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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1907.

THE BIG STICK IN ECLIPSE.

It is well known that practically all the important legislation enacted by the last Congress went contrary to the wishes of the Republican leaders in both houses. The rallroad rate law, the packing house inspection law and several other measures owe their existence to Mr. Roosevelt's great popular strength and the party leaders' enforced recognition of that strength. True, the President surrendered in advance on tariff revision that his lesser measures might win from grateful stand-patters; factional lines were but. even so. sharply visible. It will be remembered that at one time the President and his personal following in the Senate allied themselves with the Democrats as a means of forcing a compromise from the Aldrich Republicans on the rate bill, leaving their Democratic allies rather in the lurch little later on. Measures unmistakably embodying Democratic ideas were forced through a Republican expected to be held December 19th. Congress by sheer weight of prestdential prestige.

Now, however, the situation is mark and others sending repregreatly changed. Instead of having sentatives.

as seems most likely, the Navy Department declines to gladden North Carolina waters with her presence? The Charleston News and Courier puts n a plea for its town, but advance no valid argument beyond the claim that Charleston harbor has plenty of depth for the purpose. The Norfolk Landmark makes out a much better case for the other claimant. "Nor folk and Portsmouth." says The Landmark, "are nearer to North Carolina than Charleston is. the very News and Courier which cries so lustily to have the ship brought to the South Carolina port has been systematically denying the authenticity of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence and the Andrew Jackson birth claim for years. If North Carolina cannot herself ertertain a monster battleship properly. owing to geographical peculiarities for which she is in no way responsible. the obvious thing is to have the entertainment at the house of her next best friend-and we are it."

The Landmark, with its accustomed wisdom, has placed emphasis upon just that point which must tell most with every North Carolinian. It might have added to mention of Norfolk's superior geographical convenience the argument that Norfolk is matter. one of the world's chief good food centres, and might have repeated the great poem which itself composed during The Observer's good food contest last spring; but even so powerful an inducement as this could safely be left in the background. Norfolk's decisive advantages rest upon other grounds. We are vehemently opposed to any project for silverservicing the North Carolina at a town where the natives have been so persistently mistaught that they don't believe anybody ever was born in North Carolina and couldn't tell a Declaration of Independence from the

side of a house.

TROOPS' HOMAGE TO KING.

King Gustave VI Visited by Troops-Body of King Oscar Embalmed.

Stockholm, Dec. 9 .- Attended by the Princes and his suite, King Gustave VI at noon to-day received the homage of the troops who were drawn up in a semi-circle around the palace. It was a splendid and solemn spectacle. The King addressed the troops briefly, saying that it was his firm conviction that they would always be ready to follow him when the welfare of the country required

them to do so. The funeral of the late King is Only the reigning sovereign of Sweden, among the crowned heads, nurse went to North Carolina to acis likely to attend, the King of Den- cept a position as a housekeeper on a The Dowager Queen, Sophia, has

behind him an unparalleled popular decided to live in retirement at inardships and that she wanted to remajority at the polls, Mr. Roosevelt comes laden with a panic which his gate the situation. T. E. Pender is said to be the name ing, has been embalmed. The necessary arrangements for the funeral of the farmer. necessitates delaying this ceremony A number of persons here are exfor a fortnight President Expresses Sympathy. Washington, Dec. 9 .- Official inthe demise of King from Halifax, N. C. In order to de- been remarkably free of open factional formation of Oscar, of Sweden, was conveyed to this government in a cablegram from American Minister Graves, received last evening. The President to-day sent a tele- to Halifax, and Policeman Thomas hold. Few politicians have ventured to gram of condolence, addressed to the new King at Stockholm, as follows: "I deeply sympathize with your that purpose. majesty and with the people Miss Sjostedt recently advertised for Sweden in the loss of an honored father and a venerable sovereign. ed an answer from a man who repre-"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

plantation.

