Scenes Around Ruins.

San Antonio, Texas, March 19.—A special train from Torreon, Mexico, says:

Nine persons, eight of them school children were instantly killed today and many others injured at Durango, Mexico, by the collapse of the roof of the public school building, while the rooms were crowded with pupils. The dead include one of the teachers and eight members of her class.

Scores were buried under the wreckage and debris, and there may be additional deaths, as many of the victims are dangerously hurt. The teacher's body was pinioned beneath a heavy rafter and it was evident death had been instantaneous.

The injured children were hurried to hospitals and some of them to their homes while the dead were taken to the morgue, where heartrending scenes were enacted as grief-stricken parents searched for their loved ones.

PROPERTY ENDANGERED BY LEGISLATION, SAYS FINLEY

Southern Railway Head Thinks Harm Will Result Not Alone to the Railroads, But to All Interests in the Country As Well.

Railway Man Makes Main Address at Annual Dinner of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce on "Relation of Railways to the Public."

Atlanta, Ga., March 19.—The address of President W. W. Finley, of the Southern railway, on "the relations of railways to the public," was the feature of the annual dinner of the Atlanta chamber of commerce here tonight. An attendance of four hundred representative citizens, a number of prominent railroad men, and a large representation from the Seed Crushers Association of Georgia made the occasion of more than usual interest.

Among those present were Gov. J. M. Terrell, President J. F. Hanson, of the Central of Georgia; C. A. Wickerham, of Atlanta and West Point railway, and other prominent railroad officials.

President Finley devoted his remarks entirely to the relations between the railroads, on the one hand, and the people and the state and national governments, on the other hand. Without referring to any specific action by Congress or the state legislature, Mr. Finley indicated his belief that the present trend of legislation endangers the property of the railroads and of the country alike.

Mr. Finley said it had always been the desire of the railways to maintain cordial relations with the people along their lines, and that the railways must cultivate the good will and cooperation of the public by the adoption and promulgation of economically and commercially sound principles in the conduct of their business.

Mr. Finley reviewed the progress of the south and said that its pressing need today is for better and more extensive transportation facilities.

"If the railroads are to secure the large amounts of new capital required to enable them to meet the rapidly increasing demand for their services," he said, "their credit must be such as to assure investors of a reasonable return upon their money. The south now has rates that enable southern producers to market their products in widely separated home and foreign markets on such terms that they can compete successfully with similar products from other localities, but it has not the means of moving those products to market as promptly as is desirable. Every shipper wants low rates, but when rates are so low as to enable him to reach competitive markets on terms at least as favorable as those of his competitors, prompt and efficient service becomes of more importance than rate reduction. The imperative need of the south today is improved transportation service. I am sure that the intelligent business men of this section will agree with me that improved facilities are more urgently needed than any reduction in charges."

After referring to the public aid given to railway construction in the early days, Mr. Finley said the great need in the economic situation in the south today is that the entire people of that section should realize that the period of railroad construction has not passed and that there is now as much need of encouragement, not financial, but of the normal favor and support of the public as ever.

While approving the policy of improving rivers and harbors at public expense, Mr. Finley contrasted the attitude of the public towards carriers by water and by rail, pointing out that the former pays nothing for highway; that it is maintained and improved at public expense, while the carrier by rail must construct his own highway, must pay heavy taxes and is subjected to increasing rates.

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PRESIDENT W. W. FINLEY, Head of the Southern Railway System, Who Last Night Made the Principal Address at the Annual Dinner of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce.

ILLNESS CAUSES MISTRIAL IN CASE AGAINST HASTY

Defendant Unable to Be In Court Yesterday and Case Is Continued.

SENTENCES TO BE PRONOUNCED IN OTHER CASES THURSDAY

Judge Boyd Decides to Dispose of the Cases Already Tried, and All Others are Continued Until April Term of Court.

On account of the continued illness of the defendant, who has been under treatment in St. Leo's hospital since last Friday, a mistrial in the case against J. W. Hasty, on trial in United States District Court, was withdrawn and a mistrial ordered by Judge Boyd yesterday morning. Mr. Hasty is charged with violations of the internal revenue laws in making alleged false returns as to the destruction of illicit distilleries, and is also charged with collusion with the distillers, that is, allowing them to operate distilleries without molestation. The trial of the case would have been finished by this time had it not been for the illness of Mr. Hasty. The taking of evidence was begun the first of last week and was nearly finished when Mr. Hasty became ill Friday morning. His illness necessitated an adjournment from day to day until yesterday morning when it was decided to wait no longer.

