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REPUBLICAN SCANDALS.

The Administration Is Trembling
With Fear

LEST THE TRUTH BE LAID
BARE.

Republican Politicians and Tricksters
Implore Speaker Cannon to Assist in
Concealing Rotteness in the Affairs
of the National Government.

Special Correspondence.

Washington, D. C., March 2d.—Congress has a scandal on its hands that may result in showing up the true inwardness of legislation where large interests are concerned. Congressman George Leavens Lilley, who represents the state of Connecticut at large in Congress, introduced a resolution for an investigation of the conduct of the Electric Boat Company of New Jersey and their predecessors, the Holland Boat Company, respecting the methods employed by said company in connection with past and proposed legislation before Congress. Mr. Lilley claims that "there are no ticks in the way of lobby work and influencing members that the Electric Boat Company are not adept in". Whether the Holland Electric Boat Company controlled or influenced the committee on Naval Affairs as Mr. Lilley charges should certainly be investigated and why the submarine boats of the Octopus type were selected and the number recommended by the Department was doubled is of importance. But of still greater public importance is to know if any Congressman have been corruptly influenced. Speaker Cannon and the Republican leaders are said to be desirous of suppressing the investigation which would react upon Republican prospects, but it would seem that publicity in the matter has gone too far for them to attempt to pigeon hole the resolution.

The New York World said on Tuesday, "Members have been besieging 'Uncle Joe' begging him for heaven's sake to choke Lilley off in some way and then going out and making public statements that they welcome the freest investigation". Another Washington scandal has developed in the Government Printing Office, where the appropriation for the fiscal year has already been expended in a questionable manner, which is now being investigated.

Still another scandal, over seven thousand miles from home, is bothering the Roosevelt Administration for a petition has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Congressman Waldo of New York for the impeachment of Judge L. R. Willey of the extraordinary Court of Shanghai, China, "for high crimes and misdemeanors in the conduct of his office as judge upon charges of maladministration and corrupt conduct".

On Monday Senator Gallinger made a set speech in support of his ship-subsidy bill, which is a remnant of the old Hanna subsidy scheme. It provides for a subsidy of \$4 a mile to steamships of the second class en route to South America, to the Philippines, to Japan, to China and to Australia on their outward voyages. Senator Dew also spoke in favor of the same measure and others of the old Hanna guard, with some recruits, will of course favor it. In fact, the Republican that votes against it stultifies himself if he believes in tariff protection, for of the two forms of subsidy the ship-subsidy is more honest and open than the indirect subsidy to the trusts through the protective tariff and much less expensive to the people.

As set forth in this correspondence when the first disagreement with Japan occurred about the admission of Japanese to the public schools of San Francisco, that all the war talk was for effect and a satisfactory agreement would be arrived at through ordinary diplomatic channels has been confirmed by the declaration of the new Japanese ambassador. He says that no thought of war has disturbed the government of the Mikado and that his mission to this country is one of amity and friendship. Secretary Taft, speaking for the President a few days ago, said the battleship fleet is only gone to the Pacific on a practice cruise, but he reminded us and foreign nations as well that "We have not reached the millennium".

and that if we are insulted or our vital interests invaded we should have the means for defending our interests. That may but have been a bid for the four new battleships recommended by President Roosevelt which the committee of Congress has cut down to two, which has led to the scandal that Congressman Lilley is trying to expose.

LYCEUM COURSE.

Concert Company to appear at the Auditorium Monday Night.

The Marietta La Dell Concert Co. will appear at the Graded School Auditorium Monday evening, March 9th, under the auspices of the Asheboro Lyceum Association. The program of impersonation, song and story is very attractive. Tickets are on sale at the Asheboro Drug Co., where seats may be reserved.

The admission price is 50 cents. Children will be admitted at half price. This company of the famous trio of artists—Miss La Dell, impersonator and reciter; George Fox, solo violinist and Miss Mabel Paton, soprano of note—has toured the North and South with marked success.

