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DIPLOMATIC BILL PASSES

CONGRESS RAISES AMBASSADORS

Representative Longworth Pleads For Suitable Legation Buildings at Various Foreign Capitals—Objection to Dr. Hill Was "Simply and Solely That His Private Fortune Would Not Enable Him to Support Properly the Dignity of the American Nation"—Mr. Harrison Condemns Practice of Appointing Rich Men to Represent the United States Abroad—Ambassador White Criticized For Accepting at Functions in Court Costume—Bill Passes Under Suspension of Rules.

HOUSE SUMMARY.

Sharp criticism of lavish entertainments by rich American diplomats in order to establish a social standard abroad was heard in the House of Representatives of the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill. The occupation of the House, London, by Ambassador White and a similar display of wealth in Berlin by Ambassador Chalmers Tower, were particularly emphasized in that connection. As one means of counteracting the effect of this ostentation it was urged by many that America should own its legation buildings.

The charge that "Emperor William based his objections to Dr. Hill as ambassador to Berlin, solely on account of that gentleman's lack of fortune," was repeated by Mr. Longworth, of Ohio.

Mr. Harrison, of New York, was particularly severe in criticism of Ambassador White at Paris, and the first secretary of the embassy at London, John Edgely Carter. He described Ambassador White as "the most table or dietetic diplomat" and accused him of violating an express statute by frequently appearing in court costume. As to Mr. Carter he drew terms of London and compared him with the white rabbit in "Alice in Wonderland." Mr. Harrison also accused Secretary Root of being led by Great Britain in making a treaty with Germany for the sale of the Congo Free State, and of attacking King Leopold.

The diplomatic bill was passed under suspension of the rules. It carries an aggregate of \$3,529,283. After having been in continuous session since April 6th, by resorting to the process of receding from day to day, the House at 6:15 p. m. adjourned until 12 o'clock to-morrow, when it will resume its session. The bill was introduced by Representative George Smith, of Illinois.

Washington, April 18.—The objection to Dr. Hill as ambassador to Berlin was simply and solely that his private fortune would not enable him to represent properly the dignity of the American nation.

This statement was made today in the House of Representatives by Mr. Longworth, of Ohio, in a speech before President Roosevelt during the consideration of the diplomatic appropriation bill. Mr. Longworth was making a plea for the maintenance of the government buildings at the various foreign capitals.

Mr. Harrison, of Iowa, chairman of the committee on foreign affairs, in explaining the bill, referred to the consular service and the inadequate provision for the care of our consuls.

Speaking in a pro forma amendment Mr. Harrison condemned the practice of appointing men of great wealth to represent the United States abroad. It did not necessarily follow, he said, that because a man was rich, he would not make a good ambassador and he cited Rufus Choate and William Brewster as instances. He said that because a man was rich, he would not make a good ambassador and he cited Rufus Choate and William Brewster as instances.

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TO LATE MORGAN AND PETTUS.

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SENATE SUMMARY.

Tributes of respect to the memory of the late Senators Morgan and Pettus, of Alabama, both of whom died during the recess of Congress last summer, occupied nearly the entire session of the Senate yesterday. On the Republican and Democratic sides of the chamber, leaders who had known the late Senators during many years, joined in giving their testimony as to the splendid qualities of mind and heart that had given them enviable places in American history.

The District of Columbia appropriation bill was reported during the day.

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MR. CRAIG IN BEAUFORT

MADE ADDRESS AT WASHINGTON

The gubernatorial candidate from the Mountain Section Makes Tour Into the Eastern Part of the State and Addressing the Citizens of Beaufort County, Wins Votes—His Audience Enthusiastic and Large—Calls the People's Attention to the Fact That Mr. Kitchin's Manager is Closely in Touch With American Tobacco Company and Yet Charges Craig With Having Deserted the People—Declares His Opposition to "Trusts" to the Observer.

WASHINGTON, N. C., April 18.—Mr. Locke Craig, of Asheville, candidate for the nomination for Governor in the approaching Democratic convention, addressed a large crowd of enthusiastic citizens in the county court house at noon today. In his speech he clearly defined his position on the questions now before the people in favor of strict governmental control and regulation of railroads. He said that he was in favor of compelling railroads to give efficient service and reasonable rates. He endorsed the settlement made by the Governor and the Legislature of the passenger rate problem and took the position that the present discrimination in freight rates against the State of North Carolina ought not to be tolerated.