Both the government's and defendant's counsel were anxious to try the case at this time, and the defendants went into the trial knowing that two of their witnesses were ill, rather than continue the case longer. Mr. Hasty suffered from a severe cold during all of last week and he is now quite ill.

Judge Boyd announced yesterday morning "that all of the 'revenue fraud cases' that have not been tried would be continued until the next regular term of court here, which is April 1. Tomorrow was set as the time for the disposition of the cases that have been tried or which submissions have been entered. There are several of these cases, including those against G. W. Samuels, R. H. Hardin, A. C. Dains and a number of others.

The session of court Thursday will no doubt be largely attended. These cases have created considerable interest and people are naturally very anxious to know what the sentences in the cases will be. No cases that have been tried in court here in a long while have aroused the interest of the people of Wilkes county and other sections of the state as have these. The defendants who have not been tried are also greatly interested, as they are anxious to know just what is in store for them.

HARRISON KIDNAPPING CASE WILL GO TO THE JURY THIS AFTERNOON

Counsel for Both Sides Make Brilliant Speeches in Trial at Elizabeth City.

FIERCE ATTACKS ON ALIBI

Elizabeth City, N. C., March 19.—Court convened this morning at 9:30 o'clock and the argument by the counsel for prosecution and defense was resumed.

Interest in the trial has increased each day, and this morning witnessed the greatest crowd in attendance yet. When court convened the room was packed to its utmost capacity, with a crowd struggling at the door trying to get in.

Ex-Gov. T. J. Jarvis, brother-in-law of the defendant, began the argument in a speech of great power. His venerable appearance, together with his manner of argument, made a profound impression.

Ex-Governor Jarvis, a short while after he made his argument for the defense, received a telegram announcing the serious illness of Mrs. Jarvis. He left on the afternoon train for his home.

Ex-Governor Jarvis was followed by W. O. Pruden, of Edenton, of counsel for the prosecution, who also made a profound impression.

When court convened after dinner I. M. Meekins, the silver-tongued orator of the east, spoke for two hours or more, delivering a great legal oration. He in turn was followed by Attorney W. L. Colson.

The prosecution time and again during the day made fearful onslaughts on the Harrison alibi, while the defense let no opportunity go to attack the witnesses of the prosecution who jeopardized the alibi by their testimony.

At 8:50 p. m. court convened for a night session, and ex-Governor Aycock, as the defense, made his argument in one of the most brilliant legal speeches ever made in this courthouse.

Solicitor Ward will make the closing speech tomorrow morning, and the case will be given to the jury tomorrow afternoon.

DURHAM IN COURT WILL TEST CITY'S RIGHT TO PROTECT WATER SUPPLY

Eno Cotton Mills Protests Permanent Injunction Against Polluting River.

ASKS FOR TRIAL BY JURY

Durham, N. C., March 19.—In the Superior Court this morning a new turn was taken in the case of the City of Durham against the Eno Cotton Mill Company, of Hillsboro—a turn that means a great deal to Durham.

This is the old case in which the city obtained a permanent restraining order against the cotton mill named dumping sewerage and dye stuff into Eno river, from which a partial supply of the city's drinking water is secured. Under the new turn of affairs the case again goes to the Supreme Court.

The original action was the City of Durham and Dr. T. A. Mann, health officer, against the Eno Cotton Mill Company. This action asked for a permanent restraining order against the defendant emptying sewerage, dye stuff and other filth and poisons into the source of Durham's water supply.

This came up before Judge Ferguson and a restraining order was granted under section 3651 of the Revised laws of 1905. The order was first to go into operation on April 20, 1906, and was later extended to June 20, 1906, but was finally made permanent, and this act of the lower court was sustained by the Supreme Court.

The court gave the defendant time in which to install sewer plants, etc., and the case was kept on docket, and under the order the company had to report progress made in carrying out the order, and the state board of health had general supervision of the work.

This morning the matter came up in court, and Judge Justice signed the final order making perpetual the restraining order heretofore issued, the original order including the dye stuffs and things of that kind.