A large audience should greet the performers.

AGED WOMAN MURDERED.

Creeps up Behind Her and Uses Axe With Fearful Effect, Black Aid in Pursuit.

Mrs. Paul D. Elliser, an aged white woman, who resides at Cayce, a station about two miles from Columbia S. C. was brutally murdered early Wednesday morning by an unknown negro, while engaged in her household duties. The motive of the assassin was robbery.

Creeping up behind her the negro brained the aged woman with an axe and then proceeded to rob the house, taking away a number of articles.

The negro has been placed in jail at Columbia.

Will Fight Tuberculosis.

The health authorities of Durham are instituting a fight against the great white plague, tuberculosis. Mass meetings will be held at which time prominent specialists will deliver addresses on the causes and remedies used in stamping out the disease. The health officers will make a special effort to keep the town in a perfectly sanitary condition.

Officer Sehestedt Acquitted.

Ex-Policeman M. E. Sehestedt, of High Point, who was arrested some months ago charged with murdering Owen Keatts, a negro whom he was trying to arrest, was acquitted in the Guilford Superior Court Friday. It was shown that the negro, finding that the officer was after him turned and drew his pistol, whereupon officer Sehestedt fired the shot proving fatal. The jury was out about ten minutes.

New Building Company.

M. W. Parrish, W. D. Spoon and Jasper Annan have formed a partnership for the manufacture of soft drinks. The firm has purchased all the bottles, crates, etc., from J. T. Underwood and will combine them with the plant owned by W. D. Spoon. The plant will be moved to the old Department Store building where it will be operated.

Sold Whiskey.

Yesterday A. L. Hoover, the young man sentenced to five months on the roads for retailing, was released from custody, his brother from Randolph county coming to his aid and paying a fine and costs amounting to \$89.10.—Greensboro Telegram.

Young Girl a Suicide.

Miss Nellie Fields, aged 15 years, committed suicide at Kinston Thursday by shooting herself with a pistol. She had been suffering from a severe attack of grippe and had been despondent and depressed for several days.

Buckhorn Plant Starts.

The Buckhorn Power Co. turned on the power from the electric plant at Buckhorn Saturday, transmitting it to Fayetteville, a distance of 30 miles. The Holt-Morgan Mills are run by that power.

Five perfectly formed babies were born to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Campbell at Slenbensville, Ohio, last week. Three were boys.

CONGRESSIONAL LIBRARY

FRED O. SINK, Washington, D. C.

Written for The Courier.

It would indeed require a versatile pen to portray in any degree of exactness the beauty, grandeur, and massiveness of the Library of Congress. While I cannot hope that this article will do the subject justice, there is so much that might be said that it is my hope that our readers will find something of interest in what I write.

The Library of Congress is located on the east side of the Capitol on ten acres of ground that was formerly occupied by dwelling houses, and was built at a cost of \$6,032,125.55. Its dimensions are 470 by 340 feet, the building itself actually covering three and one half acres. The style of architecture is Italian renaissance, and is one of the noblest edifices externally, and the most artistic one inside, of all the grand buildings at the Capitol. The material is of granite exteriorly, and the interior walls are carved and decorated wholly by stucco and marble; it is three stories high and is crowned by a dome of black copper, gilded with a thick coating of gold leaf, terminating 190 feet above the ground in a gilded torch of learning. The building and the decorations are wholly the work of American architects, painters and sculptors, so that the library is an exhibit and memorial of the art and ability of the citizens of the United States.

The Library originated with the purpose in London in 1802 of 3,000 books of reference, but these were destroyed by the English when they burned the Capitol and its records in 1814. In 1872 efforts were made to provide the library with a separate building, but it was not until 1897 that this purpose was accomplished, through the work was begun in 1886.

