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TEN CENTS A WEEK

TRUNK LINE PLANNED FOR THE SEABOARD

All Construction Arrangements Have Been Made.

FROM CINCINNATI TO THE SOUTH

Plan is Backed by Pennsylvania, and Already Ten Thousand Men Are at Work on Extension of the South and Western Railroad.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 22.—A great railroad project, destined materially to change the face of the industrial south, will be officially announced by the Seaboard Air Line Railway company in a few days from its headquarters in Portsmouth, Va.

The project is nothing less than the construction of a trunk line from Tennessee to the states of Alabama, Georgia and Florida, and to ports on the southwest Atlantic coast.

This line will also afford the west and middle west the shortest route to the gulf states from Cincinnati, the gateway to the south.

Plans for this gigantic undertaking have been under way by the Seaboard Air Line for a long time, but they have been closely guarded until they were well enough along to guarantee that they could not be thwarted.

South and Western Purchased.

The trunk line project of the Seaboard had its inception in the purchase of the South and Western railroad, of Tennessee. This comparatively insignificant line is in operation between Johnson City, Tenn., and Spruce Pine, in the same state. With a short branch its operative mileage is only 75 miles.

The Seaboard purchased the property, the rights of way, and the franchises of this little Tennessee line several months ago, but it has kept the purchase quiet, fearing that if it leaked out its rivals would obtain an inkling of its plans and thwart them. Now, however, ownership of this line will be one of the things announced by the Seaboard in a few days.

In pursuance of the Seaboard Air Line's trunk line plan extensions to the South and Western has been quietly going on ever since the line was bought. The work is now being accelerated by large additions to the construction forces, which, on Feb. 1, were brought up to 10,000 men.

Connection has been made with the Norfolk and Western at Dante, Tenn. The road will next be extended northward through Tennessee to Elkhorn, Ky., where it is proposed to connect with the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, a road allied with the Seaboard at other points, and over whose tracks it will obtain entrance into Cincinnati.

Southward the South and Western will be extended to a point at or near Columbia, S. C., where connection will be made with the Atlanta and Savannah division of the Seaboard. When these plans are carried out they will give the Seaboard the leading position among the railroads which reach the Ohio river from the south and a great change in the face of transportation facilities for the south's industrial section will inevitably come.

The new trunk line will also give the Seaboard, which has heretofore confined itself to eastern coast travel to and from the south, and entrance to the middle west, and will make it a formidable rival to the Louisville and Nashville and the Queen and Crescent. The last named lines, as well as others between the Alleghenies and the Mississippi, will undoubtedly bitterly resent entrance of a rival into their territory, but the Seaboard's project has the powerful backing of the great Pennsylvania system, both financially and in a traffic way.

The Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburg especially will cooperate with the new line south from Cincinnati, and will give it a big freight and passenger business from the first days of its operation.

The extension will be costly for the Seaboard. The construction of 260 miles of railroad is necessary to give the new line the South Carolina junction to Cincinnati.

It will take about two years to be

stated, to complete this construction, and trains will be moving over the new line from the Cincinnati gateway by the spring of 1908.

LUMBER MILL DESTROYED.

Loss is Estimated at \$60,000, with \$20,000 Insurance.

Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 22.—The Little River Lumber company's extensive sawmill plant at Townsend, Tenn., 33 miles southeast of this city, was totally destroyed by fire Wednesday.

The loss is estimated at \$60,000, with \$20,000 insurance. The Little River Railroad company lost its roundhouse, repair shops, two freight cars and one passenger coach, all valued at about \$10,000, with no insurance.

The origin of the fire is unknown. Had it not been for the fire protection system of the plant, it is believed the loss would have reached a quarter of a million dollars.

W. B. Townsend, of this city, president of the lumber company and general manager of the railroad company, says they are not crippled financially and that plans to rebuild at once are being made already.

Labor Troubles Cause Killing.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 22.—Following labor troubles which occurred at the plant of the Central Foundry company at Bessemer Tuesday, Lee Morrison and Raleigh Jones, employees, met in a saloon and engaged in a personal altercation which resulted in Jones shooting and instantly killing Morrison. A stray bullet from Jones' pistol also struck and fatally wounded James Lowery, a bystander. Because of excitement over the affair, Jones was hurried to the Birmingham jail. Morrison was a brother of the late Jim Morrison, who figured in a number of desperate encounters in this district several years ago, and afterwards escaped from the penitentiary and was shot to death by Deputy Sheriff Henry Cole.

Want To House Poor.

Mexico City, Feb. 22.—Gov. Landa, of the federal district, and high officials, have under consideration a plan for rehousing the poor of this city. It is proposed to tear down whole blocks of houses in the poorer quarter and to erect groups of model tenements, where the poor will have an abundant supply of water and light and be given every modern sanitary advantage. Only by this plan, it is believed, can the present high death rate of 42 per 1,000 be reduced permanently. It is thought the operation can be made financially profitable. The federal district government is actively pushing its sanitation campaign with satisfactory results.

