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RAILROADS MAKE PLEA FOR RELIEF

New Declared 21-2 Cent Rate in North Carolina Is Confiscatory—Governor Kitchin Gives Them Little Hope of Any Action by Legislature.

RALEIGH, N. C.—Special.—The presidents and other high officials of the Southern, Atlantic Coast Line, Seaboard Air Line, Norfolk and Southern and other railroads doing business in North Carolina, laid before Governor Kitchin the situation as they see it in the matter of the North Carolina passenger rate, which stirred such a sensation a year ago, outlining a course that they desire the present Legislature to pursue in making it possible for the railroads to be relieved of confiscatory rates in the event that at the end of the probation year, ending April next, it shall appear on investigation that the compromise rates of 2, 2-1/4 and 2-1/2 cents are confiscatory.

There was a long-drawn-out discussion of the situation, after which Governor Kitchin agreed to take the matter under advisement for ten days, when these railroad officials will return to Raleigh and hear the conclusion reached by the Governor and his advisers and determine upon further action.

WHATEVER DEMOCRATS DO THEY WILL TAKE OPPOSITE SIDE.

Chairman Sloop Is Not Talking—Race Seems to be Between Messrs. Stuart, Glass and Mann—Both Sides Watchful.

WASHINGTON—Special.—The silence of Representative Carter Glass, of Virginia, concerning the gubernatorial contest in Virginia is ominous. It is known here that he is getting word appealing letters urging him to enter the race, which, if he did, would narrow it to one between Judge William H. Mann, Mr. Stuart and Messrs. Sloop and Glass.

Whatever course Mr. Glass takes the old Democrats will have a fight on State-wide prohibition. Chairman Campbell Brown Sloop, of the State Executive Committee of the Republican party of Virginia, is watching the Democratic situation with great interest, and will see which way the tide runs before he makes a move.

Mr. Sloop would not answer a direct question, but Mr. W. of Richmond is asked some questions on his own side, and his answers show he is leaning to the right.

Mr. Sloop has not said as much, nor will he do so, but the indications point to his course.

Therefore, the situation becomes more complicated. The friends of Judge Mann believe that he is as good as nominated now, for he has the elements that generally win behind him. The Democratic organization is supporting him, and its influence is very great.

The head of the Anti-Saloon League in Virginia, and has so declared, that temperance would be advanced as well or better under the present policy of the Democratic party, which policy Judge Mann represents, than it would if a state-wide prohibition law were enacted, trying by such means a vote of the communities concerned.

But the one great event all are waiting for is the decision of the State Supreme Court on the Ward law, under which wet and dry elections are held. If the law should be declared unconstitutional, then prohibitionists would rally around the banner of the man who stood for State-wide prohibition.

The case will not be decided until March, and by that time, it is contended, the voters will have made up their minds who they will vote for and the fight is over.

Look for Reaction. The people of Virginia are not unlike the citizens of other Southern States on the liquor issue. Many of the leaders of the Anti-Saloon League in North Carolina thought it would be better for all concerned and the good of temperance to let each community vote on prohibition, and not have the entire State vote on the proposition. But the extremists prevailed, and as a result, the State has State-wide prohibition. Georgia imagined that the liquor controversy would rest for a time, but so soon after the Legislature, elected with Governor Smith, met than did the prohibitionists begin to clamor for prohibition for the State.

Tennessee has passed a bill giving the State prohibition. Prohibition Democrats and Republicans combined forces and brought this about. Hence the outlooker in Vienna concedes Virginia to the prohibitionists.

But the local option men point to William J. Bryan with pride and say they represent the sort of Democracy he stands for, and argue that the tide has turned and a reaction set in. The results of the November election in Nebraska and Indiana are cited as instances of what Democrats can do when they let the people of each community settle the liquor traffic question.

There is no doubt about the feeling here. The big Republican gains in North Carolina and Georgia in November caused many Democrats to pause and think. They see a danger ahead

BEAUTY DOCTOR KILLS HIMSELF IN REMORSE.

NEW YORK—Special.—John H. Woodberry, who had engaged for some years in the business of removing facial deformities and otherwise improving the personal appearance, committed suicide in the Sea Cliff Inn at Coney Island, by shooting himself in the head and abdomen.

