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HARD PATH FOR THE PRESIDENT.

It is decidedly interesting to watch the situation which has developed between President Taft and the erstwhile insurgents of Congress. These latter statements first helped to nominate Mr. Taft over the standpat crowd's bitter opposition, next found him lambasting them with the patronage club because they would not obey the standpat crowd's orders, and now behold the spectacle of a more or less repentant President urging mutual friendship once more.

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SPEAKER CLARK.

It is true that Champ Clark does not appear nearly so anxious now to deprive the Speaker of seceded away as he was before his own election to the speakership became assured. Very few Democrats, in fact, show any enthusiasm. Representative Kitchin is one of a handful who still say that a committee on committees should replace the Speaker's appointive power. The Democrats of Congress need to approach this problem with great care, not laying themselves justly liable to the reproach of "Cannonism" lest their success, won over "Cannonism" and its affiliates, recoil upon their own heads.

The evil associated with Speaker Cannon did not really come about because he had excessive power but because he used that power against the public interest and for bad designs. Champ Clark would never be guilty in the sense Cannon was. But it would be well both to set a sound precedent against future Cannonians and to avoid taunts which might do the Democratic party great harm.

Senator Bob Taylor wants the pure-food law extended to tobacco so that adulteration, misbranding, use of deleterious ingredients and underweight packages shall be made unlawful. His bill would forbid the practice of offering domestic tobacco as the imported article. On this latter point we record our opinion that good domestic tobacco is not only much more wholesome than the imported but also, unless a taste for the latter kind has been diligently cultivated, more enjoyable to most smokers.

In Crittenden county, Arkansas, last month they didn't think it worth the trouble to hold an election, no Democratic candidate having any opponent. How glad we are that North Carolina is a free State and doesn't still labor under slave-State political conditions!

From a statement by Special Correspondent William E. Curtis in The Chicago Record-Herald it might be mistakenly supposed that Dresden, the beautiful capital of Saxony, is heaven. He says that extravagances and ostentatious expenditures are permanently unfashionable there.

We have received a copy of the Turner-Ennis Almanac, published at Raleigh and now in its 74th year. We have received it with hospitality as a North Carolina institution.

REPORTS ARE EXAGGERATED.

Mexican Ambassador Declares That the Government of Diaz is Safe and Foreign Interests Are in No Danger. Washington, Dec. 11.—Declaring that exaggerated accounts of the revolutionary movement in Mexico had magnified its importance in the minds of many Americans, Senor De la Barra, Mexican ambassador to the United States in discussing the situation today said that the trouble had at no time approached a point of significance. Normal conditions he said reign today throughout the republic except in a part of the State of Chihuahua, where the government forces are pursuing a band of four hundred revolutionists.

His statement, he added, was based upon official advices from his government which led him closely advised of the progress of events; therefore he could authoritatively state that the lives and interests of natives and foreigners alike were perfectly secure.

The ambassador said that a number of revolutionary societies had been reported and later denied "by true statements," he said, "have not only reflected upon the reputation of Mexico as a peace loving country, a reputation which has gained a stable foundation in the last thirty years—but they also have had their effect upon Americans with interests in Mexico and given rise to a spirit of suspicion as to the security of such interests."

He said the government of General Diaz was absolutely secure and that foreign interests were in no danger. "Continuing," he said, "the seditionaries are being dealt with in a lawful and orderly manner. The cases of all who are taken into custody because of their participation in the rebellion are in the hands of the courts of Mexico."

The revolt has demonstrated these things: The strength of the government and the spirit of justice that guides the people, the loyalty of the army and the support by the people generally of a course of peace and order showing their satisfaction with present conditions.

The ambassador declared emphatically that not a soldier had proven disloyal to the colors of General Diaz.

Topics About Town.

The longevity of motor cars is a subject that is frequently discussed, not only by individuals, but by firms and corporations. Given a car of substantial parts and uniform construction, how long will it last in the hands of a fairly good or average driver? And again, given a car of similar parts, how long will it last in the hands of the reckless chauffeur?

Check cashers and forgers are the bane of hotel men, particularly such as are accommodating and try to help their guests. The week seldom passes but that the papers chronicle the exploits of some of the gentry and this too in spite of the most diligent efforts of the hotel managers' associations. Messrs. George Norman and Fred Fletcher of the Buford, who were "stung" for \$54 several days ago, are very phlegmatic about their loss, although anxious at Christmas-time when the coin is very much in demand. "Oh, well, I guess I'll recover in time," cheerfully acquiesced Mr. Norman a night or two ago, "although I will have to eat a beaten biscuit and drink a cup of coffee and my Christmas dinner." And Fletcher was equally as unperturbed. "I'll have to limit my presents," commented he.

