

# WORK OF THE COMMISSION

## South Carolina is Saved Nearly Half a Million Dollars by Scaling Dispensary Claims.

Columbia, Special.—About a half million dollars represents the saving to the State of South Carolina by scalings from dispensary claims and overjudgments against firms doing business with the old State dispensary. The work of the winding-up commission was practically concluded Wednesday night at a late hour and judgments rendered in all claims before it save that of the New York and Kentucky company, the amount petitioned for being about \$22,000. Final action was deferred, but it is possible that the claim may be disallowed. However, this is not settled.

There was a sigh of relief when it was decided to adjourn Thursday morning. The members have been at work for weeks and have, with the assistance of the attorneys, investigated fully every claim. "We feel that we have earned our per diem," remarked Chairman Murray, "and our report on the affairs of the old State dispensary shows how the business was conducted. The State has spent very little on the work and we have thought it best to assess those whiskey firms carrying the matter to the federal court, the amount of costs."

**May Be Appealed.**  
It was rumored Thursday that several of the decisions of the commission will be taken to the supreme court for settlement and that the claim of Lanahan & Co. and the Carolina Glass company would be among those seeking a stay in the proceedings.

Chairman Murray said that notice would be sent out at once to all claimants allowed claims and checks would be sent out by December 1 unless some litigation arose preventing the payment. The money will be placed in the National Loan and Exchange bank of this city subject to check as stated in the letter, and when all payments are made there will be nothing further for the commission except the final report to the general assembly.

The following are the claims and the amounts to be paid the claimants:

Claimant	Amount	Amount
Fleischmann	\$ 70,885.87	\$ 35,645.30
Schlitz Brewing Company	24,682.23	18,813.73
Big Springs Company	25,006.78	8,515.79
Rosenack Brewing Company	2,119.04	919.00
John McSmyrie	34,829.43	33,881.91
Lehman & Company	14,626.51	12,004.01
Darley Park Brewing Company	640.00	235.00
Moyle Bros.	9,990.00	8,176.00
E. A. Saunders & Company	40,883.23	35,806.83
Geo. A. Diekel & Company	2,300.00	1,700.00
Clark Bros. & Co.	66,383.71	53,780.93
Green River Distilling Company	3,648.42	3,153.42
Richards & Co.	1,175.00	1,112.45
Belair Distilling Company	6,386.41	1,423.96
Totals	\$403,555.63	\$215,178.36

**The Overcharges.**

The following over-judgments were found by the commission:

Claimant	Amount	Amount
Cook & Bernheimer	\$ 94.89	\$ 36,553.63
William Lanahan & Sons	5,916.54	23,563.46
H. & H. W. Catherwood	4,227.95	24,070.00
Aeme Brewing Co.	674.80	14,965.20
Gallagher & Burton	4,845.06	18,041.26
Strauss, Pritz & Co.	7,980.56	12,419.44
Wiedemann Brewing Co.	487.50	4,016.50
W. W. Johnson Co.	1,945.99	1,091.64
Savannah Brewing Co.	409.50	1,600.00
Ullman & Co. (Anchor Co.)	36,926.78	30,621.55
Jack Crainston Co.	5,951.50	1,064.42
Rheinstorm Bros.	296.08	103.92
Barbee & Co.	109.58	409.42
Garrett & Co.	1,757.39	21,397.20
Wilson Distilling Co.	2,874.73	347.17
King & Co.	6,395.84	
Total	\$ 80,594.69	\$189,364.81

Four claimants escaped the scaling of the claims. The commission states in regard to these that "parties have no part in any of the fraudulent transactions connected with the conduct of the business with the State dispensary and the chairman of the commission is authorized under proper warrant to pay the claims:

The four claimants are: C. P. Fishburn, \$79.50; S. S. Pierce & Co., \$622.13; Acker Merrell & Codd Co., \$645.82; E. LaMontague & Sons, \$457.50.