It is believed that Mr. Woodberry had been much worried by suits brought against him by several persons who alleged that his treatment had been harmful.

At the office of the Facial Cultivation Company it was said that Woodberry was in good health and spirit when he last visited the place on last Sunday.

Woodberry had been separated from his wife for some time and since the separation he had lived at the Sea Cliff Inn, which he owned. He is believed at one time to have been worth \$1,000,000.

STATE SANATORIUM FOR TUBERCULOSIS

Virginia State Board of Health Makes Important Announcement—Dr. R. E. Williams, of El Paso, to Have Charge of New Institution.

RICHMOND, VA.—Special.—The State Board of Health has announced that Dr. R. E. Williams, of El Paso, Tex., who was elected superintendent of the State Sanatorium for Tuberculosis, has accepted the position and will assume his duties by March 1st.

Dr. Williams is a native of Virginia and a member of Bishop Chandler Williams of James, but he is not a relative of the Health Commissioner, Dr. R. G. Williams. The new superintendent is a graduate of the University of Virginia, and was for many years a professor in the Medical College of Virginia at Richmond, and moved to Texas in 1907. The selection of the board is considered a particularly fortunate one, in view of Dr. Williams' wide experience and special training in this line of work.

The board also announced that the Sanatorium at the old Red Sulphur Springs would be opened in the course of a few weeks, with accommodations for a considerable number of patients. This number will be increased as rapidly as arrangements can be made to house the patients. The board has decided to call the Sanatorium the "Catawba Sanatorium" in view of its location in the valley of that name.

In speaking of the outlook to-night, Dr. R. E. Williams, Health Commissioner, said: "The State Board has decided to make the Catawba Sanatorium a resort for hopeless consumptives and we will try the preservative and we will try the preservative at least admit only those patients whose cases are deemed curable. In order that regulation is necessary, in order that cases which can be cured may not be crowded out by those who have no chance of recovery. The board has also decided that a minimum charge of five dollars per week will be made to all patients admitted to the Sanatorium."

Olga Stein, who is known as the "Caucasian 'Chadwick' of Russia, who has been recently arrested in this country, and has just been sentenced to eighteen months in prison.

AGENT KNEW HIS ANSWER WAS FALSE

Insurance Company Loses Case, and Must Pay Claim of Dead Man's Widow.

WYTHEVILLE, VA.—Special.—The Circuit Court has been engaged in the trial of the case of Lizzie B. Lawson vs. the Modern Woodmen of America. Malcolm B. Lawson, who was insured in this beneficial society, died from the effects of wood alcohol, taken by mistake. In his application for membership he stated that he was a total abstainer, but the evidence showed that he was a drinker and that the soliciting agent knew that the applicant was a user of intoxicants, but filed the application and directed the answers, stating to the applicant that they were not material.

The court held that the knowledge and conduct of the agent stopped the company from setting up this defense, in the absence of fraud and collusion on the part of the applicant with the agent. The court also held that the statute making material representations constitute a warranty applies to mutual beneficial associations. The jury brought in a verdict for the plaintiff. The association will appeal.

KILLS MAN WHO DEMANDED MONEY

New Orleans Wine Merchant Held Up On Street by Black Hand Fires Three Bullets into Body of His Assailant.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—Special.—As the result of an alleged black hand plot, Antonio Genusa, an Italian, was shot and killed here by Pasquale Paorina, wholesale wine merchant and grocer and a prominent member of the local Italian colony.

Paorina claims that he received a letter embellished with the grim black hand emblem and demanding that he pay over in parties, who would meet him at a certain time and place, the sum of \$800. It was declared in the letter that his house would be dynamited unless he complied with the demand.

According to the merchant's story he was approached at the corner of Chartres and Ursulina Streets by Genusa, who was accompanied by two other men, and asked if he was ready to pay the demanded sum. Following a short parley Genusa is claimed to have made a threatening movement, as if to draw a weapon, and Paorina drew his pistol and fired three shots at Genusa, all of them taking effect.

