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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

### A Bunch of Live News From Our Correspondent at the National Capital.

Washington, D. C., March 23.—The chances are that when this is read both the treaties will have been ratified, for which purpose the Senate was convened in extra session. There never was much opposition to the ratification of the Panama Canal treaty on the part of the Democrats, provided they could get certain amendments added to it that would give this government absolute control of the canal. The Democrats have not got all they want in the treaty, but it has been modified somewhat, and as both parties are committed to a canal of some kind and somewhere, it probably will go through. There is doubt expressed here, however, that the canal ever will be built. There has been no denying the strenuous opposition to any canal by the transcontinental railroads of the country, and it is the freely expressed belief here that those roads will find some way to circumvent the building of the canal. It will be interesting to watch the work of the railroads after the ratification of the canal treaty.

So far as the Cuban reciprocity treaty is concerned, the Democrats have won a signal victory over the Republicans. As said in former letter, it was the intention of the Democrats to talk the treaty to death unless they could get all they contended for, and when the Republicans saw them line up as one man under the able leadership of Hon. Arthur Pue Gorman, they capitulated and came down like Scott's coon. It is the first time in years that the Democrats in the Senate have presented an unbroken front to the Republicans. When they have done so in the past they invariably have won a victory. The trouble has been that in the recent past they have had no leadership in the Senate worthy the name. They have it now, and the results are apparent to the most casual observer. The Democrats said to the Republicans that they must sell an amendment to the Cuban reciprocity treaty that would give the House of Representatives the right to also pass upon it before it became operative, because it was legislation that affected the revenue of the government and that all such legislation must have the concurrent sanction of the House of Representatives, or else it would not be constitutional legislation. It would be practically eliminating the House as one of the legislative branches of the government and legislation by the Senate exclusively. It will be remembered that the House at the first session of the 58th Congress passed a law giving this reduction in the rates of the Dingley law that is asked for, but it also lacked on to it a clause that eliminated the differential on refined sugar, which would save the consumers of this country millions of dollars annually that now go into the pockets of the sugar trust. For that very reason the Senate refused to consider the measure and let it die. It now comes to the front with the treaty, giving the same reduction in the Dingley rates, but it does not remove the differential on refined sugar, which gives the consumer in this country a chance, and clearly is an attempt to play in the hands of the sugar trust. The Republicans have been forced to agree to the amendment to allow the House to pass on the treaty when it meets next winter. If they had not agreed to it they would not have got away from here all summer, or else would have been forced to abandon the treaty altogether. The net result of this Democratic victory will be that the House next winter will either add the amendment again, eliminating the differential on refined sugar, or if it passes on the House as sent to it by the Senate, then the Democrats in the Senate will open up the tariff debate in its entirety and consume the whole session in speeches that will be made in open session and will go to the country as Democratic campaign documents. In either event the trusts will get it in the neck and the people will be benefited. Score one for Democrats.

A number of the leaders of the Democratic party who still are in Washington are to-day discussing the letter of Mr. William Randolph Hearst to the Iroquois Club of Chicago, and which appeared to-day in the daily papers. It is a letter expressing his regret at his inability to be present at their annual banquet to do reverence to the memory of Andrew Jackson, and in it he breathes forth the very spirit and essence of true Democracy. It is a message of optimism and hope to the true Democrats of the whole country, and in every way is such an able paper that it has caught the attention of the leaders of the party here, who mention it in the most complimentary way. There are a few persons who, not knowing Mr. Hearst, actually think that because he has money he does not work himself, and that the articles signed by himself, are written by some of the bright men in his employ. There never was a greater mistake made by them. The writer knows Mr. Hearst personally, and knows that he is an able man than any man in his employ, and does more actual work than any of them. It would seem as though the trusts rather than the government of the United States, were shaping our policy in the Philippines Islands. Despite all the appeals made by the President and Governor Taft, Congress did nothing toward relieving the economic distress prevailing in those islands. It passed neither cur-

## HON. JAMES R. BULLA.

### Born in Randolph County and Read Law While Teaching School

The greatest study of mankind is man and a very interesting study is the Hon. Jas. Rufin Bulla, of Trinity. Possessed of extraordinary natural endowments, he is a profound scholar, a pure, logical reasoner, and the characteristics united with his seventy-seven years of life and forty years of busy legal practice, give to him in his old age a power to which but few attain.