When this was done Maj. J. W. Graham, of Hillsboro, who represents the defendant company, entered objection, claiming that the section referred to does not cover dye stuffs and that the court could make no order that would include anything but sewerage, at the same time the defendant demanded a trial by jury as to the other features of the restraining order.

This Judge Justice agreed to, and informed the parties to the suit that a trial by jury as to what was intended and what the law means would be allowed. The defendant reserved the right of trial by jury later on, claiming that the case was not now ready for trial, and the whole matter went up to the Supreme Court on the question as to whether the court had the right to issue a restraining order covering the emptying of dye stuffs into and in this way polluting the source of the city's supply of water.

This carries the whole matter back into the courts.

CLAIM DEFECT IN ACT GIVING FAYETTEVILLE EXTENSION ELECTION

Say Only Haymount People Are Qualified Voters on Question Under Specifications.

LOOK FOR HOT FIGHT AHEAD

Fayetteville, N. C., March 19.—A sensation has been sprung here during the past twenty-four hours by the discovery of an alleged radical defect in the legislative act providing for an extension of the city limits, taking in the large tax-paying suburb of Haymount.

It is claimed that section 3 of that act specifically indicates qualified voters in the extension election, and that, according to this specification, the Haymount residents are the qualified voters, and they only; that the second paragraph of the section providing for the registration of persons who are qualified to vote in city elections does not weaken the above specification, and that a legislative act intended to abrogate the common law right of a citizen must bear its strict construction.

It is also pointed out that if on April 6 the extension is carried, the people of Haymount become residents, but cannot vote on May 8 in the mayoralty election, involving important questions of taxation and finance, because they will have been residents for only thirty days, while a qualified city voter must have been a resident for ninety days.

Flashes on the horizon indicate a coming fight. Leading members of the bar were interviewed this afternoon as to the alleged defect in the act providing for an extension election April 6. Able lawyers contend the act is all right.

STOCK MARKET STILL UNSETTLED; SLUMPS OF SEVERAL POINTS RESULT

Heavy Selling and Rumored Embarrassment Causes Severe Decline.

LOSS FOUR TO SEVEN POINTS

New York, March 19.—Heavy selling of stocks in the first hour, of which bears took prompt advantage, followed by persistent rumors that one or more stock exchange houses were embarrassed by losses sustained in the last few days, combined today to make the stock market sensitive and feverish throughout the day.

Losses on the slump during the opening hour ranged from 4 to 7 points, Union Pacific heading the list with a loss of 1 1/4. Great Northern, preferred, Smelting, Reading and St. Paul suffering losses of 5 points and upwards, and Northern Pacific 4 1/2. A reaction followed quickly in which part of the early losses was made up, but the market continued weak and alternate periods of decline and reaction followed during the rest of the day.

Alarming reports as to the stability of two unnamed commission houses contributed largely to this condition and prices were extremely irregular, some of the active stocks showing pronounced gains, while at the same moment others were recording sharp losses.

The passage of the delivery hour at 2:15 p. m., without the anticipated announcement of failures, restored some confidence and this, with active covering restored confidence somewhat and there was a violent demand in the last hour when many of the active stocks regained their opening level.

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JEROME, BY PROLONGING EXAMINATION DELAYS CLOSING BY DEFENSE

All Testimony in Case Will Be Finished By Tonight.

EXPERTS ON STAND ALL DAY

New York, March 19.—By prolonging his cross-examination of one of the seven alienists introduced by the defense to testify that Harry K. Thaw was insane when he shot and killed Stanford White, District Attorney Jerome made it impossible for the defense finally to close its case today.

When adjournment until tomorrow was taken there was pending only the matter of the admission of a letter written by Thaw to J. Dennis Lyon, a Pittsburg banker, which Mr. Delmas said would help to fix the young man's state of mind before the rooster garden tragedy, and the likelihood that Evelyn Nesbit Thaw would be called tomorrow briefly to combat the testimony of Abraham Hummel.

District Attorney Jerome hinted this afternoon that an important witness for the prosecution might reach the city tonight. The chances, however, are that a half day's session tomorrow will be sufficient to conclude all the testimony that is to be offered by either side. An adjournment then will be taken until

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MANAGER YOUNG, OF SOCIAL CLUB, HELD FOR SUPERIOR COURT

Defendant in Big Blind Tiger Case Placed Under Bond of \$350.00.