Paorina immediately gave himself up to the police and is now in jail. Stephen Chalkholts said to have been one of the companions of Genusa, was later arrested. He was released on bond pending trial on the charge of being implicated in the dynamiting of an Italian's house.

V. E. L. CADETS WILL BE AT INAUGURATION

WASHINGTON, D. C.—General Post, general manager of the Inaugural Parade, was informed that a detachment of four companies of the cadet corps of the Virginia Military Institute, at Lexington, will come to Washington to take part in the inauguration ceremonies, provided they can secure quarters.

It was then asked where or which place is not much doubt, that will be given a place in the parade parade.

DYNAMITE LEADS TO FOUR DEATHS

Explosion in Powder Works, Killing Four Men and Badly Wounding Ten Others.

NEWARK, N. J.—Four men were killed and ten others injured one fatally, when several tons of dynamite exploded in one of the buildings of the Forcite Powder Works, at Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey, this morning.

The explosion occurred in a two-story frame building, where sticks of dynamite were stored. While it probably never will be known for certain what was the cause of the explosion, it is supposed that one of the sticks of dynamite was jarred from its resting place, detonating the whole mass. There were three or four tons of dynamite in the building and the force of the explosion was terrific. The bodies of the men killed were mutilated beyond recognition. Several of the other workers in the building were blown considerable distances, and it is considered remarkable that at least one of them, James Boyle, received fatal injuries.

There was some delay in getting assistance to the injured, as it was feared that others of the buildings at the works might blow up.

When it was seen that the danger was over those on the scene hurried to the relief of the living victims.

The Forcite Powder Works belong to the Du Pont Powder Company, and manufacture blasting powder. There was an explosion at the Lake Hopatcong works two years ago, but no one was injured.

GETTING JURORS FOR BIG TRIAL

Slayers of Carmack Will Soon Have a Hearing—Little Trouble So Far Experienced.

NASHVILLE, TENN.—With four jurors accepted when court adjourned, there is every prospect that the trial of Colonel Duncan Cooper and his son, Robin, and former Sheriff John D. Sharpe, for the murder of Former Senator E. W. Carmack, will be in full swing before the week is over.

The readiness with which jurors were found was a surprise. The rulings of Judge Hart had much to do with the rapidity with which the proceedings moved. He began by fixing nine tardy talesman \$25 each. Next he took into his own hands the examination of those men who said they had formed an opinion. Unless the prospective juror insisted that he could not render a fair verdict, even after hearing the testimony, Judge Hart held that he was a competent juror, and compelled either the State or the defense to accept him or exercise peremptory challenge.

When the day's proceedings were

FEELING STRONG FOR A LYNCHING

Was Doubtful if Indignant Populace of Clinton County, N. C., Could Be Controlled.

RALEIGH, N. C.—According to a dispatch from Clinton, N. C., a conflict between a company of State troops guarding the jail and a body of infuriated citizens of the Moltonville section of Sampson county was narrowly averted by the prevalence of the calm judgment of a few individuals. The troops were on guard by order of Governor Kitchin to guard a negro who murderously assaulted Mrs. W. J. McCleod, wife of a citizen of Moltonville. Not until late last night did it become known to the neighbors of the woman that the negro had accomplished his purpose. Then a crowd soon gathered around the jail at Clinton. Finding the jail guarded, the angry men were persuaded not to hazard their lives by an attack upon the troops.

Upon assurances from members of the injured family and their neighbors that they had decided to let the law prevail in the case, Sheriff McPhail instructed Captain Campbell to withdraw his troops. To-day it is doubtful that the family and leading citizens can control the wrath of the enraged populace. This is the first case of criminal assault of a white woman by a negro in Sampson county in eighteen years, the last one resulting in a lynching.

The jurors selected are E. M. Burk, J. S. Letch, Robert McPherson and G. A. Mason.

SPIRITED DEBATE AS TO RELIGION

Meeting of Union of American Hebrews Leads to Heated Discussion of Questions.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—After a spirited debate on the question of means for preventing sectarian teachings in schools and churches in the public schools, the delegates to the Twenty-first Council of the Union of American Hebrews, assembled here, adjourned after a session which will take the position that no constitutional amendment is to be presented to the Congress.

