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Freight Train Wrecked Near Florence—Cotton Fire at Timmonsville

MAJ. COLE COMMISSIONED IN REGULAR ARMY

County Superintendents of Education of Pee Dee Section to Meet in Marion

Florence, Sept. 28.—An extra north-bound freight, passing here about 5 o'clock, was wrecked near the trestle of Jeffery Creek, near the city limits, early Friday morning. Seven cars were derailed, five of which were considerably damaged. The wreck occurred on an embankment of about fifteen feet high and while five cars hung over the embankment at an angle of about 45 degrees only one of the cars went over. All of the cars in the wreck were "crummies," with the exception of a coal car.

Charleston, Sept. 28.—A verdict of involuntary manslaughter was rendered here this afternoon in the court of general sessions against Henry Drummond, on trial for murder. The defendant was found in bed in June near the Lilles, shot through the head from ear to ear. Lying by him was Ethel Meyers, shot dead in the head. Drummond said they were skyarking and the pistol fired accidentally. The state's theory was he tried to commit suicide and killed the woman and himself afterward recovered. Judge Gresham sentenced him to two years.

Timmonsville, Sept. 25.—A disastrous fire occurred here at 4:30 o'clock this morning destroying 200 bales of cotton on the Atlantic Coast Line platform and a nearby box car. The large brick freight depot, valued at \$25,000, is also practically demolished. The cotton was fully covered by insurance. It is not known just how the fire originated.

Barnwell, Sept. 28.—R. Boyd Cole, editor of the Barnwell Sentinel for more than twelve years and prominent in the National Guard of the state, being major of the Second Battalion of the old Third regiment of Infantry and the South Carolina infantry, has been commissioned a major in the regular army.

Marion, Sept. 27.—County Superintendent of Instruction Will announced today the meeting of the superintendents of education of the Pee Dee section the middle part of October at Marion. In addition to the county superintendents, some 25 in number, the members of the state department of education will be present. The purpose of the meeting will be to hear Superintendent of Education Swearingin of Columbia outline the plan of work for the 1920-21 semesters and to inspect the splendid school facilities of Marion county. While here the educators will be the guests of the chamber of commerce. A banquet, an automobile ride and other activities have been planned for the occasion.

Columbia is now about to be possessed of an Eagle scout, the first to hold this title in South Carolina. Scout authorities think Charles Fishburne of Troop 6 is the enterprising young man who is carrying himself with this glory. He already has the title of star scout with 15 medals and needs only one more to attain the rank of Eagle, the highest honor for a scout.

France Studying Canning

American Home Demonstration Agents Teaching Home Canning in Rural Districts

Washington, Sept. 27.—The American art of home canning and drying of fruits and vegetables is being taught in France. All classes of French life have been reached by the four American experts lent to the French government by the agricultural department to give canning demonstrations.

During June, July and August, the Americans moved from place to place in France, carrying their work into practically every part of that country. At the first demonstration held in a chateau near Versailles, products canned by the French last year were exhibited. Several commercial canners competed with the housewives, but the latter carried off the first prizes.

Balloons Still Sailing

Seven of the Twelve That Started From Birmingham Have Landed in Ohio and Indiana

Birmingham, Sept. 27.—Seven of the twelve balloons which left here Saturday in the national elimination race have landed safely, all at Ohio and Indiana points. Four others are still in the air and the winner is not yet known.

COTTON PRICES ON TOBOGGAN

Further Excited Breaks in Prices Marked Opening of Market Today

DECLINE OF NEARLY A CENT ON LATER MONTHS

Bear Speculators Making Most of Opportunity to Raid Market While Sentiment is Unsettled

New York, Sept. 27.—There was further excited breaks in cotton prices today, later months showing losses of seventy to eighty-five points, with sentiment unsettled on reports of further price cutting and southern selling.

New Auto License Tax Classification as to Weight Goes into Effect—Over 80,000 Plates Already Ordered

Columbia, Sept. 26.—Contracts for 1921 automobile license plates was yesterday issued by the state highway commission to the National Colortype company of New Port, Conn., according to an announcement by H. L. Thomas, secretary. The plates are to be delivered by December 1, will be \$2,600 in number for the first order and garnet and black in color. Of the total number \$1,500 are six inches by 12 inches for automobiles and trucks, while 1,100 are to be of the smaller size, four inches by six inches for motorcycles.