That he was opposed to trusts and in favor of their suppression but that he was in favor of every legitimate enterprise whether run by a corporation or an individual. He said that he did not favor an array of class against class. Democrats against Democrats or faction against faction; that the Democratic party was united on the questions of vital interest to the people, and that he stood with the people, and that he would always put the principles of the party above every other consideration. He denounced as false the charges made against him to the effect that his candidacy was supported by the trusts and railroads; that those who made these charges knew they were false or uttered them in reckless disregard of the truth.

He said that it was remarkable that Mr. James Manning, Mr. Kitchin's campaign manager, was circulating literature charging him with having deserted the cause of the people, when he (Mr. Manning) had founded the American Tobacco Company in the last Legislature against sub-section A in the Reid bill and was vice president of Mr. Duke's bank in Durham.

He said that he was well received by an intelligent audience and won votes for Mr. Craig's cause. Several men seeing that his candidacy was supported by the trusts and railroads, had had their support, Mr. Craig stated that he had received very little friendly criticism had entered into this campaign and he would indulge in none, letting the people judge for themselves.

EARLY PRIMARY WINS OUT.

Guilford Executive Committee Names May 16th as Date For Primary—Fleming Brown Rises to Personal Privilege and Makes Lengthy Statement—He is Endorsed by the Committee—Adjourned Meeting For Next Saturday.

Observer Bureau. Greensboro, April 18.—In the meeting of the Guilford county Democratic executive committee today the advocates of an early primary won an easy and decisive victory. By a vote of 34 to 4, it was decided to call the primaries for the election of the American Tobacco Company, made by its officers and employees in that case, shows most clearly and unmistakably that the company has not in any respect violated the Sherman anti-trust law or any other law.

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PHIL R. MEADE SUICIDES

MYSTERY SHROUDS RASH DEED

Prominent Young Chapel Hillman, Son of the Episcopal Rector, Shoots Himself in the Mouth—Has Been Despondent For Several Days and is Presumed to Have Had "Troubles" of Which His Friends Know Not—Went to the Room of a Friend, Prepared For Himself Quietly Took His Own Life—Body Found Two Hours Later—The Deceased in Perfect Health, a Perfect Specimen of Physical Manhood and a Baseball Player of Note.

Special to The Observer.

Chapel Hill, April 18.—Phillip R. Meade, son of Rev. W. H. Meade, rector of the Episcopal church at this place, committed suicide late this afternoon by shooting himself in the mouth. It seems that Mr. Meade went to the room of Mr. J. W. Markham, over Dunston's barber shop, about 4 o'clock, but as he was accustomed to do this he aroused no suspicion. About 6 o'clock Mr. Fred Patterson, who sleeps in an adjoining room, went up stairs and finding the door locked he became curious and looked through the window, whereupon he saw Mr. Meade lying on the bed. He sent immediately for Dr. Isaac H. Manning, who broke into the room. He found that Mr. Meade had undressed and had gone to bed just as if he intended to sleep. Upon his breast lay a pistol and from his mouth and nose streams of blood had poured, covering the lower part of his face and his neck. Death must have been almost instantaneous, for the covers on the bed were but little disarranged and there was no sign of struggle.

President Venable was notified and he, together with Dr. Manning, carried the news to the aged father. The deceased was about 35 years old and seemed to be in the best of health. He was almost a perfect specimen of physical manhood and had been in his younger days a baseball player of note. He had for some time been in the employ of the Southern Company at this place. He was a young man of refinement and belonged to one of the best families in Chapel Hill. His father being one of the best loved men in this community and his sister, Mrs. Prince, a woman of most lovable character.

No reason whatever has been assigned for the rash act. It is said, however, that he had been in a despondent frame of mind for several days, but possibly he had troubles of which his friends knew not. An inquest will probably be held to-night or early in the morning and the inquest will take place in the Chapel Hill cemetery Monday.

KILLED BY EXPLOSION.

Engineer at Lumber Plant Near Jacksonville Blown to Pieces by Explosion of Boiler—Seven Others Badly Injured.

Jacksonville, Fla., April 18.—A special from Carrabelle states that by the explosion of a boiler in the plant of the Camp Lumber Company yesterday morning William Roberts, the engineer, was instantly killed, being blown almost to pieces, while Oscar Powell, fireman, was seriously injured, his arms being broken and badly scalded. Six other men were injured, but they are not in a serious condition. The big plant was badly wrecked by the force of the explosion, which could be heard for a mile. The reason for the explosion has not been ascertained, but the latest reports being unable to tell what occurred prior to the explosion.

