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AN INVESTIGATION OF RAILROADS' SERVICE

Important Hearing Was Held In This City Yesterday

SEVERAL LOCAL SHIPPERS TELL OF HEAVY LOSSES

Interstate Commerce Commission Will Be Asked To Remedy Condition

In response to a request on the part of Dr. J. M. Faison, Congressman from this district, a hearing was held in this city yesterday for the purpose of making an investigation of the slow schedules and insufficient refrigerating facilities furnished fish and oyster shippers and truck growers in this section by the Norfolk Southern Railway Company and the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company.

George P. Boyle, of Raleigh acted as examiner, C. S. Allen, of Wilmington, as reporter, W. A. Townes, one of the A. C. L. Railway Companies attorneys and Mr. McCullen, train-master of the A. C. L. Railway Company also participated in the hearing.

Among the local shippers who were examined were E. B. Hackburn, George N. Ives, Graham Richardson and W. F. Crockett. These gentlemen testified as to their losses on account of the slow freight schedules and poor refrigerating schedules and told of conditions which existed when boats were being operated to this port from the Northern ports.

Their testimony showed that since the period that Colonel James A. Bryan had charge of the road now operated by the Norfolk Southern Railway Company that conditions, which were then all that could be desired, had slowly grown worse and that their losses were growing larger each year.

Considerable time was consumed in the taking of this testimony and those who were in attendance at the hearing are of the belief that when the matter is put before the Interstate Commission that they will compel the railroads covering this section to give a faster service and to furnish better refrigerating facilities.

This is the third hearing held this week. The first was Mount Olive, the second at Wilmington and the last one here.

"Dr. Jno. M. Faison, congressman of this district, secured these hearings for investigations by the Interstate Commerce Commission upon resolution, demanding such investigation, introduced by him in Congress in 1911 for the relief of the fruit, strawberry, huckleberry, vegetable growers and shippers, and fishermen and fish dealers and lumber men of this district and eastern North Carolina, which industries have been blighted by the slow scheduled and badly iced refrigerator freight express trains, and the further want of enough cars and engines to rapidly transport such perishable crops and products, as well as the want of cars for the large lumber industry of east North Carolina shipped beyond the State to Northern and Eastern markets.

Since 1905 when the A. C. L. and Pennsylvania railroad companies and the Armour Refrigerator Car Company "fell down" and failed to make a single car of strawberries for 9 days, truckers and fruit growers of this district have cut their crops annually for fear of car shortage, slow schedules, and badly iced refrigerator express and freight transportation, while many growers and shippers have been compelled to abandon such otherwise profitable industries in eastern North Carolina, while the climate and soil make eastern North Carolina "the market garden spot" of North Carolina and the South Atlantic Coast.

The same shortage in cars and badly refrigerated car service has cut the profits of the great fishing industry of the North Carolina coast from Wilmington to Noddy and for years held back the lumber industry of eastern North Carolina. The farmers, truckers, fruit growers and fishermen and lumber men can and

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LATEST NEWS BY WIRELESS

MANY INTERESTING HAPPENINGS CONDENSED FOR THE BUSY READER.

(Special via Radio, U. S. S. Pamlico.) Chicago, Nov. 26.—Temperance forces of Chicago will launch immediately a campaign to vote out the city's saloons in April, 1915.

Charleston, W. Va., Nov. 26.—E. Graham Wilson, whose trial for an alleged assault upon Miss Kate Turner has filled the Jefferson County Court House for more than a week was today found guilty after the jury had spent the whole night in debate.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 26.—Democrats in Senate confer on Money Bill. Leaders do not expect a binding agreement upon support of the proposed Owen Law as a whole.

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 26.—Those sore arms to be abolished. Southern physician says there need be no more pain or scars from vaccinations.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 26.—Vice crusaders produce results. Many women of Kansas City driven from segregated district find work.

New York, Nov. 26.—Assemblyman Thomas F. Denny, of Manhattan, Leonard Cohen, President of the Rex Specialty Co., and two women were killed and four others were injured in a head on collision of two automobiles early today.

New York, Nov. 26.—Mayor Kline today reappointed Thomas E. Churchill a member of the Board of Education. Mr. Churchill is now President of Board and his re-appointment ends controversy which has been waging for some time.

London, Nov. 26.—The Pall Mall Gazette says that contracts for construction work for a great harbor at Blacksod Bay, County Mayo, Ireland, are being completed in connection with plan for establishment of a new steamship line to run between Blacksod Bay and Halifax and Boston.