This number is not the full estimated requirement, but after these have been received and partly issued more will be ordered when it is seen how many will be needed. License will not be issued next year at the window in the office, but all tags must go through the mails, as it will be impossible to keep up with the handling, even for owners in Columbia.

The new regulations for license charges, according to classification of the motor vehicle by weight instead of horse power with automobiles and tonnage with trucks, goes into effect with the issuance of the new plates. Truck carrying four pneumatic tires will be granted a discount over those with solid tires of the same tonnage. Trucks with two pneumatic and two solid tires will have to pay the full rates.

Motor cars and trucks will be placed in 21 classes, according to weight, the prices for licenses ranging from \$6 for cars under 2,000 pounds to \$200 for trucks of more than four ton capacity carrying hard tires. Motorcycle licenses will cost \$3.

The public is reminded that the license division has been moved to the second floor of the Carolina Life Insurance building on the 1600 block of Main street and will open up in the new locality tomorrow morning.

Following is the complete schedule of classes for registration of motor vehicles in South Carolina for the year 1921:

- Class A: Automobiles weighing not over 2,000 pounds, \$6.
- Class B: Automobiles weighing not over 2,001 to 2,500 pounds, \$8.
- Class C: Automobiles weighing not over 2,501 to 3,000 pounds, \$10.
- Class D: Automobiles weighing not over 3,001 to 3,500 pounds, \$12.
- Class E: Automobiles weighing not over 3,501 to 4,000 pounds, \$14.
- Class F: Automobiles weighing not over 4,001 to 4,500 pounds, \$16.
- Class G: Automobiles weighing not over 4,500 pounds, \$18 and over.
- Class H: One ton truck, pneumatic tires, \$11.25.
- Class I: One ton truck, hard tires, \$15.
- Class J: Two ton truck, pneumatic tires, \$22.50.
- Class K: Two ton truck, hard tires, \$30.
- Class L: Three ton truck, pneumatic tires, \$45.
- Class M: Three ton truck, hard tires, \$60.
- Class N: Four ton truck, pneumatic tires, \$75.
- Class O: Four ton truck, hard tires, \$100.
- Class P: More than four ton truck, pneumatic tires, \$150 and over.
- Class Q: More than four ton truck, hard tires, \$200 and over.
- Class T: Trailers, \$7 and over.
- Class X: Dealers, \$25 for one make and \$15 for each additional make.
- Class Y: Motorcycle dealers, \$25 for one make and \$15 for each additional make.
- Class Z: Motorcycles, \$3.

American Legion Convention

More Than Thousand Delegates Attend Opening Session in Cleveland

Cleveland, Sept. 27.—More than a thousand delegates were in their seats this morning when Comdr. Franklin D'Olive called to order the second annual convention of the American Legion. The floor of the theatre resembled a big political convention, each delegation being grouped under state's standard and banners. The business is mostly routine, except for the big parade this afternoon.

BOSTON BANK'S DOORS CLOSED

Cosmopolitan Trust Company With Resources of Twenty Million in Hands of Bank Commissioner

FIFTH BANK FAILURE IN FIVE WEEKS

Get Rich Quick Scheme of Charles Ponzi Fatal to Boston Banking Institutions

Boston, Sept. 25.—The Cosmopolitan Trust Co., with savings and banking departments and agencies abroad, has been closed by the state bank commissioner. This is the fifth bank in this city to be closed by the commissioner in the last five weeks. The first of these was the Hanover Trust, which went to the wall with the collapse of the get rich quick scheme of Charles Ponzi. No reason is given for closing the Cosmopolitan, which advertised resources of twenty million dollars.

Farmers Favor Organization

Long Staple Cotton Growers Meet in Hartsville

Hartsville, Sept. 24.—The long staple cotton growers of South Carolina met in Hartsville today and decided to form a separate association for this state. Considerable objection had been made to joining with the growers of Mississippi in their long staple association, and it is felt now all staple producers will join in order to make the South Carolina organization a success.

L. D. Jennings of Sumter, who has been an ardent supporter of the Mississippi plan, was the principal speaker, and said there could be no objection to forming a separate organization provided that the principles of the Mississippi plan were embodied in the new association. He stressed the importance of forming an association which will help to cope with the present condition.