The presentation of the constitution proposed a heated argument among the rabbis and the laymen. After a spirited debate on the question of sectarian teachings in schools and churches in the public schools, the delegates to the Twenty-first Council of the Union of American Hebrews, assembled here, adjourned after a session which will take the position that no constitutional amendment is to be presented to the Congress.

The Vice President, whereupon Chairman Klein directed Rabbi Schulman to leave the council chamber. Mr. Schulman protested against being ejected in his speech, and sat down. The session was finally adjourned as usual, and the resolution was passed.

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Men of national prominence in Jewish organizations were speakers to-night on "Israel's Work in America." Jacob H. Schiff, of New York, was the principal speaker of the evening.

SENSATIONS ARE BEING PROMISED

Important Exposition Subscribers Hold Meeting and Determine to Fight Payment.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA.—Local subscribers to the stock of the Jamestown Exposition Company have held a meeting and discussed plans for defending the suits which have been brought by the receivers of the Exposition Company to compel payment of the full amount of subscription.

A committee was appointed to arrange for a joint defense in behalf of the Newport News and Hampton stockholders, and it is proposed to fight the case to a finish. While the defendants will not talk for publication concerning their plans, it is understood that when the case comes up there will be some developments of a sensational nature.

The local people subscribed to about \$200,000 worth of the common and preferred stock of the exposition, and considerably more than half of this amount is unpaid. The common stock was subscribed to with the understanding that only 25 per cent. of the amount would have to be paid in.

COMMITTEE WILL SEE THE GOVERNOR

Merchants and Superintendents Seek to Force Some Action From the General Hospital Board.

LYNCHBURG, VA.—As the result of a conference here between a committee representing the Amherst County Street-cleaning and the Retail Merchants' Association of Lynchburg, a joint committee will go to Richmond to confer with Governor Eason and induce him, if possible, to require the general hospital board to begin at once the first of the proposed State epidemic laws in Amherst county, as provided by the statute.

The board, at a meeting here in December, decided to delay action until the General Assembly reconvened, presumably to ask authority to locate the hospital outside of Amherst county. It is believed here that Governor Eason will act in conformity to the wishes of the people of Lynchburg and Amherst county.

SENATE GIVES TAFT \$100,000 A YEAR

If House Accepts Schedules Many Raises in Salaries Will Be Effected.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Special.—If the House accepts the new schedule of salaries for high officials of the Government by the Senate, as there is reason to believe it will, their compensation in the future will be as follows: The President, \$100,000 a year; instead of \$50,000 salary and \$25,000 for traveling expenses.

The Vice President, \$15,000; increased from \$12,000. The Speaker of the House, \$15,000; increased from \$12,000.

The Chief Justice of the United States, \$15,000; increased from \$12,000. The Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, each \$14,500; increased from \$12,500.

The President will hereafter have to pay his own traveling expenses, and the Vice President and Speaker will provide their own horses and carriages.

JOHN L. DROPS IN TO SEE PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Special.—John L. Sullivan, the one-time heavyweight champion and now a popular stage-brook, shook hands with President Roosevelt Thursday. The pugilist is a great admirer of the President and, although he only stayed inside a few moments, he was bubbling over with appreciation when he came out. "He's a great man, that President," he exclaimed. He said he had merely called to say good-bye and wished the President success on his African trip. "No, I didn't give him any advice," he responded in reply to an inquiry: "He doesn't need any."

As to his own future, Sullivan declared that he would never leave the stage until the people got tired of him. "I'm going to live another fifty years, and don't you forget that," he chortled. "I'm taking care of myself and laying up a little money, and when I get too old to stay in the business I'm going off to my little shack and enjoy myself in the way befitting a man of mature years."

Hesitating a moment, he added: "They tell a fellow to take care of himself when he is young so he can enjoy himself when he gets old, but the trouble is, when he gets old he is out of the race."

Sullivan denied emphatically any intention of taking up golf as a side issue. He said he couldn't be classed in John D. Rockefeller's fountain-of-youth propaganda because, while he was living on a simple diet, he was no vegetarian.

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