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THE RAILROADS.

In his message to Congress President Wilson states that, should the occasion arise, later in the session he will take up the matter of the transportation facilities of the country and make recommendations with regard thereto.

The Greenville Piedmont correctly states that upon proper transportation facilities not only hinges the continued prosperity of the country but the conduct of the war itself, it being impossible to handle men, war material, food stuffs and supplies for the army unless the railroads perform their full duty to the public. The Piedmont further correctly blames the Demagogues of the country, especially in the South, for the crippling of the railroads by their insistent demands in past years that the revenue of these corporations be cut and by refusing to extend to them that aid and comfort which they deserve.

But the whole inability of the railroads to perform their duties to the public should not be charged to the demagogues of the country. The railroads themselves have not been altogether blameless. It is impossible to handle large corporations like the great carriers of the country unless they are properly manned and unless the business of these corporations in the local communities is diligently looked after by men with sufficient business ideas to comprehend their tasks. It is impossible to run railways with boys as agents at all stations except in the larger towns.

The National Government itself should not be unmindful of its hand in crippling these institutions by the enactment of legislation exempting railway employees from the provisions of the Anti-trust Act and other like enactments, by legislation fixing the hours of labor and demanding ten hours pay for eight hours work, by fostering a system which takes the management of the railroads out of the hands of its managers and turns the management over to persons having no financial responsibility in the corporations. By this legislation, the National Government has done its full share to discourage the building, equipment, betterment and general success of the railroads, and with it the full development of the country. People will not invest their money in corporations over which the Government claims the right to have exclusive jurisdiction when these corporations are managed and manned by men who are not responsible to the stock-holders and bond-holders but who are a law unto themselves.

If the Government is to extend any further its domination of the transportation facilities of the country it should, without more ado, take over the railways and operate them itself. If it is by legislation to fix the wages and hours of labor for employees it should be the wage payer.

News comes from Washington that an announcement will shortly be made which will clarify the political situation in the state in so far as the senatorial race next summer is concerned. Is John T. Duncan about to announce for the senate?

The United States has accomplished one thing in the war already. Old Hindenburg has begun to talk, and when a man who knows how to fight like Hindenburg begins to talk, he has seen the finish.

President Wilson deals kindly with the critics of the administration, and the pacifists. He says of them, only this,—“They may safe-

ly be left to strut their uneasy hour and be forgotten.” He has taken their measure.

Germany may not think much of the ability of Uncle Sam to wage war, but it now looks as if Germany was anxious to reach a decision in the conflict before the Sammies are heard from next Spring.

There seems to be no doubt about one thing—President Wilson has it in for Bill Hohenzollern, and Bill knows it.

The New York Times announces that there is a million pounds of excess fat in men and women in that state and they are advised to diet themselves so some of the surplus may be given to the soldiers. The Jacksonville Times-Union says, “next thing we know somebody will be proposing to kill the fat men and make lard of them.” Secretary Joe Sparks, of the South Carolina Food Conservation forces, would supply enough for this State.—Greenville News.

We have two fat furniture dealers in Abbeville who would make a tierce.

SNAP SHOTS FROM
ABBEVILLE SCHOOL

Abbeville, S. C., Nov. 28, 1917.

The ninth and tenth grades were told that they were to write their examinations in ink that this was a special compliment to their abilities.

Divis Kerr said he considered that the worst compliment he ever received.

When the fourth grade was asked why the earth appeared so small to us, Cecil Tate answered, “Because our eyes are so very small that we see only a part of it at one time.”

Misses Elizabeth Faulkner, Winona Barksdale and Lois Little attended the B. M. I. and Erskine football game at Due West on Thanksgiving Day.

A number of the high school pupils spent Thanksgiving out of town. Miss Virginia Aiken was in Clinton, Misses Alyce and Edna McKelvey in Lawrenceville, Ga., and Miss Lydia Owen in Atlanta.

Miss Mary Adams will spend this week-end in Seneca with her sister.

The members of the fourth grade are exchanging letters with the members of another fourth grade in New Jersey. The last letters were written about plants which are found here and not usually found in a northern climate. Two of them are printed below.

Dear Alma,

I received your letter some days ago, and I am writing to tell you about the weather and a few other things here.

We've had ice only one morning. The rest of the days have been warm and beautiful.

We have roses and chrysanthemums in bloom now. Have you seen chrysanthemums larger than saucers? They sell for fifty cents each.

The only fruit ripe now is the pomegranate. It looks something like an orange and when you break it open you do not see anything but little red seeds that we eat.

Have you ever seen sugar-cane? It grows about as tall as a man, gets ripe in the fall, then it is cut, sent to a mill where the juice is pressed out of it and boiled into syrup.