The Library now contains over a million books and pamphlets and half a million pieces of maps, maps, prints, photographs, manuscripts, etc. Consultation of these is open to anyone in the reading room, though no books can be taken out of the library. Congress annually makes a large appropriation for the support of the library, and under the action of the copyright law, which requires the payment of a small fee and the deposit of two copies of the publication of all kinds of literary material, books, maps, charts, dramatic or musical composition, engraving, painting, statue, stationary, etc. (which copyright protects the privilege for twenty-eight years, and may then be renewed for fourteen years) the value and usefulness of this library increases annually.

The entrance is on the western front, facing the Capitol, where a grand staircase leads up to two ways of the Main Entrance Hall. This hall occupies the center of the rectangular pavilion, and is a most magnificent creation of inventive genius. Its floor is a lovely mosaic of colored marbles, surrounding a brass-rayed disk showing the points of the compass. Overhead the hall is open to the roof, seventy-two feet above, where richly tinted skylights pour a flood of sunshine down upon the shimmering surfaces, giving an ethereal lightness and beauty to the really massive architecture. Everything in this hall is in white Italian marble, and lavishly adorned with sculpture. On either side rise the grand staircases, circling about newel-posts that support bronze light-bearers, and sloping upward beside piers whose arches are adorned with rose wreaths and lofty branches. The ceiling is covered and elaborately ornamented with carving and stucco work, among which are placed tablets bearing the names of illustrious authors, and symbols of arts and sciences. From the Main Entrance Hall run corridors around the interior of the first floor and admitting into the various rooms. Upon these corridors and hallways are beautiful paintings illustrating Lyric poetry, Greek Mythology, Wisdom, Knowledge, Philosophy, Law, Religion, Industry, etc.

The best view of the Main Reading room is from the public gallery of the rotunda. From this point one makes the striking contrast between the beautiful white marble finishing of the Entrance Hall and the golden tinted finishing of the Reading Room. The richness of color effect lies in the marbles, of which the dark are from Tennessee, the red from Numidia, the shades of yellow from Siena. This room is 100 feet in diameter, occupies the whole center of the building, and rises unobstructed from the main floor to the canopy of the dome, a height of 125 feet. The dome is upon eight massive piers, connected by arches, each arch filled above the capitals of its supporting pillars with semi-circular windows, and the lower surface filled with stucco panels of gilded rosettes. Sixteen bronze portrait statues, illustrating the great lines of creative thought, stand along the balustrade of the gallery. That of Religion is represented by Moses and St. Paul; Commerce, Columbus and Fulton; History, Herodotus and Gibbon; Art, Michael Angelo and Beethoven; Philosophy, Plato and Bacon; Poetry, Homer and Shakespeare; Law, Solon and Kent; Science, Newton and Joseph Henry. The great clock over the door of the reading room, was modeled by J. Flanagan. The clock itself is constructed of various brilliantly colored precious marbles and is set against a background of mosaic, on which are depicted, encircling the clock, the signs of the zodiac in ivory. The hands, which are also gilded, are jeweled with precious stones.

The House reading room, exclusively for the use of members of the House of Representatives, is perhaps the most sumptuously ornamented apartment in the library. The floor is dark quartered oak; the walls heavy oak paneling, about eleven feet high; the ceiling is beamed and paneled and finished in gold and colors. At either end of the room is a magnificent mural of Siena marble. Over the fireplace is a mosaic panel, representing at one end of the room, Law, and the other, History. The Senators' reading room is another lavishly decorated and furnished apartment. This room is visible to visitors only as a special privilege.

The periodical room contains a large number of newspapers from all parts of the Union and from many foreign countries, and an unrivaled series of weekly and monthly periodicals. This room is open to the public, and one may choose what he will and remove as long as he likes. The map room, adjoining this room, contains an enormous collection of maps of all parts of the world.