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 26.—After thirty hours fighting the rebels under General Villa, completely routed the Federals who were trying to recapture Juarez. It is impossible to estimate the losses on either side but casualties to both armies are said to be enormous.

New York, Nov. 26.—Mrs. Pankhurst sailed for home today aboard the Steamer Majestic. She is taking twenty thousand dollars to help the cause.

London, England, Nov. 26.—General Bramwell Booth, head of the Salvation Army sailed for home today on the liner France.

Hong Kong, Nov. 26.—Japanese steamship Soshu Maru rammed and sank Chinese passenger launch. Thirty persons drowned.

Port Huron, Mich., Nov. 26.—Fire today destroyed the shops of the Grand Trunk railroad. Million dollars lost.

Cantiago, Chile, Nov. 26.—Col. Roosevelt left on vessel today on a trip to the Southern part of Chile. At the same time Mrs. Roosevelt sailed for home.

SERVICE AT CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

There will be the usual Thanksgiving service and sermon at 11 a. m. at Christ church. All are invited to be present at this service of public worship, and to take part in the observance of our National Day of Thanksgiving.

RESIDENT OF BRIDGETON FRACTURED ARM.

Bob Hopewell, of Bridgeton, fell off his back porch yesterday, and fractured his arm; a late report from his physician states that he is doing as well as could be expected.

Thomas Edison



Thomas Edison has a most recovered from his recent illness, and is again hard at work on several inventions which he hopes to have perfected and in use some time during the early part of next year.

R. T. Wade, editor of the Morehead City Coaster, passed through the city last evening enroute to Norfolk, Va., for a short visit.

THE MASONS INSTALL OFFICERS

IMPORTANT MEETING HELD TUESDAY NIGHT BY NEW BERN LODGE.

Tuesday night the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons of this city held a very important meeting and a large number of officers in the various co-ordinate branches were installed by Jas. W. Cortland, Thirty-third Degree Sovereign Grand Inspector General of this State.

Immediately following the business session the Masons participated in a reception in Lawthrop Hall and then repaired to the Star theatre where an hour or more was spent.

The following are the officers installed Tuesday night:

- Chapter Rose Croix, 15th to 18th degree.
- Wise Master, Dr. Joseph F. Rhem, 32 degree; K. C. C. H.; Senior Warden, H. T. Patterson, 32 degree; Junior Warden, C. D. Bradham, 32 degree; Orator, L. J. Moore, 32 degree; Almoner, J. S. Basnight, 32 degree; Secretary, T. A. Heary, 32 degree; Treasurer, H. B. Smith, 32 degree; M. of C., E. B. Hackburn, 32 degree; Expert, Dr. R. D. V. Jones, 32 degree; Assistant Expert, W. A. McIntosh, 32 degree; Guard of the Temple, T. D. Warren, 32 degree; Tiler, W. S. Gaskin, 32 degree.
- Council Kadosh No. 4, 19th to 30th degrees:
- Preceptor, Dr. J. F. Rhem, 32 degree; First Sub-Preceptor, H. T. Patterson, 32 degree; Second Sub-Preceptor, C. D. Bradham, 32 degree; Chancellor, Dr. R. D. V. Jones, 32 degree; Orator, L. J. Moore, 32 degree; Almoner, J. S. Basnight, 32 degree; Recorder, T. A. Heary, 32 degree; M. of C., E. B. Hackburn, 32 degree; First Deacon, J. D. Warren, 32 degree; Second Deacon, W. A. McIntosh, 32 degree; Lieut. of the Guard, W. S. Simmon, 32 degree; Sentinel, M. Suakin, 32 degree.
- New Bern Consistory No. 3, 31st to 32nd degree:
- Master of Kadosh, Dr. J. F. Rhem, 32 degree; K. C. C. H.; Prior, H. T. Patterson, 32 degree; Preceptor, C. D. Bradham, 32 degree; Chancellor, H. W. Gowan, 32 degree; Minister of State, J. E. Cameron, 32 degree; Almoner, J. S. Basnight, 32 degree; Registrar, T. A. Heary, 32 degree; Treasurer, H. B. Smith, 32 degree; Promote, L. J. Moore, 32 degree; Master of ceremonies, Dr. R. D. V. Jones, 32 degree; Expert, E. B. Hackburn, 32 degree; Assistant Expert, C. L. Abernethy, 32 degree.

POSES AS "SEPTEMBER MORN."

Nude Man At Great Central Terminal Mistaken For Statue.