Body Found in a Gutter.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—The body of an man apparently about 45 years of age was found in the gutter at the corner of Twenty-first street and Calumet avenue, in the heart of one of the most fashionable residence districts on the south side of the city, Wednesday. There was a bullet hole above the right ear, with a cheap revolver lying near the corpse, but the police are unable yet to state whether it is a case of murder or suicide.

Held on Bond.

Atlanta, Feb. 22.—Charles Strallie, the man who was arrested for raising \$1 bills to \$10 bills, was arraigned before United States Commissioner W. T. Colquitt and held in a bond of \$750. Strallie afterwards admitted that he had passed the raised bills and said he had been forced to do so in order to get some money on which to live. He is a strong, healthy looking young fellow and why he did not work for money he did not say.

Aged Woman Dies.

Orthington, Conn., Feb. 22.—Mrs. Sylvia Langdon Danham, the second oldest person in this state, died on Wednesday, aged 107 years. The oldest person in the state, Mrs. Deborah Stillman, of Eastman, who is 106, is seriously ill.

Cargo Is a Total Loss.

San Jose, Cal., Feb. 22.—The American steamer David, Baltimore to London, has been wrecked on Sandras Island, off the New Cardigan coast. The crew was saved, but the cargo was lost.

THREE BODIES FOUND UNDER R. R. BRIDGE

Officials Believe Men Jumped From Bridge.

BODIES WERE BADLY BRUISED

The Louisville and Nashville Structure Which Spans the Tennessee River, is About One Hundred Feet High Where Men Were Found.

Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 22.—Three white men, on only one of whom was any mark of identification, were found dead here Wednesday morning under the Tennessee river bridge of the Louisville and Nashville, near the river brink.

Railroad men and police officials believe the men fell from the bridge while jumping from a freight train that arrived near midnight.

The bodies were badly bruised and bones were broken.

The bridge is about one hundred feet high where the bodies of the men were found.

On one of the men is a letter addressed to James Gamble from Lollie Gamble from Wheat, Tenn.

All were poorly clad and appeared to be laborers.

Is Held on Suspicion.

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 22.—A special to the Journal from Andalusia, Ala., says that a white man named Cox, of Georgiana, was arrested on Tuesday night accused of being an accessory to the rape of Mrs. J. T. Bray, at Andalusia early Monday, for which a negro named Pedigree was shot and killed by a posse. Another white man named Ammons is being looked for. The negro went to the Bray home and told Mrs. Bray he had a message from her husband, and she opened the door, whereupon the negro entered, made her put her children into a side room, locked the door and that during four long, weary hours, she was compelled to submit to his beastly lusts. He told her the white men were standing outside on guard. There are grave doubts as to whether the evidence will justify the charge against Cox.

Men Rob Jeweler.

New York, Feb. 22.—Two men entered the store of Israel Rauth, a jeweler in Eight avenue and pointing a revolver at his head, with the injunction to keep quiet, took out a tray of diamond earrings, valued at several hundred dollars, and backed out of the store. When the men had left Rauth took his own revolver from a drawer and started in pursuit. He fired at the fleeing men, who turned and began to return his fire. Rauth then ran back to his store. On his way he found two earrings and the empty tray on the sidewalk. The men soon disappeared.

Will Try Former Senator.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Soon after court met Wednesday, a jury was secured to try the case of former State Senator George F. Green, of New York, charged with conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with the furnishing of supplies to the post-office department. After the jury had been sworn in an adjournment was taken until next Monday.

Forbids Pool Selling.

Louisville, Feb. 22.—The town of Highland park, a suburb, has passed an ordinance forbidding the selling of pools within the limits of its boundaries. If the ordinance is enforced, the Western Jockey club will be without a race track in Louisville, for the Douglas track, recently acquired by the Western Jockey club, is within the limits of Highland park.

Embargo Is Extended.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 22.—Although the traffic officials of the Louisville and Nashville railroad, practically had decided to lift the embargo on freight caused by heavy traffic, it was found impossible to move the great accumulation about Birmingham and other southern points and the embargo has been extended.

WOMEN THROWN FROM BUGGY

Wife and Daughter of Governor Jelks Are Hurt.

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 22.—Mrs. William Jelks, wife of the governor, and their daughter, Miss Catharine Jelks, were thrown from a buggy on Commerce street, and badly hurt.

Miss Jelks has a long cut across her chin and her mother has a cut on the forehead and a painfully bruised arm. In addition, both were shaken up, and it is not possible just yet to tell how seriously they are injured.

They were driving in a buggy and had gotten nearly up in the square when a car came up quickly behind them frightening the horse. The animal turned abruptly and ran the wheels of the buggy into a countryman's wagon near by. The horse then lurched anew, and turned both out.

They were picked up at once, unconscious and taken to the Fowler drug store on Court Square. Dr. W. W. Wilkerson and others were hurriedly summoned. When the doctor got there Mrs. Jelks had regained consciousness, but her daughter had not, and did not for nearly an hour.

At this time they are resting easily, and it is believed that the damage will not be more than is now apparent.

Egg Shipment Record Broken.