One other thing I should like to mention is Ellen Vanderbilt's colossal mosaic of Minerva, Goddess of Wisdom, which is said to be perhaps the grandest single object among the library decorations. This mosaic is 10 feet high by 9 feet wide, and is bordered by a design of laurel branches. The figure of Minerva is that of a magnificent woman, a childlike whose armor has been partly laid aside, and who now addresses her mind to the arts of peace. In her right hand (shy protecting spear) in her left, an unfolded scroll upon which she reads the names of branches of knowledge, Law, Statistics, Sociology, Philosophy, and the Sciences.

IMPORTANCE OF B. & L.

In Purpose and Power, Ranks Next to Education.

The United States League of Local Building and Loan Association, was in session at New Orleans last week. Mayor O. B. Ealon, of Winston-Salem, spoke of the scope and character of the work of the Building and Loan Association. Referring to the work Mr. Eaton said: "Transcendent in its purposes, potent in its influence, wonderful in its achievements, it stands next to the public school in its power, in influence and in importance."

Walton-Coward.

At the home of Will Scott, at Randleman, on Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock, Charles Walton and Miss Fannie Coward were married. J. A. Russell, Justice of the Peace, officiated. Immediately after the ceremony a sumptuous supper was served at the home of the groom.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Several Schools Closed Last Week—Interesting Exercises.

M. U. Kanov, principal of the school at Gold Hill, near Asheboro, was in town Monday. The school closed Saturday afternoon with an interesting spelling match. The first prize was awarded Miss Mattie McGee; the second, to Shelley Underwood; the third to Miss Lila Trogon; the fourth to Miss Blanche Crutchfield. Alfred Jordan was awarded a prize for the greatest improvement in writing.

Hopewell School

Another school which closed last week with interesting exercises was Hopewell school, in Cedar Grove township, taught by Prof. J. C. Bean. The exercises consisted of a selected program by the pupils, and an address by County Superintendent Coltrane. Music was furnished by the New Hope Band. In the evening a play by the pupils was presented with credit.

It is learned that the people of the Hopewell school district are alive to the importance of progressive educational work in that section. It has been practically settled that this district will have a new school building by the opening of the next term. The building fund will be raised by private subscription.

Others Closed.

Several other public schools have closed during the past week. Among them was that at Level Cross, in New Market township, taught by Miss Grace Wittingham. Appropriate exercises were given last Thursday. This has been one of the most successful schools, and the patrons are highly pleased. Miss Wittingham will conduct a subscription school for a few weeks.

Miss Janet Browning Ill.

Esquire D. G. McMaisters, of Farmer, was in Asheboro Monday on business. While here Mr. McMaisters received a telegram from his daughter, Mrs. Allen Browning, of Hillsboro, announcing the critical illness of her daughter, little Janet. Miss Cora McMaisters, of Farmer, a sister of Mrs. Browning, left for Hillsboro Tuesday.

Since writing the above a message has been received announcing the death of the child, which occurred Monday night.

In Randolph.

A company has been organized in Greensboro for the purpose of developing the gold prospects in Randolph county, near Ransom, where the gold is known to exist in large quantities. The new company has several options on large tracts of land in the neighborhood of Ransom, on which is said to have been discovered heavy deposits of pay dirt.

Attempted Suicide.

Chas. H. Perry, a white barber of Greensboro, attempted suicide Monday morning by shooting himself through his head with a 38 calibre pistol. He had been separated from his wife eight years, and had recently been denied admission to his wife's home. Standing directly in front of her gate at her home he deliberately shot himself. He was under the influence of whiskey.

Death at Archdale.

Mrs. J. B. English, died at her home at Archdale Friday. She suffered with pneumonia. The funeral services were held Sunday at Springfield. The deceased was 30 years old. She is survived by a husband and other relatives, and will be missed by a large circle of friends.

Girl Incinerated.

Fire in the cotton mill section of the town of Marshall, Madison County, destroyed a double house Thursday morning. It was occupied by a man by the name of Blazer, whose 14 year-old daughter lost her life in the flames. Origin of the fire is unknown.