All of this is incident to the expression of surprise that the young men of the Buford should have been caught. For months past there has been hanging on the railing next to the register an ominous-looking check across the face of which appear the letters "N. G." and additional figures. For months past there has been hanging on the railing next to the register an ominous-looking check across the face of which appear the letters "N. G." and additional figures.

Greensboro News of a Day. "White Slave Case" Case Will Be Finished Today—Not Pro in Case of Daisy Caudle—Annual Poultry Show This Week—Farmers' Union Special to the Observer.

Greensboro, Dec. 11.—No matter what turn the case of United States vs. J. W. Napier and E. C. Quaster takes, it will be finished in Federal court tomorrow. No evidence will be offered by the defendants, and if Judge Boyd overrules the demurrer to the evidence or holds that the act is constitutional there remains only the summing up of counsel before the jury and the charge of the court.

The next case to be tried that against Joseph W. Napier, one of the defendants in the white slave case, on the charge of using the mail to further fraudulent schemes. This case will probably take a day or two.

Judge Bynum, of counsel for defendants, read a physician's certificate yesterday afternoon in which it was stated that child of N. Glenn Williams had pneumonia and that it would probably be a week before it would be out of danger. Judge Boyd said that when this term of court adjourned this week it would adjourn until the second week in January when the case would be called for trial. This is what is known as the libel case against Mr. Williams.

District Attorney Holton has taken a nip nobs in the case of Daisy Caudle, charged with using the mails for fraudulent purposes, in which the jury could not agree after a two days trial last week.

The Guilford Poultry Association will hold its annual show Tuesday and Wednesday of this week in a building on South Elm street. Members of the State Farmers' Union will be given free admission to the show.

A meeting will be held in the assembly room of the Guilford Hotel tomorrow at 11 o'clock for the purpose of organizing a good roads club.

A NULLIFIED DIVORCE. Lurana W. Sheldon, in the Greensboro case was the calendar as Smithkins was Green. And every one was wondering what such a thing could mean.

When Mandy Green was married to Jed Smithkins it was said that she had a lot of notions about Suffrage in her head.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN.

All advertisements inserted in this column at rate of ten cents a line of six words. No ad taken for less than 30 cents. Cash in advance.

WANTED—You to know we will do your work night or day, except Sunday. W. G. Jarrell Machine Co.

WANTED—N. C. Reports and Law Co. D. E. Hammer, High Point, N. C.

WANTED—Experienced grocery clerk, one who knows the business and city trade. Phone 833 Monday morning.

WANTED—At once, position by registered druggist, with several years experience and best reference. Address "Alkaloids," care Observer.

WANTED—You to investigate the advantages of the Wales Visible Adding and Listing Machine—Printing and totaling in sight—now the leading machine of the world. Ask for full information. J. H. Thompson, Apt. 217 & 1700 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, N. C.

WANTED—A position by an expert book-keeper, capable of handling any set of books, having ten years experience in the cotton mill business with a well-known mill in upper South Carolina. Can furnish satisfactory reason for changing and best of references as to character and ability from present employer and other business men. Address Box 173, Gaffney, S. C.

WANTED—Position by registered pharmacist with seven years experience. Licensed in North Carolina and Virginia. Best references. Address R. Clerk, care Observer.

WANTED—By an old and established wholesale grocery house, experienced traveling salesman, January 1, 1911. State reference in first letter. Address The Armfield Co., Fayetteville, N. C.

WANTED—Position by experienced, traveling salesman. Can give best reference. Address "Salesman," care Observer.

WANTED—Two or three stone cutters. Apply New P. O., Concord, N. C.

FOR RENT—Office in Observer Building. Apply Business Manager, The Observer Building, Charlotte, N. C.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN. If your name appears in the telephone directory you can telephone your want ad to 75 and a bill will be mailed after its insertion.

Your ad will find the right people because the right people are looking over these columns for your advertisement. Your story will be told to 50,000 readers if it is here.

WANTED. WANTED—You to know we will do your work night or day, except Sunday. W. G. Jarrell Machine Co.

FOR SALE. FOR SALE—Two frame buildings with slate roofs; suitable for garage or small tenement. Also a number of window frames and sashes and nice china cabinet. Inquire corner Elizabeth and Kingston avenues. Hogson Brothers.

FOR SALE—Modern eight-room house on Jackson Terrace. Fruit on back lot. Address "Seller," care Observer, or phone 158-J.

FOR SALE—Three 30-h.p. Regals, four cylinder, touring cars, five-passenger, 1910 model; in as good condition as when they came from factory. Sell to highest bidder by December 22. Address The A. J. McKinnon Co., Maxton, N. C.

FOR SALE—Horse and surry, horn young, gentle, with good style. Lady can drive. Bury the best make, in good shape. Will sell cheap. Phone 881 of address Horse, care of Observer.