**The Summary.**

The following is a summary showing the amounts saved to the State:

Category	Amount
Overcharges in list of firms to whom money is to be paid by State	\$ 88,377.17
Overjudgments	189,364.81
Claims which come to the State along with the overjudgments	80,594.69
The 1908 overcharges	25,356.24
"Conscience" money	50,000.00
Total saved to the State and to be recovered	\$433,692.91

**Claims Paid.**

The following claims were paid by the commission on March 6, 1908:

Firms	Amount	Amount	Amount
Paul Jones & Co.	\$ 21,176.63	\$ 14,922.88	\$ 6,248.75
Anheuser-Busch Brewing Co.	19,551.00	9,504.09	10,047.00
Augusta Brewing Co.	1,615.00	1,211.25	403.75
Frank G. Tuttle Co.	1,135.94	1,049.69	86.25
Live Oak Distilling Co.	29,922.22	26,100.82	1,781.40
J. A. Magnus & Co.	18,204.24	16,648.76	1,555.48
Old "76" Distilling Co.	3,662.83	3,208.33	454.50
J. F. Bickman	2,774.70	2,561.22	163.48
Belvor Distilling Co.	40,008.33	38,004.17	2,004.16
Big Four Distilling Co.	4,509.51	4,238.94	207.57
H. A. Thiernan	9,228.20	8,674.60	553.70
D. Sacks & Son	9,021.33	8,480.05	541.28
Marin, Hart & Co.	15,847.44	15,536.34	311.10
H. Rosenthal & Son	4,524.11	3,619.29	904.82
Total	\$179,181.67	\$153,825.43	\$ 25,356.24

**Money in Hog Raising.**  
Laurens, Special.—Some of Laurens county's farmers are making good money in raising hogs; among these are P. B. Bailey and Dr. T. J. Weathers. A few days ago Mr. Weathers sold on the local market three hogs that netted him over \$96; and on last Saturday Mr. Bailey sold 29 fine porkers, all under one year old, the lot bringing \$428. The price paid in Laurens is 8 cents the pound.

**Would Be On the Belt.**  
Laurens, Special.—The Laurens chamber of commerce is going to get busy at once in reference to securing a lease on the proposed electric belt line in the Piedmont. It is understood that the corporation that purchased the Anderson-Belton line contemplates a belt line to take in Spartanburg, Union, Laurens, Anderson and Greenville, or at least some of the towns in this section.

**To Double Track Line From Atlanta East.**  
Greenville, Special.—A persistent rumor is current here that the Southern railway has within the last few days let contracts for double tracking its main line between Charlotte and Atlanta. According to the rumor the work of double tracking is to be started at an early date from the Atlanta end. It is proposed that by the summer of 1910 work will have been completed as far north as Gainesville, a distance of 55 miles.

**Badgett Sentenced to Ten Years in the Penitentiary.**  
Spartanburg, Special.—Thomas Badgett, white, who killed Brezina Sabar, colored, about two weeks ago and who was convicted of manslaughter, was Saturday sentenced to serve 10 years in the penitentiary. Stannard Wilson gave notice of appeal and pending the appeal applied for bail which was granted in the sum of \$5,000. Badgett claimed the killing was accidental and the statement of the deceased to that effect was introduced in evidence.

**Dies at the Result of a Fall.**  
Greenville, Special.—Walter Smith, an employe of the Poe mill, died Friday as the result of an injury he received Saturday night in falling off a street car. He attempted to get off while the car was in motion and was thrown heavily to the ground, sustaining the injuries from which death resulted. Smith was 28 years old and leaves a wife, but no children. His body was carried to Lowell, N. C.

**Horse With Buggy Leaps Wall.**  
Charleston, Special.—A horse took fright on south Battery some days ago and wildly dashed through the street, carrying the unoccupied buggy with him. He had a clear and straight run and through the street he went, never stopping at the concrete quay wall, but overboard he went with the buggy behind him. Fortunately the tide was not high and the horse landed in but little water and there he stopped and cooled off.

# NICARAGUAN MUSS

## Zelaya Orders Two Americans Summarily Shot.

### LOUIS GROCE AND LEROY CANNON

Captured in Revolutionary Army Are Denied Trial—Gunboats Sent to the Scene—President Taft Enraged.

News has reached the department that two American citizens, Leroy Cannon and Louis Groce caught by the Zelaya forces in Nicaragua from the insurgent forces were summarily shot, has produced a disturbed condition of things.

Washington, Special.—Two American vessels have been ordered to proceed to Nicaraguan waters and President Taft has postponed indefinitely his meeting of Isidore Hasera, the new minister from Nicaragua to this country as the result of news received here to the effect that two Americans, Louis Groce and Leroy Cannon, captured while serving with the revolutionist army in Nicaragua have been sentenced to death by President Zelaya's orders and it is understood that sentence has already been carried out.

