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A \$200,000,000 LOAN

A Progressive Movement By the Southern Railway

IT MEANS MUCH TO THE SOUTH

Official Announcement is Made That the Road's Stockholders Will Be Asked to Authorize Creation of New General Mortgage, at Four Per Cent, President Spencer Stating That Dividends on Preferred Stock Will Not Be Jeopardized—How the Vast Sum Will Be Expended—\$99,834,000 to be Reserved for Future.

New York, Special.—Announcement was made that the Southern Railway Company has decided to ask the stockholders to authorize the issue of \$200,000,000 development and general mortgage four per cent. bonds. Of this amount \$15,000,000 will be issued immediately for the following purposes: \$4,962,774 to refund payments for equipment heretofore made and charged to capital; \$3,500,000 to refund investments in securities of, and advances to, subordinate companies heretofore made and for the acquisition of property not heretofore funded, and \$6,536,226 for double track, revision of grades, new yards, ships, etc.

The balance, of \$185,000,000, will be reserved for the following purposes: \$31,159,000 to retire divisional prior lien bonds on properties acquired for which no provision is made in the consolidation mortgage; \$16,000,000 to retire not later than April 1, 1909, collateral trust five; \$18,000,000 to retire, as they mature in the next 15 years, equipment capital obligations; \$10,000,000 to acquire capital stocks of certain lines; \$10,000,000 to pay, not later than July 1, 1908 for the eastern division of the Tennessee Central and immediate improvements.

After provision for the foregoing obligations are made there will be left \$99,834,000, which will be used to provide for future acquisitions and betterments.

President Samuel Spencer, of the Southern Railway Company, in a communication to the voting trustees of the capital stock of the company relative to the proposed bond issue, says that the existing financial condition of the company is such as to justify the creation of a new mortgage and the immediate issue of \$175,000,000 of the new bonds as proposed without disturbance of the dividend now paid on the preferred stock.

England Launches Monster.

Portsmouth, England, By Cable.—The monster battleship, Dreadnaught, which, when finished, will have cost \$7,500,000, was launched here Saturday by King Edward. The ceremony was the most simple imaginable, the King having vetoed all decorations and pagentry on account of the death of his father-in-law, King Christian. There was a moment of suspense after the King touched the electric button removing the last block, as the huge ship hesitated and appeared reluctant to take the water. But, ultimately, she glided down the ways in safety. This is the heaviest and fastest battleship ever constructed.

Bigamist Hoch Must Hang.

Springfield, Ill., Special.—The Supreme Court denied a rehearing in the case of Johann Hoch, sentenced to be hanged in Chicago, Feb. 23, for wife murder.

Two Brothers Shot Down.

Roehelle, Ga., Special.—At the home of Jesse Hearn North, of Roehelle, Joe Watts shot and instantly killed D. S. McDuffie, sons of D. S. McDuffie, Sr., and aged 19 and 16 respectively. They were at the gate leaving for home from a party. There were a few words between Watts and the older McDuffie. Then Watts shot both the young men through the heart, killing them instantly. Watts fled and is now being pursued by the sheriff.

Nearly Wiped Out by Flames.

New Martinsville, W. Va., Special.—Fire broke out in Littleton, an oil town near here, and before it could be extinguished nearly every business house was destroyed, about 800 of the 1,500 inhabitants were without home, and a financial loss of more than \$200,000 was sustained.

WRECK AT GREENSBORO

Fast Passenger Train No. 34, on Southern Railway, Crushes Into a Switch Engine in Pomona Yards—Three Trainmen Instantly Killed and Two Scumb Later.

Greensboro, Special.—Five trainmen were killed and one seriously injured in a collision between north-bound passenger train No. 34, of the Southern Railway, and a switch engine at Pomona, at 1:20 o'clock Sunday morning. The dead are:

Owen Norville, engineer of No. 34. W. W. Sellers, engineer of the switch engine.

Charles H. Johnson, fireman on switch engine.

S. Y. Newman, yard brakeman.

William Bailey, telegraph student.

No passengers were injured. Wm. Sparger, fireman of No. 34 was badly hurt, but will recover.