BISHOP CAPERS GROWS WEAKER.

Little Hope of His Ultimate Recovery is Held Out.

Columbia, S. C., April 18.—The condition of Bishop Ellison Capers at 5:30 o'clock to-night is regarded as practically unchanged. His physicians think that he is gradually growing weaker and they have little hope of his ultimate recovery.

SAMPSON HAS RIVAL MEETINGS.

Negroes Being Denied Admission to Republican Convention Held Here Forth Separately.

Special to The Observer. Clinton, April 17.—The Republican county convention for the election of delegates to the State convention was held here today. The attendance was smaller than usual and very little enthusiasm was manifested. The resolutions adopted condemned State county and Democratic policies and made no reference to any candidate for President or State chairman. The meeting was harmonious. The negroes were denied admission to the convention and held one of their own in another hall. They endorsed Foreaker and prohibition and adopted resolutions condemning Chairman Adams and the endorsement of Republican Sheriff Ama in Sampson county.

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Elizabeth City, April 18.—The Pasquotank county Republican convention met here this afternoon. John P. Overman, J. Q. A. Wood and J. M. Meeking were elected delegates to the State convention. A resolution was unanimously passed endorsing the administration and declaring in favor of Taft for President. Judge Adams occurred as State chairman was elected and his election was recommended.

Wadesboro, April 18.—Pursuant to the call of Chairman J. L. Markham, the Republican county convention

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Complete Returns From Burke.

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FIGHT IN DAVIDSON.

Republicans Have a Hot Time in Record for Instructing For Taft, and the Taftites. Finally Win Speech Thomas Makes Prohibition Speech Before Convention.

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Lexington, April 18.—The Republican county convention to name delegates to the State and congressional conventions met in the court house here today. Before the convention met several of the leading Republicans of the county stated that it would be a very quiet affair. But the crowd had kept the brethren in other sections of the State and have a factional fight. Roosevelt's administration and Chairman Brown were endorsed, and although the majority of the delegates were strongly in favor of Taft, there was a bitter fight against instructing for him. Zeb V. Waiser in a Taft speech, was instantly killed, being instructed for a presidential candidate and he opposed it. Earle McCrary led the fight for the resolutions to instruct for Taft and finally carry the resolution. This was stronger than an ordinary instruction, and no delegates can be sent to the convention who are not for Taft. Z. V. Waiser accused Earle McCrary of having killed Taft. He said with some of the Taft leaders to send an instructed Taft delegation to the convention and in return to be named as a delegate to the national convention. This was denied. Several times the fight was pretty hot.

Ex-Senator P. C. Thomas, of Thomsville, got the floor immediately after the convention met and delivered a red-hot anti-prohibition speech. The chairman, J. R. McCrary, endeavored to choke him off, but he was instantly killed, being wrecked by the force of the explosion, which could be heard for a mile. The reason for the explosion has not been ascertained, but the latest reports being unable to tell what occurred prior to the explosion.

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The convention was called to order at 12:30 o'clock by Mr. S. E. Hall, chairman. Mr. D. H. Blair, the secretary, was in his place. The organization was made permanent. There was no contesting delegation, but as a matter of form a credential committee was appointed. After being out a few minutes the committee returned and recommended the seating of all the delegates. The recommendation was adopted and the convention proceeded to elect delegates to the State convention, each voting precinct being allowed to select one delegate and one alternate. The selection of the townships was ratified. Delegates to the congressional convention were then named. Nineteen delegates were selected from the precincts for each convention and three delegates at large for each.

JOHNSTON FOR HORNE.

His Own County Unanimous For Col. Ashley Horne and For Congressman Pou.

Special to The Observer. Smithfield, April 18.—Democratic township primaries were held all over the county today. All precincts have been heard from except three. Nearly every precinct instructed unanimously for Horne for Governor and, Pou for Congress. So far as can be learned there was no opposition to either Horne or Pou, and the indications are that the county convention next Saturday will send solid delegations for both. One township instructed for township instructed for London for corporation commissioner.

Alexander Gives Craig 4 1-2 Votes.

Special to The Observer. Statesville, April 18.—A telephone message this afternoon from Mr. J. H. Burke, chairman of the Alexander Democratic executive committee, says the Alexander Democratic county convention held at Taylorsville today gives Craig 4 1-2 votes and Horne 1-2 vote for Governor in the State convention. United States Senators Overman and Simmons were endorsed by the convention and the delegates are instructed for Hackett for Congress. There were no instructions as to State officers.

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