FOR SALE—33 shares stock in good paying furniture business. Stock quoted at \$28. Will sell at par if taken at once. Also good job to experienced man. Address L. R. Duvall, Asheville, N. C.

LOST. LOST—Bunch keys, 3 small flat keys, 3 Yale keys, 1 key No. 73, several others. Return to Observer and get reward.

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MISCELLANEOUS. LARGE front room, steam heat, with or without board. 1 W. 7th street.

600 MEN 20 to 40 years old wanted at once for Electric Railway Motorman and Conductors; \$60 to \$100 a month; no experience necessary. Write opportunity no strike; write immediately for application blank, enclosing stamp. Address "Gray," care of Observer.

COTTON and fruit land farms, 10 acres to 1,000. Easy terms. C. E. Smith, Southern Plains, N. C.

THE CHRISTMAS GIFT. Clip and send notice to D. Lester Oneal, care Central Hotel, Charlotte, and he will send you as a Christmas gift a \$15 personal check to be used as payment on a scholarship in Draughton's Practical Business College, East Trade street. There will be only 50 of these checks issued. Written applications only considered.

THEY'RE WORTH \$150, \$100, 75c and 50c. These handsome Christmas neckties, on sale Saturday 8c each, 1 for \$1.00. The Tate-Brown Co.

Will pick out the best features of the various forms of this government in vogue in the cities throughout the entire country.

That New York Case. Greenville Reflector.

The earnest attention of the Wilmington Dispatch and the Greenville Reflector is called to the legal decision recently handed down in New York which declares that a man who pays \$5 for a kiss and receives the goods has absolutely no action for recovery of the cash. Our Eastern contemporaries are engaged upon the study of a vast subject and no piece of information bearing upon it should be overlooked—Charlotte Observer.

Thanks for the information. But we have no complaint to make about that New York decision. It was exactly right. If the man paid \$5 for a kiss and "received the goods," he got what he paid for and was a fool for wanting to recover the money after the completion of the contract. Even if he felt that what he got was not worth the price, he had no business showing grouch over it. Some kisses may not be worth that much—while others are priceless. Now Gowan, come on with your say.

A Royal Speeder. The Christian Herald.

The late King of Siam, who was an enthusiastic automobilist, owned over thirty cars. In comparison with its size Bangkok has four times as many automobiles as New York, the most luxurious in the city being that owned by Queen Sowsay Pong, the chief lady, whose car is fitted up as a boulevard.

Being alarmed at the speed at which the King traveled, and afraid for his safety, his ministers petitioned his Majesty to give up automobilism.

"At the service of your Majesty," the document read, "there are benighted and when time presses, carriages. We therefore beseech you to give up the use of the automobile, or at least go more moderate pace."

To this the King answered in a marginal note: "The danger lies not in the automobile, but in the hearts of men."

The Mattamuskeet Proposition. Raleigh Times.

Just what troubles the mind of the Roper Lumber Company and the Norfolk Southern Railroad is not clear, but there is a State-wide desire that they promptly get out of the road and allow Mattamuskeet lake to be drained—Charlotte Observer.

That is the way it seems to us. The people who are blocking this proposition may think they are keeping money in their pockets and they probably are, directly, but it is a proposition of too great magnitude and of too much benefit to the State and Hyde county to allow it to be bottled up to save a few thousands to a corporation that can't see beyond its nose.

A Pleasing Prediction. Winston-Salem Journal.

"Upon the heels of the announcement of a most gratifying growth in Winston-Salem's Board of Trade," says the Charlotte Observer, "comes the news of an agitation for the commission form of government in that city. There's a reason. We venture the prediction that by this time next year the government of this city will have been revolutionized completely, and that we will have the best form of commission government in existence. A committee from the Board of Trade is working with a committee from the board of aldermen, and these two committees

WITH OUR EXCHANGES.

As You Please. Just as present the slogan "Watch Charlotte (Grove)" should be changed to "Watch Charlotte Crow."

Chicken Coops, Avanti. Raleigh Times.

Charlotte has tackled the chicken coop nuisance again and has passed an ordinance requiring the coops to be taken off the streets in the principal business blocks of the city. It is a good ordinance not only for Charlotte, but for some other cities we could mention.

Back at Us. Raleigh Times.

For having more lives than a cat and for an adamant disposition to lose any of them, commend us to the Raleigh market-house issue—Charlotte Observer.

It Was Sent. Dr. J. B. Ewing, a physician of Mitchell county, and Secretary of the Medical Society of that county, who has lived for thirty years quite near the village in which Miss Holmades her home writes for The Charlotte Observer of Monday a strong and luminous letter describing the real conditions in that county in answer to the terrific diatribe by that lady in Philadelphia. We are glad to read this statement from this intelligent and able physician, and we hope a copy of it will be sent to The North American.

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Chalmers. The Champion of Cars. The Car of Champions.