Mr. Bulla was born in Back Creek township, five miles from Asheboro, in the year 1825. He was of a family of brothers and sisters of which he is the only surviving member. Bolivar Bulla, one of his brothers, was for many years a prominent citizen of Randolph county, where the Bullas are yet numerous and among the very best people. His grandfather, Thomas Bulla, came from England to America in 1690 and a brother who accompanied him settled in Pennsylvania while he, himself, drifted South and finally located in Richmond North Carolina. The Bulla family of England, of which this is a branch, is well known at the present time.

In Mr. Bulla's youth, schools were scarce and though he made extra effort to secure instruction, all he received was two years in a free school, one at Asheboro Academy

## Ex-Representative R. H. Hayes, of

Pittsburg, who was manager of Senator Overman's Senatorial Campaign in the recent contest before the Legislature.

and two at Trinity College, which he left in 1851. In 1853 he was married to Miss Sophia Lora, who had visited in Randolph and came from a prominent family of New Jersey. Until he was 23 years of age, he never left the county in which he has born. He taught school for four years, during which time he studied law and in 1857 he was licensed to practice and located in Asheboro. He remained there ten years. While there his family and the family of Judge Tourgee were neighbors and very friendly and are yet friends even though parted by the Atlantic Ocean.

He was elected county solicitor in 1869 and held this position until 1868, when he became solicitor of the old judicial district, of which Albion W. Tourgee was judge. During the four years in this office, he was also a member of the county school board and a captain of the home guard. His military duties consisted in hunting deserters, and he relates many humorous tales of his experiences while acting in that capacity.

In 1869 he was counsel for the Moore county commissioners in a case which was carried to the United States Supreme Court. The case was entitled "Worthy vs. Commissioners" and grew out of the inability of sheriff-elect Worthy to take the iron-clad oath. Mr. Bulla received a fee of five hundred dollars for his services and he yet tells of the big time he had while in Washington.

We are shipping lots of fruit tree agents from this part of the State. I noticed a little bunch of four drive off in one bunch yesterday going down from Greensboro Saturday and spent Sunday with his uncle Mr. David Moser. Walter has a plenty of hot air, hard tack, rotten beef and dead soldiers and says he will remain in this beautiful land of ours.

Once more I must bid you all goodbye. I assure you, my dear, good people, that it is no pleasure to me to write this. While it is no new thing for me to go away from home, and I have traveled over many, many States and swam across the Mississippi river, but those days are gone and I too must stop on the banks before taking the sleep which knows no waking. Yes, I leave you all to very soon and I want you all to go to Sunday School and attend church as often as possible. May the Good Man take care of you till we meet again.

Probably your physician has told you that rheumatism is incurable. Discoveries are being made in medicine as well as in other things. Rheumatism is a disrovery. It positively cures rheumatism. At Druggists.

He dined with President Grant, attended State receptions and was treated royally. He tells that he rode around there in four horse carriages for three weeks and then had to walk home.

Moving to Greensboro in 1880, he remained there only four years, when he went to Lexington. There for many years he was engaged in his profession in partnership with his son, George M. Bulla, who died in 1893. His second daughter, Miss Bette Bulla, died in 1887. It, 1894 he was paralyzed on his right side and has never regained the use of his right limbs but other than this, he is in full possession of his normal faculties. Shortly after his recovery from the worst of the paralytic stroke, he and his wife went to Trinity where they have since made their home with their daughter, Mrs. Naomi A. Craven, Mr. and Mrs. Bulla have seven

## grandsons: Prof. Harry B. Craven, of Greensboro; Mr. Eric B. Craven, of Lexington; Roy James B. Craven, of Coleridge; Mr. Bruce Craven, of Charlotte; Mr. George B. Craven, of Trinity, and Hobart and George Bulla, the orphan children of George M. Bulla, who live with their mother's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Keen, of Thomasville.