New York, Nov. 26.—A man who says he is Mate Tanos, of Woodbridge, N. J., created great excitement in the Grand Central Terminal when he posed as "September Morn," clad in a cheery smile. He was sent to the psychopathic ward in Bellevue.

The man was seen posing in the balcony which runs around the waiting room.

"That's some art," one man declared. "I don't like nude work, generally, but it sure is lifelike."

"Judging from the way the statue is muscled, I guess it must be a figure of Hercules. I never saw a statue of him, however, without clothing," replied another.

The two stopped to admire the figure and others joined them. Many women were admiring the work when the statue moved. There were shrieks and women ran out of the waiting room. Several policemen went to the balcony and arrested the man. He objected to dressing before entering the ambulance.

Mrs. Thad Brinson, of Arapahoe, and daughter Lila May were visitors here yesterday.

THANKSGIVING DAY ROLLS AROUND ONCE AGAIN

Will Be Fittingly Observed In New Bern--Services At The Churches--Foot Ball Game--Turkey Shoot

Today is Thanksgiving Day. All over the United States it will be celebrated by every true American. In countless churches there will be special services held and during the remainder of the day there will be ample amusement for the thousands who are having a holiday.

Many New Bernians are spending the day out of the city, some visiting relatives in other towns while others are attending one of the many football games held in this State and Virginia.

However, those who are spending the day at home will find that there will be enough right here in the city to hold their attention.

At many of the churches special services will be held this morning, and the public is extended a cordial invitation to attend these. There will also be an auction sale of lots at the Oaks Farm this morning and this will doubtless be well attended. A big barbecue dinner has been prepared for all who attend this event.

Beginning at 10 o'clock a big turkey shooting contest will be held at Ghent Park and this will continue until 3 o'clock in the afternoon at which hour the Peoples Concert Band will give a free concert at the same place and this

will be followed by a game of football between the team of the Ghent Athletic Association and the reserve team of the North Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical College. At the close of the game there will be another concert by the Peoples Concert Band.

Tonight New Bern's three theatres will be open to the public. At the Masonic Theatre "A Woman's Honor" will be presented by local talent supporting J. Henri Bourdelais. This production bids fair to be one of the best seen in a local theatre this season, and a large number of the seats have already been sold and there is not the slightest doubt but that every seat will be taken when the curtain rolls up.

At the Athens theatre a big musical comedy company is filling a week's engagement and an especial program has been prepared for today. The Star theatre also has a special program for today and one that is well worth seeing.

All of the local banks and many of the business houses and manufacturing plants will be closed during the day and the employees given an opportunity to observe the occasion in a proper manner.

PUPILS DONATE TO THE POOR

AN INTERESTING PROGRAM AT NEW BERN SCHOOLS YESTERDAY.

Following a time honored custom each of the students of the New Bern Public Schools carried to school with them yesterday morning, packages containing provisions, fruits, and other necessities of life in the way of food-stuffs and put them in this auditorium of the Moses Griffin building, so that they could be distributed and sorted out and sent to the poor and needy of the city, that they might enjoy a pleasant Thanksgiving. After this the following program was rendered by the students of the school, and was exceedingly good, and enjoyed by everyone present:

- I. "America," by the School.
- II. "The First Thanksgiving," by 4C Grade.
- III. "Peter, Peter Pumpkin Eater," by 3B Grade.
- IV. "Indian Lullaby," by 6B Grade.
- V. Vocal Solo, "Said Mr. Turkey," by Charles Buford.
- VI. "At Grandma's," by 4B Grade.
- VII. Piano Duet, "Fishermaidens of Prociada," by Nell Bishop and Emma Louise Kehoe.
- VIII. "Pumpkin Heads," by 6A Grade.
- IX. Vocal Solo, "How Dear to my Heart," by Amelia Hahn.
- X. "The Puritan's Peace Meal," by 5B Grade.

THANKSGIVING BIRDS BY MAIL.

Two Hundred Of Poultry Arrive In New York.

New York, Nov. 26.—Poultry of all kinds, with the turkey still holding its own, is arriving in New York suburbs in great numbers by parcel post. A specific instance of the popularity of sending Thanksgiving treats by mail was the receipt of over 200 parcels of poultry at the Yonkers post office yesterday.

In spite of the new means of transit the regular market deliveries are being made in unusual quantities with from 50 to 75 carloads arriving daily this week from the turkey belt. The most desirable birds are selling at nearly 30 cents a pound with some of the fancy sorts priced at even 40 cents.

And lots of people do not work as much as they wait.