My letter is getting rather long so I will stop. Your friend,
Lavinia McCuen.

Dear Charles,

We are having warm weather now and it is clear most of the time. We have had a good deal of frost too.

We still have roses, agaratums, chrysanthemums, scarlet sage, and marigolds in bloom.

Our magnolia trees are green all the time. The leaf is a long, thick, green, shiny one and is brown on the bottom. The blossom is cup shape and is a cream color. The tree is about sixty feet high.

The tea olive has a short chubby leaf and is rough and dark green. The blossom is yellow and grows

in a little grove. It smells sweeter than a rose or a violet and anybody that passes our gate can smell it.

The pomegranate is a large red fruit. It's as big or larger than an orange. It is a light red and has a thousand seeds. When the frost has fallen on it, it is good and ripe. We eat the seeds.

Sugar cane grows about four feet in height. It looks like a corn stalk. We peel the outside off and eat the inside which has a sweet juice. It is made into molasses.

We are playing foot-ball and marbles now. What are you playing?
Your friend,
Bill Greene, Jr.

BREVITIES.

Everyone can buy a Thrift Bond. Only twenty-five cents is required at a time until you have saved \$5.00.

Now the Turks are weary of German rule. Soon every one of Germany's allies will be tired of her way of doing things.

Merchants are liable to prosecution if they violate the food laws by charging 12 cents or more a pound for sugar.

THE BAPTIST REVIVAL
CLOSED LAST NIGHT

The very successful Baptist revival came to a close Thursday night. Dr. Wicker proved himself to be a speaker of ability. His fiery denunciation of evil, his melting appeal for good, his fine logic in statement made him many friends and admirers in Abbeville.

Mrs. Wicker proved to be a fine help in the services, assisting Dr. Wicker in numerous specials that were highly enjoyed. There were 22 additions to the church before last night, the results of which have not been reported to this paper. Dr. Swope stated that that number has brought the additions to the church, during his pastorate of less than 18 months, up to 148 making it one of the strongest churches numerically in Abbeville county. The rapid increase of this church is probably not excelled by any church in the state, or by very few at most.

The pastor will preach next Sunday morning on the subject, “The Light that Shines From the Throne” and again at the evening service on “The Battle of the Swords.” The ordinance of Baptism will be administered at the close of the evening service. Public cordially welcomed.

FRANK GARY, JR.
WINS APPOINTMENT

The following taken from The News and Courier will be of interest to our readers. Frank Gary is the son of Judge and Mrs. Frank B. Gary and is a young man of fine qualities. We are glad that he is advancing so rapidly in his school life.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Two students now at the Citadel, Frank B. Gary, of Abbeville, and Harry Cleveland Garrison, of Anderson, have been appointed by Senator E. D. Smith, to the United States Naval Academy, subject to their passing the entrance examinations at Annapolis. These two young South Carolinians stood highest in the State-wide competitive examination held for Sen. Smith October 24, and the Senator has, accordingly, named them for the appointments concerned.

HELP NEEDED.

More workers are needed at the Red Cross for the cutting of garments. Every lady in Abbeville is asked to help and any afternoon you can come please phone your name to Mrs. T. G. White, Mrs. C. D. Brown or Mrs. J. C. King.

The rooms are open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons from 3 o'clock until dark. The need of the soldier is great, even if the season is a busy one.

U. D. C. MEETING.

The U. D. C.'s will meet next Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 11th, at four o'clock, at the home of Mrs. W. C. Sherard.



The Holidays are almost here, No use to tell you how many days you have to shop for Christmas—you know as well as we do, but maybe you don't realize how scarce toys and novelties are this season. Our stock is now complete, and when it is broken it cannot be replenished.

Come today and get your pick, we have never sold Christmas goods as fast as we have this season.

There were many things on the market when we bought (In the Summer) that cannot be had now at any price, and those that we can get have advanced so much in price that we could not afford to handle them.

HANDKERCHIEFS

We have the largest stock of Ladies and Childrens handkerchiefs ever shown in a city the size of Abbeville. That is Some Statement, but we can show you.

NECKWEAR

We have just received by express the daintiest lot of Ladies Neckwear you have ever seen., Nothing better for a gift.

COATS, DRESSES AND
SUITS

Just a few of these left and we will sell them at a sacrifice to close them out before the Holiday Rush is on. Come and get yours.

NOTICE

Make your purchase now while the stock is complete and we will put them away for you until you are ready for them. Shop today and avoid the rush and disappointment in not getting what you want.

Mrs. Jas. S. COCHRAN

“The Christmas Store.”