The wreck occurred near the Pomona yard office and almost directly in front of the Central Carolina fair grounds, one mile west of this city. Train No. 34, in charge of Engineer Owen Norville, ran into the switch engine in charge of Engineer W. W. Sellers. Both engineers, Charles H. Johnson, fireman on the switch engine, were instantly killed, and S. G. Newman, yard brakeman on the switch engine, and William Bailey, a young man reported to be learning telegraphy, who, it is supposed, was riding on the engine to the Pomona telegraph office, both received injuries from which they died. Newman lived only one hour after the accident and Bailey expired at 12 o'clock at Greensboro Hospital, where he was taken for treatment. W. M. Sparger, fireman on train No. 34, was also injured, but will recover. He is at the hospital and it is stated that he will be able to be out within a week.

Hasty's Trial February 26.

Gaffney, Special.—George Hasty, of this city, who fatally shot Milan Bennett and George Abbott Davidson, of the "Nothing but Money" theatrical company here December 15, 1905, will be tried on the charge of murder February 26. Hasty, who has been in jail since the killing, will be defended by local counsel. The prosecution will be conducted by T. S. Sease, State attorney for the circuit, who will be assisted, it is understood, by special counsel employed by the Actor's Association of New York, which has taken the matter up. Several witnesses of the tragedy, members of the theatrical company, will appear on the stand for the State.

Three Die by Fire in Lockup.

Eastman, Ga., Special.—Saturday night the town barracks with its three inmates, who were placed there for drunk and disorderly conduct, being consumed. The inmates were D. A. Cooper, Elbert Mullis and John B. Hart, all white men. Cooper was about 55 years old and left a large family. Mullis was about 50 years old and leaves a large family also. Hart was a young man and left a wife and child. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Clyde Line Officers.

New York, Special.—Calvin Austin and M. H. Campbell have been elected president and treasurer, respectively, of the new incorporated Clyde Steamship company of Maine. Mr. Austin is president of the Metropolitan Steamship company, which is one of the Forde lines. Mr. Campbell is president of the People's line, which operates steamboats between this city and Albany. The directors of the new company will be selected next week.

Ex-Senator Hill Improved.

Charleston, S. C., Special.—Since his arrival here, the condition of former United States Senator David B. Hill, of New York, has shown marked and steady improvement. He is much strengthened. Mr. Hill expressed himself as being delighted with the climate of Camden, which is proving so beneficial to his health. He is to remain here until the termination of the season, having been ordered here by his physician, the ex-Senator being in need of rest and change of climate.

Five Die by Asphyxiation.

Boston, Special.—A woman and four children were found dead in bed in their home on 29 Dennis street, Roxbury district. An investigation by the police indicates that the woman Mrs. Annie L. Dixon, had killed the children and herself by opening three gas jets.

Longworth Has Tonsillitis.

Washington, Special.—Representative Nicholas Longworth, of Ohio, whose marriage to Miss Alice Roosevelt is to take place one week from Saturday, is ill at the home of his mother in this city. Mrs. Longworth stated, however, that the illness is not serious and that her son would be all right in a few days. He has a slight attack of tonsillitis.

POLITICAL WARFARE

Street Duel in Savannah, Ga., Between Factions

FOUR PERSONS WERE WOUNDED

Petty Politicians Belonging to Rival City Organization Do Battle in Street, Exchanging Some 40 Shots—Was Third Street Fight Recently

Savannah, Ga., Special.—Political partisans of the two rival factions had a pistol fight in front of the exchange. "Babe" Dyer was killed; Frank Nagle, a by-stander, was shot through the eye and is in a critical condition; Pat Kearney, policeman off duty at this time, was shot through the neck, and C. H. of "Sap" Dye was shot twice through the legs.

"Snatcher" Dyer and Thomas Hewitt, a private detective, are under arrest. Besides those under arrest or wounded, those who participated in the shooting were: Harbor Master James McBride; his son, Tim McBride, who is a clerk in his father's office; Plumbing inspector Richard McKenna and James Lane, keeper of the police stables.

It is not known definitely who fired the shots by which the killed and wounded were struck. The shooting was general and about 40 shots were fired.

