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## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1907

### AN UNGENEROUS SWAT AT MR CORTELYOU.

It is really unfair in Senator Tillman to introduce resolutions of investigation concerning the legality of Secretary Cortelyou's panic measures. That almost everything done was more or less illegal is already clear enough, and that the indebtedness certificate scheme had no real warrant whatever in law scarcely any one will be found to deny. The fact is, however, that the fault in this respect rests much less with Mr. Cortelyou than with the national legislative body of whose Senate branch Mr. Tillman is a member. Congress after Congress has failed to provide badly needed financial and banking legislation and in consequence Secretary of the Treasury after Secretary of the Treasury has felt compelled to do illegal things lest the country receive grave injury and his party and his chief's administration suffer in prestige. He is given immense responsibility without a good system to work under or authority to correct the defects of the existing bad one. Hence it has become almost a precisely what Mr. Cortelyou has Jackson or Abraham Lincoln how and as he thought his predecessors would have acted; and if he made himself guilty of flatism and inflationism it was merely because he lost his head along with a good many other people. Wall Street has turned Populist in its financial ideas, and is not the Secretary of the Treasury under our present system Wall Street's cash boy? Nothing could be more natural than for Mr. Cortelyou Moreover the poor Secretary has since recognized that he did in fact add such avoidable errors of discrebreach of the law, and has retracted as far as he well could. The certificate issue has been reduced to little more than a third and the bond issue that he ought to be.

on them the necessity of doing so and false. let such violations become customary rather than assume their own proper everywhere. Nobody knows what is responsibilities the place where the ing the forces on either side. The greater blame belongs cannot be mis- mine owners assert that they are fully taken. We submit that Congress prepared to open the mines on Thurs should remove the beam which is in miners' union scoff at such asserhis own eye before seriously consider- tions. The union officials refuse to ing any proposal to examine the mote divulge their plans. which is in Mr. Cortelyou's.

One feature of a recent tobacco exposition in London was a pipesmoking slow race. As described by The New York Tribune, the principle seems to have been the survival of the slowest and the prize was a grand plane. A hundred and fifty smokers in Goldfield, from Colonel Reynolds,

far as North Carolina is concerned without a special session of the Legslature, which nobody wants. The only practical effects are to prolong is proving very expensive to the State treasury. It will be best for all conthe United States Supreme Court.

tions, were influenced by the State Supreme Court's decision in the Raleigh fine case they have reckoned without their host. It should be clear enough that the Southern Rallway's victory in that case was of the Pyrrhic sort. While the Southern stands relieved of the \$30,000 penalty mposed by Judge Long, technically the matter in issue, every material point of law affecting the controversy as a whole was decided adversely to the railroads. Accurately speaking, the penalty was but a detail, hinging upon construction of a clause of the State rate law Itself; and had nothing to do with the real issues which go up to the United States Supreme Court for determination. Upon those State's case for the higher court. The jurisdiction asserted by Judge Pritchard is emphatically challenged

In any event, we hope that both sides will unite in speeding the connebody any good and the sconer it is ended the better.

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pertinently cited. It is further held

breaker in emergencies, and this is womers how many words Andrew done. That he broke more law than Grover Cleveland would have devoted sential facts at all. Neither does the that they would have devoted many demonstrated unwisdom of his later fewer, but must add that Uncle Groproceedings bear upon the matter, ver would have partly made up the He was simply acting as best he difference by using words in themselves portentously long

> as an afternoon newspaper. Two Newbern field and we are glad to see it terminated. We wish The Sun and its editor all the success they deserve and that is wishing them a very great

## to do whatever Wall Street said. START AT GOLDFIELD TO-DAY.

Suppressed Excitement

Everywhere-Mine Owners Assert That They Are Prepared to Take Care of Themselves While the Unionists Scoff at the Assertions— Governor Sparks on the Scene. Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 10 .- To-day the dumps of the Mohawk combina- pathetic to a half, while the whole tone of his tion lease was abandoned by Manannual report is deprecatory. No ager Siebert, who had announced last specific currency reform plan or any night that he would commence work other recommendation which could on the dumps of his mine, which is possibly draw fire is ventured. Evi- close to the camp of the Federal in his presidential boom, which, in- readiness to make the attempt were deed, never had much existence out- told that they would not be needed side grateful Wall Street and along at all of the mines in the camp will major Wall Street ramifications. He be started. Manager Slebert was in this is only the greater has ceased to expect much credit for consultation with other members of his management during the panic and the mine owners' association until a struckling, dependent people whose only asks to be let alone. We think late hour of the night. There were destiny is in such a strange way linkrumors that Western Federation men ed with ours. Of course it is very bad for Cabinet were arming and would attack the officials to violate the law, but when guards at the Mohawk but after the achievement that can give greater timid law-makers virtually place up. mine owners had spent several hours honor to us than that which investigating, the rumors proved

day morning, while the officials of the

Governor Sparks arrived here at noon from Carson City. He denied that an effort has been made to in-duce him to ask for the recall of the troops, and says they will remain here until there is no possibility of trouble.

