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WHO OWNS THE RAILWAYS.

Figures Purporting to Show that About 2,000,000 People in This Country are Directly Interested.

Slason Thompson, of Chicago, head of one of the bureaus of the General Managers' association, recently addressed a letter to the railway companies asking the question: "Are there a million owners of railway securities in the United States?" "Thirty-nine of the leading railway companies responded," said Mr. Thompson.

"They represent 107,640 miles out of the 202,471 of single track mileage in the United States. They gave the total number of stockholders on their books as 191,387. This is pretty nearly equal to two stockholders for every mile of railway. Applying two to one as the ratio, approximated in the total, would give 400,000 stockholders in round numbers for the 200,000 miles of railway in the United States as owning \$6,024,201,295 of capital stock as reported June 30, 1902. Assuming that the \$6,109,981,669 funded debt is as widely distributed among bondholders, and the railway ownership would appear to be held in something like 800,000 hands. In one way or another the people of the United States own the railways of the United States and something like 2,000,000 persons through wages, interest, and dividends divide two-thirds of their gross earnings of \$1,726,380,267, (1901-02) among them and the other third goes for fuel, taxes, supplies and equipment."

He Killed His Wife.

Fayetteville, Oct. 27.—News has just reached here of a horrible wife murder at Bennettsville, S. C. This morning at 3 o'clock Henry Patrick, white, a carpenter, 35 years old, shot his wife with a shot-gun while she was lying in bed. She was about 23 years old. She lingered a short time only. Patrick was immediately jailed. It is said he was drinking when he fired the fatal shot. Great indignation is felt at Bennettsville over the affair.

Train Wrecker Convicted.

Staunton, Va., October 27.—In the Augusta County Court here today John Kennedy, alias Crawford, charged with wrecking a Norfolk and Western passenger train, near Greenville, Va., last December, and with the murder of Engineer Bailey, of Roanoke, who lost his life in the wreck, was convicted of murder in the first degree, the jury being out five minutes. Sentence will be imposed at a later day in the term. Kennedy stated some time ago he was certain he would hang, and attempted to break jail twice. He pleaded guilty to the charge. He is 19 years old and intelligent. His accomplice, James Bailey, will be tried tomorrow, and the case of Mrs. Ellen Bailey the aged mother of James Bailey, who, Kennedy claims, planned the wreck, will be tried next.

It is reported from Tiflis, Russian Transcaucasia, that Prince Galatin, governor general of the Caucasus, was stabbed three times by three natives on Wednesday. The would-be assassins were subsequently shot. The prince suffered no serious injury.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Items of More or Less Interest Condensed Outside the State.

The S. W. Venable Tobacco Co.'s factory at Wilson, N. C., was burned Monday night. The total loss was about \$55,000.

A freight locomotive exploded near Robertstown, Pa., one day this week, killing three men and fatally injuring two others.

The newly arrived cotton from America is being rushed to the cotton mills of England and full time is being gradually resumed.

The next postoffice to be investigated under the direction of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristol will be the New York postoffice.

The French bark Savoyard has been wrecked near Brest, France. Thirty-one of her crew, the captain's wife and four other women were lost.

Rear Admiral Francis T. Bowles, chief of the bureau of construction and repair of the navy department, has resigned to accept the presidency of a private shipbuilding company in Massachusetts.

Commencing Monday, November 9, there will be held in Washington an interesting conference on the race problem in the United States under the auspices of the National Sociological society, an organization for the study of the condition of the negroes in the United States, composed of Southern as well as Northern men.

The attorneys for H. D. Hawley and J. L. Howard, two Chicago men who went to North Carolina and tried to sell a gold brick, and who were tried and sentenced to imprisonment for ten years, but who appealed, have asked that the supreme court take their clients into its custody for fear that these gold brick swindlers will be waited on by a North Carolina mob.

FIRE AT DIAZ.

Attempt to Assassinate President of Mexico While Attending a Fete at Guanajuto.

Guanajuto, Mexico, October 27.—Great excitement was caused here today by an attempt on the life of President Diaz, who was a guest of the State Government during the festivities here. The President, his staff and guests were passing by the Cantagor Garden in a street car, when a man of the lower class, name Elis Toscano, approached the car shouting, and fired five shots from a revolver at the car, finally doing no harm.

Paklo Escandon, of the President's staff, rushed out of the car and caught the man, wrenching the revolver from his grasp. The police took Toscano to prison. He is a man with a bad criminal record, and was but recently released from prison at Greanditas, where he had served a term for homicide. The matter will be investigated.

The president remained perfectly cool and was acclaimed by the crowd of citizens, showing their joy at his escape.

Toscano's evil record renders the theory of a deliberate attempt at assassination to appear probable.

The President received the congratulations of the citizens and diplomatic corps here present.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Items of More or Less Interest Condensed In the State.

It seems there will be no decrease for some time to come in the number of damage suits against the Southern railway. A great deal of time in the United States court at Greenville last week was taken up with these damage suits against this railway.

While walking home about dark one day this week, and when in one block of her home, a lady in Columbia had her purse snatched out of her hand. She offered desperate resistance, but the brute threw her to the ground and snatched her purse from her grasp. It happened there was only \$1.50 in the purse.

The home of Mayor F. S. Earle, in Columbia, was robbed of \$15 by burglars on Sunday night. They found the money in the drawer of a book case in the parlor.

Dave Means, a well known colored stableman of Columbia, dropped dead while at work in one of the racing stables at the Fair grounds Monday afternoon.

Clemson defeated the A. and M. College of North Carolina on the gridiron in Columbia Wednesday morning by a score of 24 to 0. It was a hard fought and spectacular game.

AN EASY SWINDLE.

Bankers of State Warned About W. R. Morrell.