D. R. Coker of Hartsville said that he was heartily in sympathy with forming an association. He stated that he objected to going in with the Mississippi growers and was in favor of a separate South Carolina organization. He stated further that on the whole the Mississippi plan was good, but that a few changes should be made to meet their local conditions. According to Mr. Coker, it would be necessary for them to cooperate with Mississippi just as far as possible.

Bright Williamson of Darlington made a few remarks in which he stated that the proposition appealed to him more than anything that had ever been presented to the people of Darlington county. He could see no objection to the Mississippi plan, but thought it would be to their advantage to form a separate South Carolina organization.

Other short talks were made by Dr. Wade Stackhouse, Dr. E. W. Sikes, resident of Coker college, and Mr. Vaughn, president of the Bank of Hartsville.

Dr. Wade Stackhouse then made a motion that the chair appoint a committee of seven to apply to the state for a charter and that this committee study the Mississippi contract and make any changes they thought necessary to meet South Carolina conditions. The following men were appointed on the committee: Bright Williamson, W. A. Sumner, V. E. Rector, James L. McIntosh, George E. Dargan, S. J. Jeffords and G. G. Segars.

Japan Suggests Joint Commission

Prominent Americans and Japanese Favor Appointment of Commission By President Wilson

Tokio, Sept. 25.—The suggestion that a joint high commission be appointed to find a solution of the California anti-Japanese problem appears to be favored in responsible circles here. The idea is the outgrowth of a meeting of prominent Americans and Japanese, who favor having President Wilson name the commission.

Illinois Train Robbery

Two Bandits Hold Up New Orleans Limited and Get Registered Mail

Chicago, Sept. 25.—Railroad and postoffice officials are attempting to determine value of registered mail taken from the New Orleans Limited on the Illinois Central train last night, when two masked bandits held it up near Tucker, Illinois. The value may be only a few thousand or may reach a hundred thousand dollars. The bandits are believed to be accomplices of Horace Walton, who was killed by the police after he had robbed the same train last May of nearly one hundred thousand dollars.

STATE LINE IN DISPUTE

Attorney General Wolfe Refused Offer of Compromise Made By Georgia

CONTENDS THAT LINE IS MIDDLE OF RIVER

State of Georgia Trying to Establish Title to Power Plant That is in South Carolina

Columbia, Sept. 25.—Attorney General Wolfe has refused to meet the state of Georgia half way, in a compromise of the pending boundary suit, and announcement is made today by Mr. Wolfe that a reference in the case is to be had before a special master in Washington on October 18. Mr. Wolfe will go to Washington for this reference.

The attorney general's office of Georgia recently advised Mr. Wolfe that the state of Georgia would not be willing to concede to the state of South Carolina the middle of the stream as the boundary between the states, if South Carolina would agree to allow the center of the stream on the South Carolina side of certain islands to serve as boundary. South Carolina has contended all along that the center of all streams, and the eastern water edge of the islands, where there are islands making two streams between the states, is the correct line between the two states.

Georgia's contention has special reference to the Gregg Shoals property, with a power dam stretching between an island and the South Carolina mainland. South Carolina's contention is that all of this dam is in South Carolina. Georgia contends, in its compromise suggestion, that this dam be half in South Carolina and half in Georgia. Attorney General Wolfe has advised the state of Georgia that he will not consider the compromise whatever. He is confident of winning out in his contention that the middle of all the streams and the eastern water edge of the islands is the true line between the commonwealths.

After the testimony is taken by the special master, the United States supreme court will pass on the case. The case was started by the legislature of Georgia, when a special act was passed authorizing the suit.

Higher Express Rates Sanctioned

Railroad Commission Authorized an Advance of Twelve and Half Per Cent.

Columbia, Sept. 25.—The South Carolina Railroad commission today issued an order allowing the American Railway Express company to increase its charges twelve and a-half per cent in South Carolina. This increase is in line with the increase recently allowed on inter-state business by the interstate commerce commission.

The express company is asking for still another 12-1-2 per cent increase, due to the recent wage increase authorized by the labor board. However, this has not yet come before the railroad commission.

The commission also today ordered the Southern Railway and the Piedmont and Northern Railways to put in a connecting service track for freight at Camp Sevier, near Greenville.

The commission issued an order allowing the Greenville telephone company to increase its exchange rates fifty per cent.