## All Quiet at Goldfield.

Washington, Dec. 10 .- The adiuing telegram relative to the altuation

covering. There was, we repeat, nothing unusual in this. One may pass many such on a fine afternoon on the streets of Charlotte; many such faces flash their beautiful smiles upon us as we hurry past, bent on the weary missions of more unhappy

But for all that, this baby-carriage, cerned if the case is pushed speedily the tiny face of its occupant, and the and with as little further turmoil as possible to a final determination in him gazing blankly into space. The flowers are hardly withered yet upon We must needs say, however, that it the grave of the woman who, called upon the farther journey, left these two to make their way alone into the years. And so when the day is fair and his work permits, he wanders with his motherless baby about the and tries to be gentle as he touches its tiny face with his unaccustomed And he buys teddy bears and baby's delight as he rolls it on to-

sound must tear his soul with pain that never yet found a word? he must go back. Night is coming on; the sky is lighting with evening colors; the wind is becoming chilled with the breath of coming darkness. He must go back, God pity him, to a door in which no woman stands to smile the old light of welcome. He amount per capita paid to this cause must go back to the silence—that silence that cries out with every wail that ever broke from the lips of grief.

In Charlotte alone. Last year the amount per capita paid to this cause was 74 cents, while this year it will be \$2.55, a most remarkable increase.

This year the First and Second He must see some little tender thing that her hands have made and her heart has loved. He must recall some word or look, the memory of which he would pass through the fires of hell to burn away.

But night deepens and the baby head is becoming heavy and the eyes are closing; he must sing the old lullaby to his motherless child. Keep voice steady, my friend, or you wake your baby. For its sake will wake your baby. For its sake you must sing the old song and keep back the moan of your breaking heart. And the vision that you see virtually veto State criminal laws is across the cradle, vision of her as she used to sit when lights were low and she crooned her baby into sleepmust not stretch out your arms in bitter yearning nor cry aloud; it will. wake the child. Look up; there is a terian church in the support of mispresence bending over you. Can your ear-blinded eyes not see it? Even in heaven her soul cannot be at rest you. She has come to bless, you and her sleeping baby. Surely God will let her, He who guarded the Manger with Mary's wistful eyes.

> For many reasons that seem good to us we say that Charlotte is much the poorer to-day for the passing from our life of Martin D. Hardin, great as man, gentleman and minister of In our warfare against all human spirit, there has been no more heroic sword drawn among us than the one with which this man has bat-And there is great reason for Southerners such an address could be esbyterian church on Sunday even-of the Second church now numbers of the catalogue, 835, having been recently revised. As for the Gra

It is admitted here that the words every man that heard it or reads the in the history of the Church published words, thank God that Dr. Our hope is in such men.

There is no greater proof that we When we come to be able his new work. people. criticism was never spoke, our duty to the negro. We for good. have had much reason to be sensiwe should sit in stern judgment upon of that which to our own life in its relation to this across the seas. In all the great record of our fath-

come from our doing the fair, just and Christly thing for a weaker race. Suppressed excitement prevails in spite of the prophecies of circumstances and unsympathetic critics.

## TO CUT OUT THE SCRIP.

Durham Banks Have Enough Hard Cash to Abolish the Emergency Paper Within a Short Time, It is

Special to The Observer. Durham, Dec. 10 .- The financial situation here has greatly improved within the last few days and the story now is, so it is learned from a man of financial prominence, that the banks expect to resume the payment of cash and abolish scrip some time within a week. The last statements of the various banking houses here show that there has took part in the contest, the rule being that the one who could keep his pipe, loaded with an eighth of an ounce of shag tobacco, lighted the longest should get the piano. The contistons are normal. No digurbaneous design the piano. The contistons are normal. No digurbaneous design to an ounce last just two hours and was regarded with great admiration in consequence. This sort of thing may also for England, but we fear that the functions. I have not assumed control in some quence. This sort of thing may be for England, but we fear that the functions of the presence of the presence of the troops. The differences between the mines have not been at the presence of the troops. The differences between the mines present the function in the presence between the mines present the presence of the troops. The differences between the mines operation will be trouble."

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or amount of cash on hand since the
mining camp under date of yesterday:

The vaults of the banks are teeming



Missions Conducted by Rev. R. oft and Rev. C. H. Pratt in the byteries of North and South lina—Excellent Showing of the lotte Churches—The Per Capucrease in Subscriptions in the ita Increase in Subscriptions in the City—Rev. Mr. Coit to Leave For Korsa Next Month.