The South Carolina Bankers' association through its secretary, Joseph Norwood, of Greenville, is sending out the following letter received from Emslie Nicholson, of the banking firm of Union:

"Dear Sir:—For the information of the association it might be well for you to report the following swindler, who, it appears, has been operating in this vicinity, and who induced one of our customers to cash a check for him which proved to be a forgery.

"His plan of operation is to approach a merchant, buy a small bill of goods, and then tender in payment a check drawn by another party to his order, apparently certified by the bank on which it is drawn.

"In the case which occurred here, he gave his name as W. H. Morrell, and presented a card giving his address as Spartanburg and representing that he was with the A. T. T. company. The check purported to be drawn by W. A. Dickson on the First National bank of Morristown, Tennessee, and was apparently certified by said bank.

"The following description of Morrell may be of some service:

"Name, W. R. Morrell; residence, Spartanburg, S. C.; nativity, U. S.; occupation, with American Telegraph and Telephone company; criminal occupation, forgery; age, 25; height, about six feet; weight, about 170 pounds; complexion, medium dark; color of hair, medium dark; eyes, wore glasses, clean shaven.

"From what our customer has been able to learn since the above occurrence, this party has also been operating in Spartanburg."

DISTILLERY ON THE STATE LINE.

Proprietor Dodges Laws of Both States It is Alleged—Citizens Are Hot After Him.

A special to the State from Gaffney says the people of the Antioch section of Cherokee county are hot after the government distillery of J. F. Jenkins. It is claimed that the distillery is within the two mile limit. Mr. R. O. Sams went up there Saturday to survey the distance. This distillery is on the State line, the line running through the building. It is claimed that when one from this State wants to purchase whiskey he is taken to the North Carolina side and vice versa. Jenkins was up before Magistrate Speer last week on the charge of selling whiskey, but the case had not been thoroughly worked up. It will come up again next week. J. C. Otts, Esq., has been retained by the Antioch people and Col. T. B. Butler is retained by Jenkins. When the case comes up a battle royal will be fought. Mr. Otts will appear before the State board at its next meeting and ask that the permit be revoked on the ground that it is within two-mile limit and is a nuisance to the community.

WOMEN AGAINST CHILD LABOR.

Strong Address By The President of the Illinois State Federation of Women's Clubs.

The president of the Illinois State Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. Eugenia M. Bacon, made a strong address on child labor the other day at a meeting of the local federation of clubs in Rockford. She said in part:

"Nothing can be so important as saving the children. Anything which deprives them of the right to a happy childhood and puts a mortgage on their strength, to battle with life, is enough to arouse every earnest woman to use her utmost influence to prevent it." Reviewing club women's work with the Legislature, Mrs. Bacon added these significant words: "My experience at Springfield convinces me that even in working for a purely philanthropic cause, women are hampered and humiliated and made far more conspicuous by having to influence legislation instead of affecting it by a direct vote. This is wrong from me after years of conservatism, both natural to me, and acquired by the training of Southern parents."

THE ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

A Denial of the Rumor That a Merger With the Southern Is Pending.

New York, Oct. 27.—An official of the Atlantic Coast Line today characterized the report being circulated throughout the south to the effect that the chairman of the board, Henry Walters, and associates, were arranging a merger of southern and south-western roads as a rumor entirely without any foundation of truth.

Pressing and Dying.

The Newberry Steam Laundry makes a specialty of cleaning, dying and pressing. Patronize home industry by having your work done at a home enterprise. Call at Laundry for prices.

A HORRIBLE ACCIDENT.

Little Girl in an Anderson Mill Trips and a Knife in Her Pocket Pierces Her Heart.

Laddie McCurley, a 12-year-old girl, was accidentally killed at the Orr mill in Anderson Monday afternoon. She was going down one of the alleys between the rows of machinery and stumbled over a boy's feet which were stretched out in the alley. She fell and an open knife in her apron pocket pierced her heart and killed her almost instantly.

SWINDLED OUT OF \$5,000.

The Three Card Game Played on a Hartford Man.

Hartford, Conn., Oct. 28.—Two strangers who are alleged to have swindled G. S. Burnham of this city out of \$5,000 through a three card game, are being sought by the police authorities here and in other places tonight. Burnham reported his loss this afternoon. He is a well-to-do retired farmer, about 65 years old.

One of the strangers said his name was Brooks and that he was connected with a bank in Torrington, Conn., while the other represented himself as a Southerner, who had come north for the purpose of finding his sister in Winsted, to whom he was to pay \$30,000. Having learned that his sister was dead, the Southerner said he was reckless as to what became of the money. He offered to show Brooks and Burnham how to play the three card game with the result that Burnham was induced to draw \$5,000 from the bank and put it in a tin trunk together with a roll alleged to contain \$10,000 which the Southerner placed as his part of the wager. Burnham was given the key for the trunk and the men drove to West Hartford, stopping at a secluded place in the woods where the game began.

Burnham won, and receiving the trunk started home alone. It was not until he arrived home, opened the trunk and found it empty that he realized he had been duped.

DR. JAY PLEADS INSANITY.

Farther Who Killed Children Now on Trial For Murder.

Asheville, Oct. 27.—Dr. J. V. Jay, the Buncombe county physician who on October 17th killed his three children with a clawhammer, was arraigned in court at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon, three true bills having been returned against him by the grand jury. W. J. Coker, attorney for the prisoner, stated that the plea of the defence would be insanity, and asked that time be given to summon experts to testify.

Judge Shaw said that the case would be continued until 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Judge H. B. Carter, also of counsel for Jay, requested that the trial be continued until tomorrow, but Judge Shaw denied the motion, saying that sufficient expert testimony could be secured this afternoon.

It is quite possible for next door neighbors to be rather distant.