Merger Details Sub Rosa.

property to be added to Maplewood Cemetary, the money being paid over to-day. This new addition to the cem-etery has about sizteen acres of land and is so located that it will make the cemetery a very pretty one. The plans for the beautification of this property are now being made. There was considerable surprise but no criticism when it was learned to-day that Rev. T. A. Smoot, for three years pastor of Main Street Methodist church here, had been transferred to church here, had been transferred to Wilmington at the Conference held in Newbern. Mr. Smoot and his official board now have under course of erection a church building that will cost, all told, about \$200,000, and it was expected that he would be left here to complete his four-year term in order to push forward this work. Mr. Smoot is a man who is greatly be-loved by the people of Durham and he has done a great work here. On Wednesday of this week there will be a special tax election held at White's Cross Road district, this county, near the Orange county line. This campaign has been on for several weeks and there is much interest in

the matter. This afternoon Prof. C. W. Massey, superintendent of the county schools, and several others went out from here to be present at the speaking and the rally. Durham has already voted several special tax districts but the one now to be voted on is in doubt and it will take the results of election day to decide the

Orders have been isued for the closing of the county schools Friday afternoon, December 20th, to remain closed until December 30th, for the holiday occasion. This will give the teachers and pupils of the school ten days, including Sunday, for the Christmas occasion. The city schools will close at the same time and open again on the 30th.

Yesterday afternoon there was a memorial service at the Second Bap-tist church, this being held by the Baptist Young People's Union in memory of the members who had died during the year. There were several talks and the musical programme was a very elaborate one. There was a large attendance, Rev. J. M. Millard, of Atlanta.

Ga., a North Carolinian who held a pastorate in Baltimore for some time, preached at the First Baptist church in this city this evening. He filled this pulpit as supply for several months and has many admirers here. He is from Goldsboro originally.

NURSE KEPT A PRISONER?

New Jersey Officer Comes to North Carolina to Rescue Swedish Girl Who Declares She Was Prisoner of Halifax County Farmer-Tells Sensational Story.

Asbury Park, N. J., Dec. 9 .-- Word the State was received here to-day that Officer Thomas Broderick is returning with Miss Olga Sjostedt, the nurse, who the home of a planter several miles

from Halifax, N. C. Officer Broderick did not telegraph any particulars. The plantation. In letters to friends she declared that she had to endure great turn. An officer was sent to investi-

ley: To His Excellency, Honorable Claude A. Swanson, Governor of Virginia, We, the undersigned committee, ap-pointed by the R. E. Lee Division No. 265, of the Order of Rallway Con-ductors at Portsmouth, Virginia, and representing the conductors of all lines of rallways centering at Norfolk. Portsmouth and Berkley, Va. would respectfully request and urge that you me your good offices and influences in having the passenger rates of rall-ways in the State of Virginia centor to the first day of October, 1907, when they were changed by an order of the rallroad commission. This re-quest is made not at the solicitation or with the anowledge, of the rall-ways but in the interest of the ment-bers of our organization, who will necessarily be affected adversely by any reduction in the revenues of the rallways by which we are employed inasmuch as un compensation, arti-certainly any increase in wages, is dogendent absolutely upon the carr-ner, capacity of the rallway. And i for the further reason, that from our observation and experiment. The night was very wild. The wo-man among the passengers were ter-mot among the passengers were ter-to and the solution of the rallway. And i for the further reason, that from our observation and experiment. The night was very wild. The wo-man among the passengers were ter-tored the passengers were ter-tored the tender the passengers were ter-tored the tender the passengers alonged by any reduction in the revenues of the rallways by which we are employed in the the fulles the tender the place of the small tender drifted helpleasity in the dark-ness. She was tossed about on the wave like a cork, and rolled almost on the rocks. The night was very wild. The wo-man among the passengers were ter-

And for the further reason, that from our observation and experience as railway conductors in handling the passenger business of said railways, we are of the opinion that at the present rates the railways of Virginia cannot earn a fair and equitable remuneration or profit upon the cost incident to maintaining first-class passenger service.

The majority of the undersigned committee are employed by said railways as passenger conductors, and in such capacity necessarily come in contact with the traveling public. From conversations with those who are frequently passengers upon our trains, we are of the opinion that the majority of said passengers are not in favor of the present reduction in rates for the reason that the traveling public would prefer to pay a highrate for good service than a lower rate for poor and inadequate service, and your committee believes that it will be impossible for the railways to maintain under present conditions the service heretofore rendered, much ess to improve the same.

In conclusion, your committee de-sires to call your special attention to the fact that the employes of the railways are more adversely affected by a reduction in rates than the railways themselves. This is demonstrated by conditions at this time existing, and the fact that the railways are now, in order to curtail expenses, relieving from service a large number of employes. This is not only directly affecting the men thus relieved, but also the general public in that the moneys, heretofore spent by these employes for the necessaries of life, no longer find their way into the cof-fers of the merchants and farmers of

Your committee also understands that one rallway now under construction, almost on the border line of this State, has within the last two weeks wrote that she was being detained in relieved from service over five thousand employes.