Orders has been issued for the cruiser Vicksburg to proceed in all haste to Corinto and the gunboat Des Moines will proceed at once to Port Limon to observe events there and report the situation at that point by wireless.

President Taft, upon receipt of the news of the execution was so incensed that he immediately announced he would have no communication whatever with the new Nicaraguan minister. That official was promptly so informed.

Brooding quite settled down Friday on the strained situation this government finds itself in with Nicaragua. But if everything was quiet on the surface, there was plenty stirring beneath. A communication was received at the State Department from the Nicaraguan legation, the purport of which was not divulged, and the ministers from Guatemala and Costa Rica held a mysterious conference with Assistant Secretary Wilson in the afternoon. A significant development of the day, inasmuch as it disclosed this government's unyielding determination not to interfere with the Nicaraguan revolutionists, was the reiterated announcement that the State Department would not act to insure the safety of any American vessels that might be held up or seized by the insurrectionary war vessels now blockading the government forces at Greytown or elsewhere on the Guatemalan coast. The deepest interest is apparent as to the conference between Assistant Secretary Wilson, Senar Calvo, minister from Costa Rica, and Dr. Herrarte, minister from Guatemala. It is believed that the instruction of the pan-American treaty, signed here a little over two years ago, was the chief matter discussed. The violation of the agreement was committed by General Toledo, in command of President Zelaya's forces, when he invaded Costa Rican territory in his advance on Greytown, where practically he is now besieged. In the threatened trouble between Nicaragua and Venezuela, only a short time ago, the United States stood ready to prevent by force if necessary, the passage of the belligerents across the neutral territory of Honduras.

### Zelaya Slays by Hundreds.

New Orleans, Special.—A cable to The Picayune from Panama says: Passengers arriving from Nicaragua report that a reign of terror exists throughout the portion of that country controlled by President Zelaya. Government troops are rounding up every person suspected of sympathy with the revolutionists and executing them without trial.

### Sheriff at Cairo Loses His Place Because of Lynching.

Springfield, Ill., Special.—Governor Charles S. Deneen Thursday declared the office of sheriff of Alexander county vacant because Sheriff Frank E. Davis allowed William James, a negro murderer, and Henry Salzner, white, to be taken from his care and lynched at Cairo by a mob on November 11. The Governor acted in observance of a law that provides that whenever a sheriff surrenders a prisoner to a mob his office expires immediately.

### Cleaning New York Custom House.

Washington, Special.—The elimination from the customs service of acting Deputy Collector James F. Vail, the abolition of that office in the New York customs house, the dismissal of 104 men and demotion of 123 other men at New York from March 4 up to Wednesday night with about a score of other changes included in Collector Loeb's statement Friday from New York were announced by Secretary MacVeagh Friday night.

# ATLANTIC WATERWAYS

## Norfolk Convention Opens Amid Enthusiasm For a Four-Days' Discussion.

Norfolk, Va., Special.—With over three hundred delegates in attendance representing practically every State on the Atlantic seaboard, the second annual convention of the Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association opened here Wednesday morning for a session of four days with Friday set apart for a visit and address by the President of the United States. The convention, amid great enthusiasm, was called to order by its president, Congressman J. Hampton Moore of Pennsylvania, and the delegates were welcomed by Mayor James G. Riddick of Norfolk.

Mayor Riddick's address of welcome was responded to by Congressman W. W. Cocks of New York, on behalf of the delegates from the Northern States, and by Representative Charles R. Thomas of North Carolina on behalf of the delegates from the Southern States.

Representative Thomas, pointing to the hazardous coasts of Capes Cod and Hatteras, called attention to the great dangers to which Atlantic coastwise shipping is subjected, with no alternate inland waterways for protection to this class of commerce.

"We, of the South," declared Mr. Thomas, "are not only ready to unite with you of the North in unceasing efforts for the consummation of this great inland waterway but we are ready to unite with you in the development of a great commerce that will bind the sections so closely that sectionalism will be forgotten as if it never existed."

President Moore, in his address took the general ground that the demand for an equitable and comprehensive plan of waterway development as it affected transportation was a problem which, since the passage of the new tariff bill had taken rank as that of the establishment of a safe and stable currency.