The figures which are available and hich show a partial result of the forward movement campaign for mis-sions which Rev. Robert T. Colt and Rev. Charles H. Pratt have made dur-ing the past three months in the Presbyteries of North and South Carolina puts them in the carriage for his are interesting not only to Presby-baby's delight as he rolls it on to— terians, but to all who are interested nowners.

Who can blame him for coming out Colt and Mr. Pratt have made this into the open world? Who would campaign under the direction of the make him stay where every sight and General Assembly's foreign mission board, and have met with great suc-

But cess. ning The 41 churches in Mecklenburg Presbytery gave last year to foreign missions, \$4,939, while this year they will give \$16,946. Of this amount \$10,000 will be given by the churches in Charlotte alone. Last year the

\$600; St. Paul church, \$250; the churches at Seversville and Belmont vill give the rest.

The largest increase from any one Tenth Avenue church, which gave \$235 last year to foreign missions and which will give \$1,000 this year. Rev. A. R. Shaw, the pastor of this church, is chairman of the foreign missions committee of Mecklenburg Presbytery, having succeeded Rev. Mr. Colt. The recent organization of the "Tithe Givers' League" in this church is giving an increased impetus to the missionary activity of the church. The record of the Second Presby-

sionaries is probably not surpassed

by any church in the Southern General Assembly. The Sunday school as twilight shadows gather around of this church, by classes, gives \$600 each year to support of Mrs. George taught in connection with Biblical Hudson in China; the class of young men known as the Brotherhood or And more than this, there are two Baraca class, has assumed the support courses of instruction given in the of Mr. Coit, at \$600 a year and of his theological seminary; the one in two native Korean helpers, at \$50 each. The Woman's Missionary Society of the church is supporting Mrs. ciety of the church is supporting Mrs. the latter being purely an English Mattle Tate in her work in Japan, this course, the English Bible being one requiring \$600 each year; the Young of the chief text-books. Women's Missionary Society nas taken two shares in the support of the Greek in the theological school, withhospital and schools in Knanju, Ko- out discussing the figures of Mr. Currea, amounting to \$100. The congreties and the interpretation of these gation of the Second church has refigures by the Rev. Dr. Harlin in cently had assigned to if the support his sermon Sunday, I wish simply to was necessary does not alter the es- to fis contents. We can safely say pride that from a Southern pulpit of J. E. Phipps, a colored man who state in a few words just what time and by a long line of distinguished is a missionary in Africa, and that of is given to each of these studies in Southerners such an address could be Mrs. R. E. Henderlite in Brazil, and the class room. The junior class has delivered as that which caught and that also of a new missionary yet to five recitations a week in Hebrew; the powerfully held the attention of the be assigned, each of these three at a middle class has two, and the senior

> were stern; that at times they cut to Presbyterian church has sent out 30 dle class two, and the senter two. the quick; that the blood of shame new missionaries, the largest number often surged into the cheek. But let that has been sent out in any one year

> During the campaign of Rev. Mr. Hardin was brave enough to speak Coit and Mr. Pratt in September, Ocso fearlessly and the congregation tober and November \$24,207 was sebrave enough to hear. In this day cured for missions, most of this is no evidence that any instruction when so many public speakers seek amount coming from country whatever is given in pastoral work. to say the words that please or churches. There was a very mark. The fact is, in the first term of the amount given this senior year the class has four periwho lares to speak the truth at any year over that of last year at every

church. Rev. Mr. Colt, who last year was as a people are passing into a larger co-pastor of the Second Presbyterian life than the fact that we can both church, and who has received his asmake and hear criticism of our own signment to work as a missionary in It is a characteristic of a great Korea, will sail on January 30th, for

to discuss without passion or prejudice any subject that has vitally to spiritual nature Mr. Coit is one of the the attempt to start up the work on fore us. And certainly just and sym- to his residence in Salisbury for a more number of years, he is frequently reneeded. Circumstances have forced ferred to as a Rowan county man, us to have much feeling on many but he is a native of Mecklenburg problems that confront us; we have county, and of Charlotte. This city passed through a dispensation of and county may well be proud of him storm and tears—a condition that and his work. He is a close student, gives sanity and cool deliberation and a man of that deep consecration small place. This is especially true in life and work which commands dently Mr. Cortelyou takes no stock troops. The men who had been in of the subject upon which Dr. Hardin confidence and exerts large influence

There are scores of friends who will tive at this point; many unsympathetic follow him in his new work with the criticisms have been made by those greatest interest and the splendid suc-who know little of our problem. But cess with which he has met in the reason why home land is no doubt an earnest of that which will mark his work

## SHHIPWRECKED CREW LANDED.

Captain and Eight Men of the Schooner Ward Landed at New York After a Checkered Experi-

York After a Checkered Experience.