Death of Mr. Barnes.

Emsley Barnes, a well-known citizen of Mechanic, died at the County Home for the aged and infirm, Sunday. Mr. Barnes has been at that institution for several months, and was in a demented condition. The deceased was about 75 years old.

The 7-months old child of B. L. Austin, died at Salisbury Sunday. The body was taken to Albemarle for interment.

WERE THEY BRIBED?

Serious Charges Against Indian Territory Judges.

JUDGE ADAMS ONE OF THREE.

Congress Called Upon to Investigate Conduct of Officials Sent to Indian Territory—Charge of Bribery Preferred.

Charges of a most serious nature against the personal integrity and official character of Judge Spencer B. Adams, formerly Chief Justice of the Indian Claims Court in Indian Territory, were made in a speech in Congress by Judge Stevens, of Texas, several days ago, in which it was charged that two of the three judges made an allowance of \$750,000 to the attorneys for the Indian claimants, and that two of the judges participated in sharing these fees. For years these charges have been spoken in an underbreath by many people in North Carolina, and the question has been asked, "Did he not serve only a few years at \$2,500 a year as judge and come back to North Carolina and build a residence costing \$20,000, the finest in Greensboro?" It was also reported that he was worth a hundred thousand dollars, and it was hinted that there was some mystery about how he obtained as much wealth. Senator Tillman introduced a resolution in the Senate last Saturday to investigate the charges made against the three judges, and the following Monday Judge Adams wired the department demanding an investigation and wrote Senator Overman asking it. Some are so unkind as to say that Judge Adams' demand for an investigation was made after he was certain that there would be an investigation, because Senator Tillman does not do things in a half-hearted way.

These charges are of a very serious nature and we hope that Judge Adams will clear them up to the satisfaction of the public.

PROHIBITION CAMPAIGN.

Central Committee Held Meeting—Will Appoint Township Committees.

The Central Executive Committee for the prohibition campaign in Randolph county held its first meeting, Wednesday night, Feb. 26. At this meeting E. J. Coltrane was elected chairman, Seth W. Laughlin, Secretary, and J. D. Ross, Treasurer. It was decided to effect a strong county organization and in this way reach out into each township, where similar organizations will be formed. Steps were taken to secure a good committee in each township through which the central committee can work. Seth W. Laughlin, J. O. Redding, C. A. Wood, T. M. Johnson and E. Moffitt constituted a committee to look after this department of the work.

C. L. Holton, J. D. Ross, J. O. Redding, C. A. Wood, and T. M. Johnson were appointed as a committee to secure speakers for the campaign, and arrange dates and places for special meetings when the subject of state prohibition will be discussed. It is the purpose of this committee to secure two or more able men from the state organization to address meetings of the county association. Also arrangements will be made to place a number of speakers in each township.

To provide the finances for the movement a committee consisting of E. H. Morris, J. D. Ross, Wiley Ward and E. Moffitt were appointed. Jurors For Special Term, United States Court.

Following are the jurors drawn for the special term of the federal court, which convenes at Greensboro on March 23:

P. A. Livengood, Thomasville, R. F. D. No. 1; J. E. Shelton, Sandy Ridge; L. N. Petree, Winston, R. F. D.; E. H. Dorette, Thomasville, R. F. D.; A. C. Lindsey, Yanceyville; A. M. Mccum, Walker-town; Thomas Garrett, Matrimony; E. I. Sheets, Riley's Store; George Lomax, Chandler; M. F. Butler, Shooks; J. M. Tisdale, Burlington; L. A. Wright, Allreds; George E. Stanton, Randleman, R. F. D.; P. D. Lemmons, Reidsville, R. F. D. No. 2; C. P. Hardin, Graham; Harmon Johnson, Pinson; R. A. Doss, Rockford, R. F. D. No. 1; Silas M. Gordon, Dels; D. M. Ireland, Elon College; N. C. Garrison, Burlington, R. F. D.