To Race Next Month

Man 'O War and Sir Barton Run in Canada

Harrold de Grace, Md., Sept. 24.—Man 'O War and Sir Barton, two of the world's most famous race horses, on October 12, will race at Kenilworth track, Windsor, Canada, for a \$75,000 purse and a \$5,000 gold cup. Weight to be carried by Sir Barton will be 126 pounds and that to be carried by Man 'O War will be 120. Should something intervene to prevent one of the horses competing, the other will cover the track for the \$5,000 cup alone.

The match was arranged this afternoon at a meeting between A. M. Orpen, manager of the Windsor track; Sam Riddle, owner of Man 'O War, and Commander J. K. L. Rose, owner of Sir Barton.

An offer of \$20,000 had been made by the Laurel track for the match, but the owners preferred to go where they were offered the largest purse.

Sir Barton is regarded as the best handicap horse of the year and Man 'O War as the greatest race horse America has ever seen. Both are wintered in Maryland.

HAYS AFRAID OF TRUTH

Republican Campaign Manager Making Effort to Prevent Discussion of Issues in Newspapers

DODGING LEAGUE OF NATION'S QUESTION

Gov. Cox Makes Direct Charge of Conspiracy of Silence Against Republicans

Denver, Col., Sept. 24.—Attacks upon Chairman Hays of the Republican national committee and Republican newspapers charged with "a conspiracy of silence" against the Democratic cause featured today's Colorado campaign of Gov. James M. Cox of Ohio.

The new line of assault of the candidate, who charged that Mr. Hays, acting for the Republican national committee, and Republican newspaper editors were conspiring to suppress news and divert issues of the Cox campaign was made by the governor in three Colorado speeches today at Trinidad, Pueblo and at a large meeting here tonight at the auditorium.

"Poisoning" was the term applied by Governor Cox in his charges regarding the Republican newspapers and he likened Chairman Hays to "the sneaking guerilla who in days of old poisoned wells for the destruction of enemies."

Mr. Hays, the candidate declared, sent an advance agent to confer with Colorado editors, as well as to New Mexico to plan the alleged undermining of the Democratic campaign.

Last Monday at Denver, Governor Cox asserted in his Pueblo speech, editors of Colorado Republican newspapers assembled for a conference with a Mr. Stephens, said to have been an agent of Chairman Hays.

"The editors were asked to divert the public mind from the league and other paramount issues," said the governor, "to minor affairs. They were told to ask questions thought to be embarrassing and to give unfavorable reports on my reception."

The Republican national committee is maintaining a large organization for this purpose. It has men traveling all over the country and the funds of the Republican organization are being used to make this kind of a campaign at a time when humanity is to pass on the great question involving more interests and more people than at any time in the history of the world.

"The rich men of America who are living in comfort," the governor continued, reiterating charges of "big business" contributions to the Republican campaign, "certainly ought to be proud of the fact that they have made it possible for Hays to conduct this kind of a campaign. The reason is that it is apparent to any unprejudiced person that the West is overwhelmingly for the league of nations and that the majority of the West will so record themselves."

The league of nations issue, which the governor said the Republicans were trying to "sidetrack" in the newspapers, progressivism, labor and reclamation were other major topics of the candidate's Colorado addresses. He also flayed "big business" for alleged aid to the Republican cause and the use, he charged of its "corruption fund" to the newspaper effort he imputed to Chairman Hays. Attacks upon the "senatorial oligarchy" and Senator Harding as its reactionary candidate also were repeated.

The governor was introduced here by Judge Tully Scott, Democratic candidate for senator, whose election he urged. Earlier today he had spoken to a large audience at the Pueblo auditorium and to rear platform crowds at Trinidad, Walsenburg and Colorado Springs. While at Pueblo he paid a flying visit to the state fair.

Tomorrow the governor will close his Colorado campaign at Greeley and then visit Wyoming, making an afternoon address at Laramie and a night speech at Cheyenne. He will remain over Sunday at Cheyenne and tour Nebraska Monday.

Cox in Bryan's State

Democratic Campaign Party Entered Nebraska This Morning

North Platte, Neb., Sept. 27.—Gov. Cox today began his campaign in Nebraska, the home state of William Jennings Bryan and Senator Hitchcock, the administration floor leader in the treaty fight. Speeches will be made at Lincoln and Omaha and many places enroute before the candidate crosses into South Dakota. The league of nations and agricultural problems will be his chief topics.