The speaker touched upon the bustle and enterprise of the people of the West in securing congressional aid for internal improvements, and in this connection he said:

"We have gone on with our great enterprises but we have not built for the future as our wide-awake friends of other sections of the country have been doing. Our Eastern waterways have remained much as their founders left them."

Mr. Moore pointed out, however, the progress that had been made by the society and spoke of the decided interest awakened in the project of a deeper waterway along the Atlantic coast. Most of the work of the engineers in making the survey of the 1,500 miles along the coast had been completed. He closed with an appeal to Eastern business men bringing to their notice the importance of earnest, persistent, self-sacrificing endeavor to obtain for the Atlantic seaboard that consideration at the hands of Congress which it so rightly deserved.

### Thanksgiving Proclamation by Governor Kitchin.

Raleigh, Special.—Governor Kitchin's Thanksgiving proclamation, issued Wednesday afternoon, is one of the briefest on record. It is in these words: "I, William W. Kitchin, Governor of North Carolina, do hereby appoint Thursday, November 25, a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God for the good we have received and the evil we have escaped. A great and prosperous people to be happy must be grateful and charitable. Therefore, let the people throughout the State assemble on that day in their accustomed places and worship and tender thanks unto the Lord for His manifold blessings and let them contribute to the relief of the poor and the needy, the afflicted and the distressed the widow and the orphan."

### Can't Reach the Dead Miners.

Cherry, Ill., Special.—After four days the St. Paul coal mine in which are still entombed the bodies of three hundred or more miners as a result of last Saturday's fire, Wednesday refused to yield up the dead. Utter failure to devise any satisfactory method of recovering the bodies left the situation the same as it was before.

### The President Reverses His Action.

Washington, Special.—Representative John M. Morehead has won out in his fight at the White House. The President Wednesday issued an order revoking the appointment of Prof. J. R. Glasson of Trinity College to be census supervisor in the fifth district, and caused to be announced the appointment of D. H. Blair, the man recommended by Mr. Morehead. In taking this action the President also found it convenient to make a berth for Professor Glasson, who is to be appointed an enumerator of manufacturing statistics.

### Student Poses as Black Hand.

Philadelphia, Special.—Alleging that he posed as an influential member of a "Black Hand" gang, the postal inspectors Wednesday arrested in this city Perry Ralph Minnick, a student of the Drexel Institute, on a charge of writing threatening letters to D. T. Walker, a wealthy Philadelphia, demanding \$550 under penalty of death. The authorities say Minnick confessed that he demanded the money to pay his way through college.

# HITS STANDARD OIL

## Circuit Court Files Decree of Dissolution.

### GOVERNMENT WINS A VICTORY

Judges Sanborn, Vandeventer, Hook and Adams Concur in Favor of Every Point Contended For—Appeal to Supreme Court Will be Taken.

St. Paul, Minn., Special.—In an opinion written by Judge Walter N. Sanborn, of St. Paul and concurred in by Judges Vandeventer, Hook and Adams with a special concurring opinion by Judge Hook, the United States Circuit Court for the eastern district of Missouri Saturday handed down an opinion declaring the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey an illegal combination operating in restraint of trade and orders its dissolution.

The opinion of the court was filed simultaneously in St. Louis and in St. Paul.

In this decision the government of the United States wins a sweeping victory and according to Frank B. Kellogg of this city, who was the government's special prosecuting officer, the government has won every point for which it contended.

The case will be appealed direct to the United States Supreme Court as the judges who signed the decree, are in effect the judges of the United States circuit court of appeals, although they were sitting for the purpose of trying this case as the circuit court for the eastern district of Missouri.

The decree of the court dissolving the Standard Oil trust becomes effective in 30 days when it is doubted a stay will be granted for the purpose of an appeal.

When the decree takes effect unless a stay is granted, an injunction will issue restraining the Standard Oil Company from a further continuance of its business under its present formation.

### TWENTY LIVE MINERS.

#### Parties Searching For and Bringing Out the Dead Find the Living.

Cherry, Ill., Special.—The gamut from deepest despair to an hysteria of hope was run here Saturday when 20 miners, entombed in the St. Paul mine for a week, almost to the hour, were brought to the surface alive.