Respectfully submitted.

W. T. COX. S. A. L. Ry. J. W. BARNES, Southern Ry. J. E. KOMEGAG, A. C. L. Ry. J. W. BAYLOR, N. & W. Ry. P. B. LUKE, Virginian Ry. R. G. WADDY, N. & S. Ry. Committee

BITTER FACTIONAL FIGHTS.

The night was very wild. The wo The hight was very wild. The wo-man among the passengers were ter-rified and every one thought that the tender would be driven against the rocks and all hands lost. When the Holland first threw her anchor it would not hold and the waves broke over the tender as she

dragged her hook. Another anchor was thrown out and finally one of them, caught and the tender swung to. The crew then set to work desperately to fix the rudder. Mrs. Taft and Mrs. Wheeler, were calm. al-though alarmed. The President Grant finally moved in behind the breakwater and the passengers were tmansferred.

Taft Receives News of Mother's Death board the Steamer President On Grant, in the English Channel, Dec. 10, by wireless telegraphy to London, via Falmouth .- The message announcing the death of Secretary Taft's mother was received at 1:30 this morning. The secretary was arous-ed and the message communicated to him. He was greatly affected. The secretary ht., hoped to reach America before the worst.

Currin-Umstead, in Durham County. Special to The Observer.

Dec. 9.---Mr. Durham Currin, of Granville county, and Miss Emma Umstead, daughter of Mr, H. L. Umstead, who lives in the north ern part of this county, will be united in marriage Wednesday afternoon The vows will be said at the home o the bride's parents and Rev. G. W Fisher, pastor of the Durham circuit, will officiaate. After the marriage there will be a wedding dinner and the couple will leave for their home in Granville. This is the second daughter of Mr. H. L. Umstead, who is a prominent planter and a well-known citizen, to marry within

the last month. News Items From Salisbury. Special to The Observer. Salisbury, Dec. 9.—Mr. R. M. Davis for years with the Salisbury Hard-ware Company, and one of the best funeral directors in the State, has pur-chased the interest of the T. R. Witherspoon Furniture Company and con-solidates with the W. B. Summersett Company. They rent large rooms in

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opponents assiduously party "Roosevelt panic." He has in "the EXDÓS delivering himself of 'dissundry nossibly the fore. admittedly neriod; through a critical passing while it as strong as nursing at needs careful ever, it Much strain might well he present. ruinous, and this fact the President fully recognizes. That he is weak for the time being, and knows that he is weak, his The centre of gravity has shifted its old quarters and Speaker Cannon and Senator Aldrich are again lords at the Capitol. Speaker Cannon, in particular, seems

Frankly admitting that he has no of landing the presidential nomination for himself. Senator Forsuch a manner as will force a pre-Hminary strength of factional strength; in other words, he wishes filled the pupit of the Presbyterian to make the most of the Roosevelt temporary disablement. Mr. Cannon, it appears from his consultations with the White House people, will not lend himself actively, if at all, to Mr. Foraker's programme, but everybody knows where his sympathies lie. Whatever currency or banking legislation may be passed, care will pretty certainly be taken that none of the credit goes to Mr. Roosevelt. The man who told the Fifty-ninth Congress what it must do cuts very little figure with the first session of th eSixtieth.

stronger than ever

If only the Democratic party were that time-in the morning at Prospect not saddled with Mr. Bryan and his and in the evening at Centre. ever-growing collection of dangerous fads, this state of affairs would be London Answers. interesting in the extreme. As matters stand, it is doubtless Wall Street which looks on with keenest satisfaction. If the panic has the effect of discrediting Mr. Roosevelt and his pollcies the Street will regard it as rocky caves on the mainland, laying worth all that it cost.

We hope that even if Mr. Tom Watson is as completely hypnotized by those dazzling teeth as many others have been he will at least manage to defer third-term hurrahs until beyond hearing of the White House reporters. Public men should conduct themselves with dignity though they burst in the effort.

Let no one postpone any longer the day of preparation for the Hon. Ma Claus,

GIFT TO DAVIDSON LIBRARY.