MANY ATTEND THE HEARING

The preliminary hearing in the case against Pierce Young, the manager of the "Colored Business Men's Social Club," the rooms of which were raided by the police Monday afternoon, took place before Mayor Murphy yesterday afternoon, and the defendant was bound over to Superior Court under a bond of \$300. The charge was retailing.

In another case, charging him with running a gambling machine, his bond was fixed at \$50. Young gave bond and was released.

The prosecution was conducted by City Attorney R. C. Strudwick, while the defendant was represented by G. S. Bradshaw and Judge Bynum. The courtroom was crowded to its utmost capacity with people anxious to see the outcome of Greensboro's biggest "blind tiger" raid, and numbers of others crowded into the hall and doorways.

The only testimony introduced was that of the state, six witnesses being examined. The first witness on the stand was Will Logan, a negro contractor, who testified that he was a member of the

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NASHVILLE COUNCILMEN PUT UNDER ARREST

MUST EXPLAIN RESOLUTION CONDEMNING SPEAKER CUNNINGHAM, OF THE HOUSE.

WOULD-BE BRIDEGROOM FLEES WHEN BRIDE IS PROVED LESS THAN FIFTEEN.

Nashville, Tenn., March 19.—The members of the Nashville city council who are charged with being in contempt of the Tennessee House of Representatives in adopting censure resolutions condemning Speaker Cunningham, of the House, for utterances credited to him and reflecting on the council, met at the city hall this afternoon where warrants were served on them for their arrests.

They were directed to appear before the bar of the House Thursday to make answer and show cause why they should not be imprisoned. The councilmen were all armed with petitions for writs of habeas corpus.

Special to Daily Industrial News.

Salisbury, N. C., March 19.—Register of Deeds E. H. Miller yesterday broke up the matrimonial intentions of some youngsters who appeared before him with nuptials in their face.

The kid said the age of his bride is eighteen, and when Mr. Miller asked for more proof, was told that the bride herself said so. An examination showed that this was all he knew about it, and all that he cared to know.

Mr. Miller told him that this would not circulate in his joint and the boy was then willing to make out.

An investigation of the school census of Prof. R. G. Kizer showed that the kid girl was less than fifteen, and the boy hiked when the ropes were on him.

PROMINENT PHYSICIAN SHOT BY HIS SON

BOY QUARRELS WITH FATHER ON LEARNING HE HAD MARRIED TWICE.

St. Louis, Mo., March 19.—Dr. Julius Weinsberg, a well known physician, is lying in a serious condition at a hospital as the result of being shot four times last night by his son, Oscar, aged eighteen years.

The boy, who is under arrest, said he had only recently learned that his own mother died at his birth and the present wife of Dr. Weinsberg is his stepmother. This caused estrangement and culminated in the shooting.

17 KILLED; 35 INJURED IN A RUSSIAN WRECK

Harbin, Manchuria, March 19.—As the result of a collision today between a passenger train and a freight train at Turushche station, seventeen persons were killed and thirty-five were injured.

BROTHERS IN FATAL FIGHT OVER WOMAN BOTH LOVED

Fearful Battle With Knives and Clubs Between Husband Who Neglected Wife and His Brother in New York Saloon.

New York, March 19.—Two brothers who loved the same woman fought with knives and clubs in an East Side saloon early today until both were so desperately injured that they probably will die.

The men are George and Giovanni Francesco, who came to America from Palermo about two years ago. There they had been rivals for the hand of the same girl, who eventually accepted George, the elder, and they were married shortly before the trio came to New York. Not long after their arrival George began to neglect his wife and at length she left him.

When the brothers met in the East Side saloon today, Giovanni upbraided George for his treatment of the young wife and admitted that he—the younger brother—still loved the woman.

LAMP EXPLODES; MOTHER AND SON FATALLY BURNED

New York, March 19.—Mrs. Annie Hoyt, sixty-four years old, was burned to death and her son, Thomas, aged thirty-six, was so severely burned that he probably will die, when a lamp exploded in their home in Jersey City today.

Both Mrs. Hoyt and her son were asleep and the blazing oil spread the fire so quickly that they were overcome.