New York, Feb. 22.—Shipments of eggs to the local market Tuesday broke all previous records. The receipts amounted to about 23,000 cases. With the enormous shipments, prices dropped to a level reached only once before, about nine years ago. Those who will suffer by the heavy shipment and low prices are the speculators in storage eggs. Almost the entire egg production of the country were taken in the early part of the winter by a rumored combination, and by speculators. They paid 20 cents a dozen. After keeping the eggs in cold storage all the winter, the price dropped to 9 cents.

Iron Manufacturer Dead.

Allentown, Pa., Feb. 22.—Samuel Thomas, the largest manufacturer of pig iron in the United States, is dead at his home in Catawqua, Pa., aged 79 years. Mr. Thomas was a son of David Thomas, who first successfully introduced the anthracite blast for the manufacture of pig iron. In 1854 David Thomas and his sons organized the Thomas Iron company, and established works at Hokendauqua, Pa. The company operates 12 stacks in various parts of Pennsylvania. Samuel Thomas also organized the Pioneer Mining and Manufacturing company at Thomas, near Birmingham, Ala.

Famous Meteorite Sold.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 22.—The famous Willmette meteorite has been sold to a New York scientist, who will present it to the American Museum of Natural History in New York city. The price paid was \$20,000, which is said to be the highest price ever given for a meteorite. The huge mass of ore is one of the best specimens of meteorite ever discovered, weighing about 15 tons. It was found near the banks of the Tualatin river in the county of Clackamas, Oregon. After its discovery it was the object of much litigation between those who claimed to have found it.

Negro Is Shot to Death.

Andalusia, Ala., Feb. 22.—Monday night a negro named Pedigree, forced an entrance into the home of a prominent white citizen in the outskirts of the town and dragged a young lady from one room to another, where he kept her until 4 o'clock in the morning. Early Tuesday a posse located the negro and he was identified by his victim and several children. The posse started to jail with him when the negro broke away and began to run. He was then shot to death by members of the posse.

Thirty-Second Operation.

New York, Feb. 22.—Charles Rorain has submitted in the German hospital at Newark, N. J., to the thirty-second operation that has been performed on one of his legs within 15 years. The thirty-one preceding operations had taken away almost all his leg and the surgeons found only a stump yesterday. Besides losing his leg, the operations have cost Rorain four years' time in the hospitals.

ANTHRACITE MINERS WILL DECLARE STRIKE

Strike Will Commence On April The First.

CONFERENCE REPORT IS DENIED

President Mitchell, of the Anthracite Miners, Says that As Far As He Knows Now, There Will Be a Strike of the Miners.

Pittsburg, Feb. 22.—"As far as I know now, there will be a strike," President Mitchell, who arrived here Wednesday from New York, made the above statement to the Associated Press at noon at the Hotel Henry.

"I am not here to have any conferences with the bituminous operators. My visit to Pittsburg is to investigate the trouble existing among the officers and delegates of the Pittsburg district organization."

"Will there be a strike April 1?" President Mitchell was asked.

"As far as I know now," he replied, after considerable hesitation, "there will be a strike."

"I will positively say nothing more."

"Notwithstanding the denial from you and from F. L. Robbins, leader of the bituminous operators, reports are still persistent that you will hold a conference with Robbins?" President Mitchell was told.

"There is nothing in the reports," he said. "Being in Pittsburg, of course, I will see Mr. Robbins, probably some time Wednesday."

President Mitchell held a conference with the special committee representing the delegates of the Pittsburg district miners' convention. He announced at the noon adjournment that he would confer with the attorneys of the delegates, after which he would likely be in a position to make a statement.

Forebodings Friendliness.

New York, Feb. 22.—The Berlin correspondent of the Herald cables that King Edward has written a most cordial letter to the emperor on the occasion of his majesty's birthday, foreshadowing the prospect of a friendly meeting of the two monarchs in the course of the current year. This news, the correspondent says, will be welcomed at Berlin with great satisfaction where the recent strained relations between the emperor and his uncle has been a most unpleasant incident.

Woman Robbed of Diamonds.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—Half a block from her house at twilight Tuesday evening Mrs. Josephine T. Loomis, walking in Buena park, and a member of various women's clubs, was robbed by a hold-up man. She was choked until nearly unconscious, and then was compelled to draw her two diamond rings from her fingers, valued at \$250. Her purse was taken also. So frequent have become the attacks on women that residents of Buena park recently inaugurated a private police service.

Aged Merchant Dead.

Cincinnati, Feb. 22.—Robert Hoss, a member of the Ohio legislature in 1857-8, and for many years actively engaged in river trade between Cincinnati and New Orleans, and in general merchandise in this city for many years, is dead at his home in this city, aged 95 years. He was a native of Boston, but came to this city with his parents in 1828. One of his sons, Lewis M. Hoss, now a judge of the superior court, was in the regular army, retiring with the rank of major.

Weakley Made Chief Justice.

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 22.—Governor W. D. Jelks has appointed Hon. Samuel D. Weakley, of Birmingham, as chief justice of the supreme court of Alabama, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Chief Justice Thomas N. McClellan. Mr. Weakley is 47 years old and has long been recognized as one of the leading attorneys of the Alabama bar. The appointment will hold until the general election in Alabama in November, and it is probable that the Democratic convention to be held in September will nominate a candidate for the full term.