-In the Churches, Epecial to The Observer

Davidson, Dec. 9 .- President Smith miles from a town, in receipt of a check of \$500 for new library building from Mr. L. T. McKinnon, of Midriver, Ga. This Mr. McKinnon's second liberal gift Vice President Dula Tells Tow Amerito the same cause, as some time ago he sent in his check for the same amount His contribution to date is thus \$1.000.

Dr. J. W. McConnell, who is exbe here next year as a pected nember of the faculty, occupying the hair of biology and physical culture and also as college physician, comes of the tobacco combine but the consolito-night from Baltimore for a brief vialt

W. S. Wilson, of Mooresville, Rev. queen City Company with a man sup-osed to be independent of the American church yesterday at both services and Queen according to the testimony of all that heard him his sermons were fine and Tolacco Company in control. J. C. MacReynolds, the government's counsel, produced a letter written by W. istened to with very marked atten-People here, to whom he was Galbraith, Jr., manager of the Queen City Company, to Mr. Dula, in which comparative stranger, did not know what an excellent preacher the the writer advised that correspondence be conducted under assumed names to Mooresville congregation is privileged hear from Sunday to Sunday.

tion:

W. J. Martin was absent at Lenoir, where he had appointments for the day, Dr. T P. Harrison at Centre church, and Dr. C. R. Harding with similar work at Mooresville. The churches, Centre and Prosne the pastorate of which Rev. Dr. W. W. Pharr has recently resigned, are look ing forward with great interest to a vialt for the third Sunday from Rev. Mr. Culbertson, of Hawfields, who will preach for both congregations at

Butter From Birds.

It is not generally known that in South America is to be found a bird from which which a species of butter can be obtained. This animal is known as the "cil-bird," and one of its fayorite haunts the the the damerican Tobacco controlled or had an interest in. The winess said that he knew of no others An adjourn-

is the island of Trinidad. It breeds in its eggs in a nest constructed of mud

The young birds are extraordinarily fat, and the fat, having been melted down in clay pots produces a gind of butter. This butter is used by the natives.

Pr Terms Without Experiencing Hostility.

Philadelphia Bulletin. cited over the fate of Miss Sjostedt, Kinley's, although McKinley was large-Roosevelt's administration, like Mcwho has written appealing letters ly under the guidance of Hanna, has

termine the truth or falsity of Miss disturbance in his own party. In the Sjostedt's claims, a number of her course of six years he has been able to friends contributed to send an officer command peace in his political house-Broderick left here Saturday night for create antagonism to him, not so much because of a want of inclination among

some of them to do so, as because of a position as housekeeper and secur-Grant had to face within his own party

sented himself as the owner of a big the opposition which long revolved Miss Sjostedt left for around Sumner, Schurz, Fenton, and IFT TO DAVIDSON LIBRARY. Georgian Makes a Second Donation of \$500 to the Presbyterian College -New Professor Arrives on a Visit -In the Churches. Sjostedt says the planter took her which centred about, marned, marned money from her and that her home is with as well as the disaffection of Blaine a little log cabin in the woods, 10 in his own Cabinet, and Democratic fac-miles from a town. Cleveland usually found Hill or Gorman as its focal point. TRUSTS "UNDERGROUND" WORK. But no Republican leader of the first rank, as regards prestige or following, has fallen into open loggerheads with Roosevelt so far as to raise a signal of revolt against him, save Foraker, and can Tobacco Company Combined Certain Concerns and Kept the Foraker's recent proclamation of his anti-Roosevelt attitude has been appar-New York, Dec. 9.-The Queen City Tobacco Company, of Cincinnati, Ohio, was organized with the funds of the ently received by some politicians with

somewhat more respectful attention than would have been likely to be given to it before the October panic. In the sight of politicians, however, a American Tobacco Company and by Caleb C. Dula, one of the vice presidents President when he nears the last year of the tonacco combine bit the consoli-dation of the two companies was kept a of his term is apt to become what old secret according to Mr. Dula's evidence "Joe" Nobre used to say of the mayor gives in the government's action to dis-solve the combine. Mr. Dula testified of his tenure of office-"the mayor on that he arranged the organization of the his last lap is like a squeezed orange," and here and there occasionally this sort of feeling begins to crop out toward

