

THE S. A. MEETING. No Information As to Its Proceedings

Speculation As to Mr. St. John's Successor.

FARR PROMINENTLY MENTIONED. President Williams Retirent-The Board Departs on a Tour of Inspection Over the Property-Many Subordinates Resign.

NORFOLK, VA., January 9.—(Special)—The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Seaboard Air-Line Railway Company, held to-day in Portsmouth, just prior to the departure of the board on its annual tour of inspection of the system, was so far as information divulged to the press was concerned, barren of result.

The meeting was held for the purpose of taking action upon the resignation of Vice-President and General Manager St. John, who was absent, not only from the meeting, but from his office. His private car was included in the special train aboard which the directors departed southward, but he did not join the party.

There is nothing to say regarding the deliberations of the board, which was the only statement vouchsafed by President Williams, who would not state whether or not the resignation of Vice-President St. John has been accepted.

There was a rumor that Mr. St. John might be asked to reconsider, but no credence is given it.

Who his successor will be still a matter of surmise. The name of James Williams, spent about three hours this morning inspecting their job property, and then held a closed meeting until about 1 o'clock this afternoon, when they adjourned to the residence of Hon. Leigh F. Watts, general counsel for the system, for luncheon.

In the afternoon they held another session, lasting until about 6 P. M., at the close of which it was announced that there was nothing to be given out for publication. Soon after this the directors left for an inspection trip over the Seaboard system.

No reliable information is to be had as to the details of the meetings. Every day, now, employees are being lopped off by the dozen. Fifty to seventy-five were discharged to-day, and it is said the axe is still kept handy for use later. The reduction is being made in all departments. It is believed that expenditures will be cut wherever possible.

MR. ST. JOHN'S WISH. A Portsmouth special to the Washington Star says: The resignation of Mr. Everette St. John, vice-president and general manager of the Seaboard Air-Line, was unexpected to a small number of those very close to the office. Mr. St. John, he did not care to discuss the cause of his resignation at all. "I do wish, however," he declared, with emphasis, "to express the wish that the Seaboard and all the other lines along the coast should prosper, and I shall feel well repaid for my labors in the South if any man can say that I have done anything for the upbuilding of the section through which the great road of which I have had the management."

COMMITTEE AT WEST POINT. Hazing Investigators Received With Military Honors. WEST POINT, N. Y., January 9.—The congressional committee which is investigating the charges of hazing at the United States Military Academy arrived here this afternoon, and were met with military honors and a salute of seventeen guns. They convened at the Academic building, and the only witness examined was Colonel A. L. Mills, superintendent of the academy. He was requested by Chairman Dick to give the committee a general idea of the workings of the academy, and the rules and regulations governing it.

The Superintendent gave a very lengthy description, during which he quoted freely from the "Blue Book," the "United States Military Regulations," and the "United States Articles of War." Copies of all three documents will be furnished the investigators to-morrow.

The witness went over a great deal of the ground which he covered during his testimony before the military court of inquiry, on December 29th. The committee was conducted through the barracks, so that they could form some idea of the scope of their work will be here.

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WASHINGTON, January 9.—The army canteen is to be abolished, as the Senate to-day, by a very decisive vote, concurred in the House provision relative to the institution. Most of the session was occupied by Senators Teller, of Colorado; Pettigrew, of South Dakota; and Butler, of North Carolina, who all opposed the adoption of the Senate committee's amendment, which provided for a continuance of the canteen.

It seems doubtful whether a final vote upon the army bill will be reached before Friday or Saturday.

A resolution was adopted calling for copies of all papers and correspondence in the Department of State subsequent to July 1, 1897, relating to its action looking to an adjustment of the claims of B. R. Henry and other American citizens against Great Britain, in regard to lands in the Fiji Islands; also as to whether any action had been taken in pursuance of a resolution of the Committee on Foreign Relations, adopted by the Senate June 4, 1896.

Consideration of the army bill was then resumed, the pending question being the canteen amendment. Mr. Teller said he believed the great majority of the American people believed the canteen system was vicious.

CURSE WE CARRY TO FILIPINOS. Adverting to the situation in the Philippines, Mr. Teller declared that the United States was cursing the people of those islands by the maintenance of the system.

PHILIP D. ARMOUR'S FUNERAL. Services All of the Simplest Character. CHICAGO, January 9.—Philip Danforth Armour, the great packer, who died Sunday evening, was buried to-day. At 11 A. M. private services were held at the Armour residence, No. 215 Prairie avenue. The body was then taken to the Armour Mission, where from noon until 2 o'clock it lay in state and was viewed by thousands of people—friends, acquaintances, and throngs of employees business interest of the community.

TO INVESTIGATE KING CASE. Order Also Relieving the Quartermaster from Duty. WASHINGTON, January 9.—The War Department to-day sent instructions to General Brooke, at New York, commanding the Department of the East, to send an officer of this department to Mobile, at once, to investigate the case of Captain C. W. King, assistant quartermaster, United States Army, in Alabama, arrested at Mobile, Ala., on the charge of having accepted a bribe from Mr. Hobson, the contractor for the construction of barracks and other buildings at Fort Morgan, Ala. This action is taken with a view to determining whether Captain King shall be tried by the civil authorities, or by a court-martial.

ARREST ON CHARGE OF FORGERY. Alleged to Have Obtained Money on Express Receipts. COLUMBUS, GA., January 9.—Homer C. Ligon, a well-known white man, was arrested at Dawson, Ga., Sunday morning, charged with forging Southern Express money orders and obtaining money on them. It is said that he obtained \$200 from the Third National Bank, of Columbus, and \$150 from the First National Bank, of Birmingham.

THE PRUSSIAN BUDGET. BERLIN, January 9.—In the Prussian Budget for 1901, the revenue is estimated at 2,432,482,862 marks, the expenditures at 2,431,482,862 marks, and the extraordinary expenditures at 217,531,804 marks. The revenue shows an increase of 176,753,573 marks. A mark is equivalent to about 21-2 cents in United States money.

BIG COMPANY FOR GREENSBORO. GREENSBORO, N. C., January 9.—The Farish-Stafford-Campbell Company has just been organized here, for the purpose of buying, selling, and manufacturing all kinds of cotton and woolen goods. The company will have a capital of \$1,000,000. The company will engage in the cotton business, on an extensive scale.

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The following are the facts as reported: Thomas Shortt, a well-to-do colored farmer of the county, who lived near Wakefield, was generally known to have kept the money he saved up concealed at his home. The fact seems to have been known to the murderer, who, at an early hour this morning, while engaged in the hospitality of Shortt, attempted to force an entrance into his room. The murderer's name is Thomas Brown, a negro about 27 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches in height, brown color, sleepy-looking eyes, and wearing a small black mustache.

This morning about 6 o'clock Shortt's wife was awakened by a noise in her room, and on rising in bed to look around and ascertain the cause saw the figure of a man in the room. She was so frightened that she fled to her room, and on seeing the murderer's face, she fled to her room, and on seeing the murderer's face, she fled to her room.

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