

ANTI-COMPACT LAW HOLDS.

COURT UPHOLDS FIRE INSURANCE ACT PASSED AT REGULAR ASSEMBLY.

...by D. B. Henderson, Chairman of the Insurance Commission...

Columbia, April 28.—The Supreme Court yesterday refused to sign an order...

The case of a very great importance. It is also a case in which...

The legislature of this State at its session (1916), passed an act...

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There are three specifications here, but they really raise two questions: (a) It is said that there is nothing in the title to indicate that the commissioner is to be given power to review rates...

(b) It is objected that the act provides a penalty and there is no provision of a penalty in the title.

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order that he may see that they are not discriminatory or unjust, leads inevitably to one of three propositions:

- 1. It is impracticable to get a fair and just review of rates in this State, or
2. The insurance company desires to make discriminatory and unjust rates, or
3. A denial of the right of the State to impose any conditions on its right to do business here.

BRITISH BATTLESHIP SUNK.

The Russell Reported to Have Been Destroyed in Mediterranean by Mine London, April 28.—It is officially reported today that the British battleship Russell, was sunk in the Mediterranean by a mine on Thursday.

MANY NEW SUBMARINES.

Germany Reported to Have 250 New Submarines Blockading England. London, April 28.—A Berna dispatch reports Prince von Buelow, the former German Imperial Chancellor, as saying that Germany now has two hundred and fifty new submarines engaged in blockading the English coast.

VILLA MEN AGAIN ACTIVE.

Carranza Forces Sent to Strengthen Garrison. San Antonio, Mexico, April 28.—Gen. Pershing has heard that Villista sympathizers are active along the Mexican Northwestern railway.

SERVE PINWOOD CHURCH.

St. Marks Holds Annual Election of Officers. Pinewood, April 27.—Conforming to the church laws the vestrymen of St. Marks parish met Monday and held a business session and an election.

Walter D. Epperson, chairman of the Sewanee fund, today mailed his check to the Rev. A. R. Mitchell in payment of the first of the four instalments of St. Marks, Clarendon county, Pinewood, although not due until October 31.

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STREET CAR STRIKE NEXT.

Pittsburg Threatened With a General Suspension of Street Railways. Pittsburg, Pa., April 28.—A strike of all street railway employees will be ordered Sunday at midnight unless the demand for an increase in wages is granted.

WESTINGHOUSE PLANT GUARDED.

Two Hundred Special Officers With Plenty of Ammunition on Duty at Shady Side. Pittsburg, April 28.—Two hundred special officers are on guard at the Shady Side plant of the Westinghouse plant and a large supply of ammunition was sent there today.

BERRIES SENT FROM CONWAY.

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WILSON TO NEWSPAPERS.

Message from President Read at Publishers' Meeting. New York, April 27.—A message from President Wilson expressing the hope that the press of the United States may always use its influence for "fair play, right understanding and the peace, prosperity and glory of America" was read tonight at a banquet which brought to an end the annual meeting of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association.

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Cadets Paraded Through Streets of Florence Gate City. Camp Barringer, Florence, April 27.—The Main street of Florence was paraded this afternoon by the cadet battalion under the command of Maj. Bowen, following the cadets were automobiles conveying Maj. Bowen and Col. Bailey, superintendent of the Military Institute and other prominent officials.

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FINAL AMENDMENTS OFFERED.

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