New York, Dec. 10.—Captain Curtis and eight shipwrecked seamen, the crew of the four-masted schooner Thomas A. Ward, of Manasquan, N. J., which was abandoned at sea south of Cape Hatteras last Thursday while bound to New York from Jacksonville, arrived here to day on board the steamer Apache from Jacksonville and Charleston, after a series of transfers from ship to ship.

First Officer Z. Gibbs said to-fary that the schooner sprang a leak on Wednesday, December 4th, while there was a light sea and little wind. The pumps were manned but despite hard work the water gained continually until Thursday in ight. At that time the vessel had become so badly water-logged that Captain Curtis decided to take to the small boats. The crew left the schooner and stool by Shortly afterward the Eritish, steamer Amasones, bound to Liverpool, picked them up and proceeded.

The following morning the Amasones overhauled the schooner Judge Pennewill. The following morning the Amasones overhauled the schooner Judge Pennewill and asked that he at. his men be taken to New York on the steamer. The Apache was stopped and the men boarded her.

Budge Gray Endorsed For the Presi-

H. L. McCrorey, President of Siddle University, Corrects Several Perors in Mr. W. E. Curtis' Story bout This Well-Known Colored

A few words with reference to the article of Mr. William E. Curtis which appeared in The Charlotte Observer, November 30th, touching the curriculum of the theological department of Biddle University.

I am indeed sorry that Mr. Curtis did not seek some information from the president of the institution be-fore writing the article. If this had been done I am quite certain that some of the errors in the article might have been avoided.

In the first place, the writer seems to have been misinformed as to the preparation of the students before entering the theological seminary, when he says, "Their training is defect-ive and insufficient, most of them coming from academies and other schools supported by the missionary societies, in which the instructors, however sealous, are not as competent as they might be."

The fact is, almost all of the students who enter the theological school are graduates from the school-

of arts and sciences of Biddle The young men come to Biddle University after having been trained in the State and mission schools and en-This year the First and Second the State and mission schools and en-Presbyterian churches of this city, will give \$4.000 each; Tenth Avenue school, where they spend one or two church \$1,000; Westminster church, years as the case may be, for we have years as the case may be, for we have a two-years' course in this school. Then they enter the school of arts and sciences, taking, in most cases, The largest increase from any one the entire four-years' course, thus get-church in the Presbytery is from the ting six years' training in Biddle before reaching the theological seminary.

In the second place, from the writer's statement to the effect that the English Bible is not taught in the seminary, it might appear that our students get no training in the English Bible.

As we have stated, our students are trained in our school usually six years before entering the seminary. And we wish to state for the public's benefit that the English Bible is used a a text-book throughout this course of six years as may be seen from the catalogue. It is not given a sep-arate place in the seminary, but is history

Hebrew and Greek are taught, and the other in which neither is taught,

As to the time put on Hebrew and people that worshiped at the Second cost of \$600 each. The membership two. These figures tally with those

As for the Grack, the junior class! During the last year the Southern has four recitations a week; the midthe catalogue with one exception. According to the catalogue the junio class has four recitations a week

instead of two during the first term. The writer says further that "Thore ods a week in pastoral theology, as may also be seen from the catalogue. As for the nature of the work w are trying to do at Biddle, we leave it to others who have visited our class-room work and who have been brought into contact with our men to pass upon it.

We are endeavoring to give to our boys first of all a Christian education, for we believe an education that is not Christian is worse than no education.

We have great faith in the Bible and prayer, which may be seen, from the fact that the English Bible is used as a text-book throughout our entire course, and we have seventeen prayer services a week, fifteen of which are compulsory on the part of the students. Besides we have Sabbath school every Sabbath morning and preaching services every Sabbath evening. All students are compelled to attend both of these services.

The students of Biddle are also taught to be honest, truthful, law-abiding, industrious and economical. We endeavor at all times to impres upon them the Biblical declaration that "Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people."

H. L. M'CROREY, President.

Biddle University.

## Oil Trust Fears Texas May Seize Its

A Direct Descendant of Jefferson Dies at Richmond.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 10.—Jefferson Randolph Ruffin, an inmate of the Soldiers' Home here and well known throughout Virginia, died at the home last night from a stroke of apoplexy, Mr. Ruffin was 65 years of

He was a direct descendant of Thomas Jefferson and closely connected with many prominent Virginis families. Mr. Ruffin served throughout the war with the Rockbridge Artillery. He will be buried at Charlottesville, Va., to-morrow.

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# Christmas Shoppers

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