Poles Capture Grodno

Important City of Russia Taken After Heavy Fighting

Warsaw, Sept. 27.—Grodno, an important city of northwestern Russia has been captured by Polish troops after heavy fighting. It is officially announced. Many prisoners and much war material were taken by the Poles.

NO WOMEN ON JURIES

Attorney General Wolfe Renders Opinion that Women Cannot Be Called To Serve on Jury

CONSTITUTION SAYS ONLY MEN SHALL SERVE

The Opinion Was Rendered at the Request of Clerk of Court of Abbeville County

Columbia, Sept. 25.—The women of South Carolina are not liable to jury duty, according to an opinion rendered today by Attorney General Wolfe. Mr. Wolfe quoted the constitution to the effect that only men are liable to petit jury duty in circuit courts. The opinion was expressed in a letter to J. L. Perrin, clerk of court of Abbeville county. Jury lists are to be made up by the clerk so court in December.

American Legion Delegates

South Carolina Representatives at Cleveland Convention Have Been Selected

Columbia, Sept. 25.—Fred W. Graham, of Greenville, Henry C. Moore, of Marion; Col. J. Monroe Johnson, of Marion; Col. Thos. Spratt, of Port Mill, former lieutenant colonel of the 118th infantry; E. W. Middleton, of Charleston; James O. Sheppard, of Edgefield; Ben W. Sawyer, of Columbia; Bernard Manning, of Spartanburg; Major W. M. Welsh, of Greenwood; and Major Irvin F. Belsler, of Columbia, compose the South Carolina delegation to the national convention of the American Legion, which meets in Cleveland, O., next Tuesday and Wednesday. The South Carolina delegation left Spartanburg Saturday morning. Judge Mendal L. Smith, Camden, who has been chosen as South Carolina's member of the national Legion executive committee, is unable to attend the meeting, but he will be represented by Col. Johnson, national committeeman up until the Cleveland convention. The South Carolina delegation goes to Cleveland instructed to oppose the action of the National Legion committee in favoring the bonus for each ex-service man, at the hands of congress.

High School Conference

Gov. Cooper Will Be Principal Speaker at Meeting Here

Columbia, Sept. 25.—Governor Robert A. Cooper will be the principal speaker at the second boys' high school conference to be held in Sumter December 3, 4 and 5, under auspices of the state Y. M. C. A. and the central branch of the Sumter association. Governor Cooper will talk to the Hi-Y boys at the banquet to be held in the Sumter Y. M. C. A. Friday evening, December 3 at the beginning of the conference.

Several hundred of the older boys of the high schools from every part of the state will be in Sumter on these dates. A strong delegation from the Columbia schools under charge of James H. Grauel will attend. No group of boys will attend except those under charge of an adult leader.

T. B. Lanhan, state executive of the Y. M. C. A. recently received a strong bid from the Sumter "Y" board of directors for this conference and after conferring with S. H. Edmunds, C. E. Hurst, Bartow Walsh, H. C. Haynsworth, R. D. Epps, R. I. Manning, H. L. Scarborough and other members of the board of directors of the Sumter Y. M. C. A. yesterday, it was decided to hold the 1920 conference there.

The object of the conference in Sumter is inspirational and is to arouse enthusiasm among the organizations in the high schools of the state.

Mail Route to Havana

Daily Airplane Service to Be Established From Key West

Washington, Sept. 25.—A daily seaplane mail service between Key West and Havana, Sunday excepted, will be provided through a contract signed by the postoffice department and the Florida-West Indies Airways, Inc. The service starts October 15th.

Conspiracy to Defraud

Foremen of Grand Jury Says Ball Players Will Be Indicted

Chicago, Sept. 25.—Indictments based on charges of conspiracy to defraud may result from the grand jury investigation of the baseball scandal involving the alleged crookedness of players in the 1919 world series game was indicated today by Henry Brigham, foreman of the jury. Mr. Brigham declared that there seems to be sufficient evidence to support such charges.

Near East Workers

Important City of Russia Taken After Heavy Fighting

Columbia, Sept. 25.—There will be a conference of near-east workers of South Carolina in Columbia on October 12. There will be at least one worker from each county. John R. Voris, of New York, representing the national office of the Near East Relief movement, will attend the conference.