The battle started when the three Dyers attacked McKenna, one felling him with a billy. The others came to the assistance of McKenna.

DEMANDES OF MINERS.

Intimations Are Unofficially Given at Wikesbarre—Eight-Hour Day and Slight Wage Increase in Program.

Wikesbarre, Pa., Special.—The anthracite scale committee of the United Mine Workers went into session here. An agreement having been made at the Shamokin convention that Mr. Mitchell should act as the press committee nothing definite was given out. It is intimated, however, that six requests are to be made when the miners' delegates and railroad and mine officials meet. They are as follows:

- (1) An eight-hour day for the company hands.
- (2) A trade agreement with the operators.
- (3) Slight increase in wages for all classes in and about the mines.
- (4) Uniform scale for rock, slate, water and all other dead work.

1,000 Pennsylvania Miners Strike.

Punaisutanwey, Pa., Special.—At a mass meeting here of miners employed by the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh Coal and Iron Company, the Jefferson and Clearfield Coal and Iron Company, and allied concerns with headquarters here, it was decided unanimously not to go to work again until all grievances between the men and the companies have been adjusted. It is alleged by the miners that the Altoona scale is being violated. About 1,000 men are affected.

Greene-Gaynor Case Drags.

Savannah, Special.—The accounts of O. M. Carter and R. F. Westcott, his father-in-law, with New York brokers, were offered in evidence by the government in the Greene and Gaynor case. A number of witnesses were examined, among them being three representatives of New York banking or brokerage houses.

Considerable progress was made in the presentation of the evidence shown in the accounts, but there is yet much more.

Kills Sick Woman and Suicides.

San Francisco, Special.—Ebb Coley, who lived near Macon, Ga., and who was formerly a sergeant in the Sixteenth Company of the Coast Artillery, having also served in the Twentieth Field Artillery, shot and killed Josie Labat, of Santa Clara, and then shot and killed himself. The shooting occurred in a room at the Grand Pacific Hotel. Coley killed the woman as she lay in bed, sick and helpless. The couple had lived together for some time.

Three Struck and Killed.

York, Pa., Special.—Three men were struck and killed by an accommodation on the Northern Central Railroad near Seitzland, 16 miles south of this city. The victims were part of the crew of a fast northbound train. They were repairing a burst tire of the driving wheel of the locomotive and blinded and deafened by the escaping steam, did not notice the approach of the accommodation.

All parts of Africa, except Abyssinia, Morocco and Liberia, are controlled directly or indirectly by some European power.

CONGRESS AT WORK

What Our National Law Makers Are Doing Day by Day.

The Senate did not have an opportunity to hear the discussion of Mr. Patterson's resolution on the action of the Democratic caucus as was partially promised but gave the entire day to a review of the prerogatives of the Senate in the matter of framing treaties. The question was raised by Mr. Bacon in a speech on his resolution requesting information concerning the Algeiras conference. He talked for almost three hours and was followed by Mr. Spooner, who spoke for considerably more than an hour. Both speeches were interspersed with debate largely between Messrs. Bacon and Spooner and there were two or three very sharp clashes between them.

Mr. Bacon's speech was in the main a plea for the right of the Senate to "advise and consent" in the matter of the negotiation of treaties and was largely a reply to Mr. Spooner's recent speech on this question.

Bailey Plies Party Lash.

For the first time in many years, the Senate chamber was made the scene of an effort to administer party discipline to a member of that body, and the occurrence was one of so many dramatic details that the many witnesses will not soon forget it. Mr. Patterson was the subject of the effort and Mr. Bailey to whom in the absence of Mr. Gorman, Democratic leadership is conceded, was the instrument of his party in the incident.

The proceedings arose in connection with the consideration of Mr. Patterson's resolutions of remonstrance against caucus action on treaties with foreign nations. The Colorado Senator called up his resolution immediately after the conclusion of the routine morning business and addressed the Senate upon it. The facts concerning the caucus proceedings of Saturday and his withdrawal from the caucus were fresh in the minds of Senators.

Vote on Rate Bill.