It would be difficult, in fact, to name a President who, elected to the office, has lived out his term or terms and has left it without having experienced some turn in public sentiment against him. Even Washington was at one time in the course of his presidential service so Avoid discovery. Mr. Dula further testified that the Manufacturers' Tobacco Company, of Louisville, was secretly acquired by the American Tobacco Company, after which the plant was dismantied. Corre-spondence between Mr. Dula and Augus-tus Craft, cf New Orleans, on the forma-tion of the Craft Tobacco Company, was read into the record and showed that the relationship was kept secret. Craft wrole in 1503 that be expected to make the business of the People's Tobacco Company, of New Orleans. The number of the People's Tobacco Company, of New Orleans. The point of secret company was the point of acken's worst ideas was that when the people elect a President, they thereby give their approval to any and every measure with which that favored 1 identified. It is curious that this is now one of the the business of the People's Tobacco

the company a success and would get the business of the People's Tobacco Company, of New Orleans.
The purchase and control of the Pinkerton Tobacco Company, of Ohio, according to Mr. Duia, was negotiated with secrecy.
The American Tobacco Company paid a subsidy of 2 cents per pound on the output of the Pinkerton Company. Vice President Duia was asked if there were any other companies other than those named in the government's complaint, which the American Tobacco controlled or had an interest in. The witness said that he knew of no others An adjournment was taken until to-morrow.
Either St. Paul or Louisville Will Get Democratic Cohvention.
New York, Dec. 2.—Norman Et Mack, member of the Democratic namitice for New York, said to-day while here en route to Washington to attend the meeting of the committee Thuraday, that the nation. The caves inhabited by these oil-birds are usually accessible only from the sea, and the hunting of these feathered creatures frequently afford exciting sport to the adventurous in spirit. Now grow strong, blood pure, nerves well and happy again after taking Not-lister's flocky Mountain Tes. Give it a trial 5 cents, Tea or Tablets. II. H Jordan & Co.

Company and will have with T. W. Summersett an undertaking parlor of great proportions. Mr. J. F. Ludwick leaves to-mor-

row evening for Milwaukee, where he will pull for the Schlitz Company's favor in the division of their immensincrease of interests over the country.

Atlanta Pressmen Will Strike.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 9 .- The printing pressmen and assistants local union to-night voted to go on strike to-morrow in all shops not agreeing to an 8-hour day. It is understood that a number of the 27 shops in the city have refused to accede to the demands of the men and in these strikes will be inaugurated to-morrow. The pressmen refuse to hake any statement.

Killed by Falling Cars.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 9.-J. T Carpenter was instantly killed, Mitchell Evans seriously, if not fatal-ly, injured, and R. P. Looney badly hurt in an accident at the Ensley steel plant late to-day. The men were working in a pit when an engine ran into some dump cars, throwing the cars into the pit and upon the men.

Rate Case to Be Heard 18th. Washington, Dec. 9 .- The case of Hunter against Wood, involving the North Carolina railroad rate law, was to-day set for hearing by the Supreme Court of the United States on Decem ber 18th.

Living in the Tom's of Egypt. Leslie's Weekly.

It is suprising to strangers to find Egyptian familles occupying some of the tombs which have been excavated and abandoned. It seems uncanny to see babies playing cheerfully about the doors of the tomb houses and to watch chickens running in and out as they do at the mud dwellings. when questioned about the tombs a dragoman said that those occupied as homes had been tombs of ordinary citizens and were of no value as show places for courists. As some of them have several rooms extending into the rock, and as they are cool in the hottest days of summer and warm in the cool days of winter, they are altogeth-er desirable as homes. The Egyp tians do not share the horror of dead bodies felt by Europeans. Children run about with pieces of mummles, and if they cannot dispose of them to tourists they play with them. A mummified foot or hand is so com-mon in Luxor that one may be pur-

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Despite the fact that we are the most almaigamated nation on earth, but two of the twenty-five men who have served this country as President came from other than British ances try. Having occasion a few days since to go over a list of the Presiden nts, it occurred to me that it would be of interest to see whence our executives come. I find that all but two-Van Buren and Roosevelt, who came from the Dutch-were of British ances-

These twenty-three from the British are divided up into Scotch-Irish, Scotch, Weish and English. From the Scotch, Weish and English. From the Scotch-Irish came Jacknon, Polk, Buchanan, Arthur and McKinley: from the Scotch are Monroe, Grant and Hayes, and from the Weish came Jefferson. All the rest came from the English, pure and simple. Ger-man, French. Italian, Folish, Russian and Scandinavian blood have not yet mingled in the veins of our Presi-dents, and probably will not for some time.

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