The story of their sufferings and the heroism of their resourceful leaders is one of the most thrilling in all the black history of mining disasters.

Dawn broke with the bearers of stretchers moving from the pit mouth to the tent which served as a morgue with bodies swollen and scorched almost beyond human semblance. Forty of them had been brought up and most of them identified when the marvelous report shot through the prostrate community: "They've found them alive—they've found them alive."

In a moment the morgue was deserted; scarcely to be revived while the crowd, fairly insane with the great hope which had sprung like a miraculous flame from the ashes of despair, rushed to the spot.

All thought was of the men who were alive. It took six hours to bring the survivors to the surface. Meanwhile a report spread that seventy or more men were alive in a far reach of the mine, cut off from escape by a bank of black damp between their barricade and the main shaft.

Searching parties on Sunday, however, found no more living and conditions crush all hope of further success at rescue. Thirty-seven corpses were removed and buried Sunday.

### Awful Auto Tragedy.

Cuthbert, Ga., Special.—Three persons are dead and two probably fatally injured as a result of an automobile accident here late Sunday. The dead:

Curtis Williams, of Port Gaines, Ga. James Shepard, of Edison, Ga. Horace Shepard, of Edison, Ga. The injured: Miss Helene Mattox, aged 20, Coleman, Ga. Shepard and Miss Mattox were going to be married.

### Prominent Pennsylvania Politician Kills Himself Accidentally.

Franklin, Pa., Special.—"Accidental, slipped and —" was the contents of a note found Sunday night in a dense thicket beside the body of I. B. Borland, aged 50 years, former county treasurer and a prominent politician, who had been missing from home since Friday. A wound in the left leg caused Borland to bleed to death, according to the coroner. The accident was the result of a hunting trip. It was evident that Borland began to write the note but fell exhausted before he could finish it.

### Something Seen in the Greenview, Special.

A balloon or airship was seen passing this city Tuesday evening at 10 o'clock. It was dimly lighted and presented a very strange appearance. When observed the balloon was traveling in a southwesterly direction. It is stated that another balloon passed over the city at 10 o'clock.

### Greenville Closes the Anderson Tractor Friction Deal.

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### Fire in Spartanburg.

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# PALMETTO HAPPENINGS

## News Notes of General Interest From All Parts of the State.

### GREAT DAY AT ROCK HILL.

Interesting Address—Dinner for Fair Ladies, and a Whole Lot of Gladness.  
Rock Hill, Special.—Saturday was an epoch making day for Rock Hill College, for Rock Hill and York county. On that day was held the first of a series of meetings of the farmers, their wives, daughters and the rural school teachers of York county for the consideration of the great subjects of agriculture in its relation to our public school system and to the home.

In his remarks Dr. Johnson said in part: "Winthrop College stands for service to the schools and to the home. In line with this spirit there was organized at this college in 1902 the South Carolina Rural School Improvement Association with one of its graduates, Miss Maud Nance, at its head. In accordance also with this purpose of service, the call was made to the farmers of York county, their wives and daughter and to the rural school teachers to meet here and consider the great subject of agriculture and its bearing on the home."

Following this address came a paper by Miss Hyie, the superintendent of Winthrop's model home. Miss Hyde's subject was "Home Making Versus Housekeeping," and her treatment of it was masterly. She spoke of the home as the central unit of the nation and brought out very forcibly the difference between a house—a mere shelter, and a home, an abiding place, a retreat, of joy and comfort. Miss Hyde spoke interestingly of the work of the model home and invited all over to inspect it and see the various demonstrations of house work to be given in the afternoon.

After this came a splendid paper on "The Spraying of Plants" by Prof. L. A. Niven, head of the new department of elementary agriculture at Winthrop. Professor Niven gave many helpful hints on the care of crops, fruit trees and plants, and showed how his progressive farmer made double or treble his yield. The startling fact was brought out that insects alone destroy every year in the United States \$200,000,000 in crops.

"Hygiene in the Home," was the subject of the next paper by Dr. M. F. Jones of the department of biology. Dr. Jones showed that health is the natural condition of man and that good health depends upon pure things, viz: Ventilation, clean water and food. He also showed how worry will cause indigestion and summed up with the telling sentence: "There are four things the thoroughness of which the government should make one of its aims: preventable death, preventable sickness and preventable physical inefficiency and preventable ignorance."

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