A. C. L. PRESIDENT PASSES BEYOND

F. M. Emerson Succumbs To An Attack Of Acute Indigestion.

DEATH CLOSELY FOLLOWED THAT OF PRESIDENT FINLEY OF THE SOUTHERN.

Wilmington, Nov. 26.—Thomas Martin Emerson, president of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, and one of the most able and popular railroad executives in the South, died last night at 11 o'clock at his home in Carolina Heights, this city, following an attack of acute indigestion suffered on Sunday night at Dupont, Ga., while on an inspection trip of the system with members of the Board of Directors of his company.

Mr. Emerson's death came as a shocking coincidence with the passing of another prominent railway executive, President W. W. Finley, of the Southern Railway, whose sudden death also occurred yesterday, and followed Mr. Emerson's arrival in the city only yesterday morning, accompanied by Mr. James F. Phst, Jr., his chief clerk; his physicians and other friends who hastened with him on a special train from Waycross, Ga., confident that upon his arrival here he would soon be himself again. There was apparent improvement in his condition all day and both his family physicians, Drs. Geo. G. Thomas and Andrew H. Hurriss, were contently with him. Even at nightfall, it was believed that the crisis in Mr. Emerson's condition had passed, but about 11 o'clock he relapsed into a coma and passed away as peacefully as if he had dropped into a restful sleep. Angina pectoris was the cause of his death.

Although the death came rather unexpectedly from the earlier reports as to his condition and at a late hour at night, the news of it spread quickly and was received with a profound shock by hundreds of Wilmington friends who heard of it during the night with the most sincere sorrow, for Mr. Emerson, popular all over the great system of which he was the directing genius, was nowhere more popular than among his own people and in a community in which he had lived and spent the best years of a well ordered life. Prominent socially and in the business life of the community, he was known by many warm and true friends who feel in his death a sense of deep personal loss. His death is nothing short of a severe blow to the Wilmington community and a peculiarly great loss to the railway system to which he was always devoted. The family especially in his passing suffers a bereavement in which they have the tenderest sympathy of friends everywhere.

ASHEVILLE HOTEL "BAR" IS RAIDED

SOME WHISKEY AND OTHER EVIDENCE IS DISCOVERED.

Asheville, No. 26.—Following the whiskey case arrests here yesterday on bench warrants issued by Judge Frank Carter in the investigation into violations of the prohibition law being conducted by him as a committing magistrate, the Battery Park hotel basement was raided last night on a search and seizure warrant issued by Judge Carter and about two gallons of intoxicating liquors, certain bar equipment and 50 empty boxes in which whiskey shipments had been made, in care of the hotel, were seized. Documentary evidence was also discovered in the form of bills from two liquor houses to the Battery Park "Special" aggregating several hundred dollars.

Isadore Grant, the negro who holds a federal license to retail liquor at the hotel, was again called into court this morning and his bond was increased from \$1,000 to \$2,000. Grant and Proprietor J. L. Alexander were both named in the search and seizure warrant.

The general interest aroused in Asheville over the investigation was evidenced today in the circulating of petitions to Governor Craig asking that he commission Judge Carter to hold a special term of Superior court here for the trial of criminal cases, beginning December 15, for one week, with a grand jury, to dispose of any case that may be bound over by him during the investigation. It is asked that his term replace a civil term already authorized for that time. The petitions are being signed by the leading citizens of the city. Similar petitions have also been made by the county commissioners and the solicitor in order that the cases may be quickly disposed of.

DICKEY BIRD COMEDY CO.

Appeared again to "standing room only" on the first show at the Athens last night. They were roundly applauded all through the show. The quartet singing and Rube Schuback, the champion cowboy lariat twirler, of Oklahoma, took the house by storm.

Our Thanksgiving picture program is an exceptionally good one, and the variety of subjects will appeal to all.

"The Stolen Treaty."

A Biograph feature showing how a bright detective averts an international scandal. "High Society" is seen in many different ways in this splendid production.

"To Love And Cherish."

A Western love drama by Lubin.

"John Tobin's Sweetheart."

Here is a "riotously funny" Vitagraph comedy. A shipwreck lands John among the cannibals. He is gobbled up by a fat damsel and become an important member of the tribe.

The cast includes John Bunny, Hughey Mack, the big fat comedian, and Flora Finch. These names always mean a big, hearty laugh for everybody.

Come either to our matinee at 3:45, when you can see the best and biggest show for 5 and 10 cents, or at night for 5, 10 and 15 cents, to be seen anywhere in the State. Three reels of good association pictures and a vaudeville lasting nearly an hour—nothing to equal it.