Mr. Bulla always possessed a luminous nature; he was and is full of that spontaneity and kindness of heart that breaks forth in spontaneous mirth. Once a reprobate walked into his office and said, "Mr. Bulla, they tell me yesterday when I was on the witness stand you picked up your hat and left and said that what I was telling was not exactly the truth." The lawyer understood at once that his visitor had come for an apology though he was too timid to say so, but it happened that nothing of the kind had been said, so he replied, "No, Jake, I did not say that." "Well, I knew it wasn't so when I heard it but I just thought I would mention it to you," replied Jake as he started to leave. "No, I didn't say it," repeated Mr. Bulla, "though it is a wonder I didn't for I knew everything you said was nothing more or less than a pack of lies." At another time a lawyer who was on the opposing side to Mr. Bulla asked to have a certain case postponed on account of the "sudden sickness" of a principal witness. "Very well," said Mr. Bulla, "I consent to have it postponed until tomorrow." "Oh tomorrow will do no good," said the other lawyer; "I want it postponed until the next court." And then Mr. Bulla consulted the court with laughter by rising and saying very gravely, "Court will not adjourn for a day yet. Don't you think that is sufficient time for the witness to get sober?"

While prosecuting a capital case, the lawyer for the defense scouted two ignorant negroes on the jury and then whispered to the solicitor "I've got you now, Bulla, those niggers will never vote to hang anybody." "Got nothing," was the reply, "they will vote to hang him just to have a big day." The jury remained out several hours and then reported that they could not agree because the two negroes were sold for hanging and the ten white men were equally determined for acquittal.

In his practice at the bar, in capital offenses and sixteen of them were hanged. He defended eight men in capital cases and only two of them were hanged. He was always and is yet strongly opposed to capital punishment but did his duty as a lawyer, because he thought the law was neighbor than his own personal opinion. While addressing a jury in Guilford in a case against Piff Parker, he said the defendant ought to be hung on general principles, and the jury agreed with him. On the other hand he never felt any compunction of conscience in defending a guilty man because, as he says, the law allows the accused to defend himself and he considered the prisoner entitled to representation in court. After his term as solicitor expired, a judge once appointed him to defend a vile and guilty wretch and Mr. Bulla humbly begged to be excused. His honor stuck to his opinion however somewhat to the displeasure of the lawyer who gave fair warning that if he undertook to defend the man, he should defend him to the last ditch. No one expected the case ever to go to the jury but Mr. Bulla kept it up through two or three courts and was in a fair way to have his client acquitted when Wheeler's cavalry came along and released his of his disagreeable duty, at the same time relieving the prisoner of all the cares and tribulations of this world. After Mr. Bulla's term as solicitor expired he could never be hired to prosecute a capital case.

One of the most remarkable things about this remarkable man is his wonderful memory though all his mental activity is strong and unimpeded. He can quote whole poems, remembers every person he ever knew and very much amused this writer on the sixth day of last April by solemnly saying to his wife that "it was just twenty-three years ago to-day when I bought that brittle case from John Sowers."

He is now in the evening of life though he has many years of life yet before him. He is comforted by the consciousness of a race nobly run and by a merciful heart that never fails to sympathize with anything in trouble whether it be human or not human. He thinks he has lived out his usefulness and every time he gets a new article of clothing, he says, "it will not live to wear it much, but you can use it to bury me in." Recently some one told him he would live a long time yet and he replied, "I don't know."

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## plied, "Yes, nobody thinks I will

ever die and when the time does come, some of them will look at me and say, 'Oh, let him alone. He will come to.'"