By continuing its session practically to 7 o'clock the House concluded all preliminary steps to the passage of the railroad rate bill, ordered a roll call on the measure, and put off the final action until Thursday noon.

The time for amendment came at 4 o'clock and for three hours following one amendment after another came up, was read, debated in some instances, and went down to defeat. So fierce was the struggle to amend that often when a paragraph of the bill was concluded in the reading, a dozen members waved their amendments and shouted for recognition. Not one of these was adopted.

Previous to this exciting procedure, the House had been entertaining for five hours by the oratory of its best speakers. Bourke Cockran, of New York, gave his approval to the measure in an elaborate speech. Mr. Mann, of Illinois, followed, when the minority leader, Mr. Williams, expounded the measure and congratulated everybody on its success. Chairman Hepburn closed the debate in a comprehensive speech dealing with the arguments of its opponents and the terms of the bill.

Rate Bill Passes, 346 to 7.

The House passed the Hepburn railroad rate bill, 346 members voting for the bill. Seven, all Republicans, voted against it. Applause greeted the announcement of the result by the Speaker. Littlefield, of Maine; McCall and Weeks, of Massachusetts; Perkins, Southwick and Vreeland, of New York, and Sibley of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Sullivan, of Massachusetts, voted "present," and was not paired. There were 28 members paired, but these pairs were general political ones. None of them of them was made on the bill and consequently did not indicate opposition.

The pension appropriation bill, carrying \$139,000,000 for pensions and \$1,245,000 for pension administration, was taken up, debated and passed without amendment. The feature of the bill, aside from the appropriation made, is a provision making statute law of the famous order of the President declaring age conclusive evidence of disability.

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NORTH STATE NEWS

Items of Interest Gleaned From Various Sections

FROM MOUNTAIN TO SEASHORE

Minor Occurrences of the Week of Interest to Tar Heels Told in Paragraphs.

Charlotte Cotton Market.

These figures represent prices paid: Good middling11 Strict middling11 Middling10 1/2 Good middling, tinged10 1/2 Stains9 1/4 @ 10

General Cotton Market.

Galveston, steady10 1/4 New Orleans, easy10 11-16 Mobile, quiet10 9-16 Savannah, steady10 7-16 Norfolk, steady10 7/8 Baltimore, nominal11 1/2 New York, quiet11 25 Boston, quiet11 25 Philadelphia, quiet11 50 Houston, steady10 7/8 Augusta, steady10 7/8 Memphis, nominal10 13-16 Louisville, firm11 1/4

Sensational Charges.

Asheville, Special.—Summons have been served on officials of the Southern Railway Company and the Pullman Car Company in a suit instituted in Superior Court of Buncombe county by Julia Wilkinson. The plaintiff is represented by Martin & Craig, of Asheville, and although the complaint has not yet been filed, it is understood that damages in the sum of \$30,000 of \$40,000 will be demanded. It is said that the complaint will contain some sensational charges. It will be alleged by the plaintiff that about a year ago, she was a passenger from Salisbury to Asheville and that she rode in a Pullman car; that she was grossly insulted by some men in the car and maltreated; that this insult was due to the negligence of the Pullman Car Company in not properly separating the berths and protecting the passengers.

To Rebuild Dam.

Asheville, Special.—It is learned here that the management of the Asheville school, located in West Asheville, contemplates the erection, in the near future, of a great dam across Ragsdale creek, in that section. The dam will be built at the same location as the previous one, which was washed away last spring by the floods. The proposed structure will be of rock foundation with steel frame and concrete. It will be 50 feet in height and will, when completed, give a great lake for the Asheville school students' pleasure. The dam will be 20 feet thick at the base narrowing to 18 inches at the top. It is expected that the contract will be let in a short time. The estimated cost of such a structure as proposed will be \$20,000 to \$25,000.

There Are But Two.

Morganton, Special.—A special meeting of the board of directors of the State Hospital here was held at that institution. It was a meeting adjourned from the regular meeting in December in order to complete the investigation then begun to ascertain how many of the patients have estates which would support them in private hospitals, or how many having no estates of their own, could be supported by those responsible for their care. It develops that there are only two.