In politics he is a Republican and in religion is a Quaker, but in each while possessing strong convictions, he has charity for the opinions of others and never says anything that could offend any one. He believes more in citizenship and kindness than he does in politics and theology. He sometimes composes rhymes for the amusement of his friends and this is his effusion on THE BICYCLE.

This wheel concerns is criticized, But still is being used; And when it breaks a neck or arm, Why, then it is abused. Each rider thinks he'll save his neck, His legs and arms, forsooth, But when he says he rides with ease, He does not tell the truth.

If boys should take such foolish risk And scamper o'er the gun, Their youth for them is some excuse, But what excuse for men? Just why gray-headed men who have Two legs, two eyes, a nose, Should risk their carcasses on this thing Is just what no one knows.

While living in High Point, Mr. Bulla was engaged in doing some collecting for a Northern firm and in reply to an inquiry from them, wrote a letter that has been copied all over the United States and in some English papers and it is worth all the notice that has been given it. Here it is:

High Point, N. C., Aug. 27, 1877. John Smith & Co., Philadelphia, Pa. Gentlemen: Replying to yours of the 18th inst., I have to say that for the prospect of having claims placed in my hands to collect and nothing more, I do not feel willing to report the standing of the party mentioned or of any one else. I do not want to be misunderstood as saying I do not want paying business, but I do know that a lawyer would starve as quick on commissions as he would on corn-cob soap in January.

I have had some experience in collecting since the war, or rather in trying to collect. I have offered to compromise claims by taking old clothes, frozen cabbage, circus tickets, patent medicine, what stones, powder horns, old flour barrels, gourd, iron skins, jaybirds, owls or almost anything; and yet I have a number of the old claims on hand unsettled. If I were to depend on collecting for a living, my loan book would rattle in me like 'hot liquor in a poor dog.

I don't want to shoot at long range but if you are inclined to pay anything certain for the reports, I'm your man—say ten dollars cash and then I'm in; or if money is scarce I would take checks, large numbers, say 10's, 11's, and 12's to the amount of ten dollars at wholesale prices.

It's hard times here; the niggers and the Democrats have pulled and worried each other until this whole country smells like cheese. How in the world would you expect to collect money out of a people who blow speckled bills on hillside? If you were to see a nigger plowing his garden with a sow, you would not wonder why I don't want claims to collect in this vicinity.

Your sincere friend,  
J. R. BULLA.

## Advice to Boys.

Idleness is the devil's own workshop, and especially is his true boy. We never feel sorry for the boy who has to work, even if it be to help make a living for himself and family; but we do pity the boy who has nothing to do and whose parents are able to keep him from having to labor. The boy who may work and get only a stipend of a dollar, or even less, a week is learning habits of idleness. It is from the boys who have done the life of industry that come the successful men of the nation. The boy who waits until he is grown, or until he acquires an education, before he begins to labor or learn a profession is apt to start in life handicapped and outstripped by his seemingly less fortunate competitor who started in ahead of him. It pays a boy better in the long run to work for twenty-five cents a week and learn a trade with habits of application to business, than to do nothing and be supported at the expense of his parents. Boys do something.—Gazette.

How can it be expected that justice will ever be done when lawyers can be found who will move heaven and earth to acquit such brutal murderers as Bishop and Haywood? It is the every accused man that he has an opportunity to defend himself to the utmost and to establish his innocence if possible but when a lawyer for a consideration moves heaven and earth to clear a guilty man, he is no better than the criminal and is as much of an enemy to society and good government. No amount of reasoning, no custom and no code of ethics can change this fact. Lawyers can be found in this State who will for money undertake to free a heinous scoundrel who they know has committed a brutal murder or despoiled a home. The more flagrant the crime, and the more certain the guilt, the harder these lawyers will work to turn the wretch loose again to continue his diabolical work. Let us not boast longer of our civilization, when such a thing as this exists. Ours seems to be not only a "land of liberty" but a land of license.—Conced Times.

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