Incorporations.

The Schull Contracting Company of Beaufort, with \$100,000 authorized and \$10,000 subscribed capital stock, was chartered recently. The incorporators are: C. L. Duncan, W. J. Schull, C. D. Jones, J. B. Jones, W. A. Mace, all of Beaufort.

The Gem Cigar Company, of Wilmington, with \$10,000 authorized and \$4,125 subscribed capital, was chartered, the incorporators being J. C. Wessell, D. N. Chadwick, Jr., and W. Struthers, Jr., all of Wilmington.

Verdict for \$1,800.

Greensboro, Special.—Gnilford Superior Court is engaged in the trial of the case of Mary Mitchell vs. the Southern Railway Company and it will not go to the jury before Saturday afternoon. The jury in the case of Glenn Hayes vs. the Southern returned a verdict of \$1,800 in favor of the plaintiff.

Pointed Paragraphs.

She.—"How sweet of you to own that you were in the wrong."
He (absent-mindedly).—"Yes; mother always taught me that it was easier to give in to a woman than to argue with her."

It isn't the man with a great mind who is great, but it is the man who can use it.

Don't lose your head if ambitious to get ahead.

There is room at the top for the man who can push the other fellow off.

All women are angels figuratively speaking—and if wise they'll let it go at that.

Many a man's meanness is due to chronicle stomach trouble.

FITs permanently cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. 23 trial bottles and treatise free. Dr. R. H. Kline, Ltd., 931 Arch St., Phila., Pa.

The works of Schopenhauer are being translated into Japanese.

A Guaranteed Cure For Piles. Hemorrhoids, Blind, Bleeding, Protruding Piles. Druggists are authorized to refund money. Pazo Ointment fails to cure in 6 to 14 days. 50c.

Germany is gaining on England in the exportation of coal to France.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature on each box. 25c.

Of the 666 female students at the University of Berlin, 483 are Germans.

Itch cured in 30 minutes by Woolford's Sanitary Lotion; never fails. Sold by Druggists. Mail orders promptly filled by Dr. Detchon, Crawfordsville, Ind. \$1.

England's first spinning wheel to be worked by electricity has been started at Pendlebury.

He has power to move men who is immovable on God. So. 7-'06.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CROSBY & Co., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Crosby for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm. West & Traut, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. WALZERS, KINMAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price, 75c. per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Reflections of a Bachelor.

Travel broadens the minds of some actors—and the feet of some others. Conscience will be tender where it is first wou.

With the waning of the honeymoon, many a brave man begins to regret the failure of the faint-hearted rival.

Cut resolutions out and live the straight life without them, can't you?

You can't do a dirty deed in a decent manner; no one ever did.

Suppose you were the kind of man people think you are, would you be glad?

A spectacular show is one the bald-headed contingent views through spectacles.

The "I-told-you-so" of his friends adds to the hardness of the way of the transgressor.

The man who exceeds you in politeness is a better man than you are for the time being.

It's an easy matter for a woman to manage a husband if she has tears to shed and knows when to shed them.

Our idea of a first class confidence man is one who possesses the ability to unload a gold brick on his wife's mother.

When some women clean house they sweep the dust from the carpet onto the furniture, then brush it from the furniture onto the carpet again.

A BOY'S BREAKFAST

There's a Natural Food That Makes It's Own Way.

There's a boy up in Hoosick Falls, N. Y., who is growing into sturdy manhood on Grape-Nuts breakfasts. It might have been different with him, as his mother explains:

"My eleven-year-old boy is large, well developed and active, and has been made so by his fondness for Grape-Nuts food. At five years he was a very nervous child and was subject to frequent attacks of indigestion, which used to rob him of his strength and were very troublesome to deal with. He never seemed to care for anything for his breakfast until I tried Grape-Nuts, and I have never had to change from that. He makes his entire breakfast of Grape-Nuts food. It is always relished by him and he says that it satisfies him better than the ordinary kind of a meal.

"Better than all he is no longer troubled with indigestion or nervousness, and has got to be a splendidly developed fellow since he began to use Grape-Nuts food." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. There's a reason. Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. of the product.