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MR. SIMMONS

A Reply That Tears Away the Mask of Democratic Hypocrisy.

Why Simmons Asked for a Joint Debate,

After His Abusive Words When Invitation Was Sent to Him,

Lawless Threats of the Democratic State Machine.

A JOINT CANVASS WILL BE CONCEDED ONLY UPON CONDITION THAT PLEDGES ARE KEPT, DISFRANCHISING SCHEME WITHDRAWN, AND A FAIR AND JUST ELECTION LAW ENACTED.

Special to the Gazette. Greensboro, N. C., May 19.—Chairman Holton today sent to Chairman Simmons the following reply to the latter's invitation for a joint debate: Hon. F. M. Simmons, Chairman Democratic State Committee, Raleigh, N. C.:

Dear Sir: Replying to yours of the 7th instant, in which you express a desire for a joint discussion between the candidates of the republican and democratic parties, you will pardon me for manifesting some surprise at this request coming as it did after your candidates had canvassed the state from the mountains to the seashore.

I agree with you that the republican party has taken strong ground in opposition to the proposed suffrage amendments and also against the partisan election law adopted by the last legislature and endorsed by your recent state convention.

These measures were by your convention made the leading state issues both of which were in total violation of the pledges of your party in the campaign of 1898.

Your utterances have indicated that you did not desire a discussion of these questions so vital to our republican form of government. When Mr. H. W. Ayer, state auditor, referring to these issues last January, stated that they would be fully discussed before the people, your interview, published in the Charlotte Observer on January 28, indicated that you would not tolerate a discussion when you said:

"If Mr. Ayer expects white men to discuss with him and his associates these cardinal republican and fusion propositions, I tell him and them plainly they will not do it."

You further said: "If vehement and robust denunciations of these fusion propositions and their proposers and vigorous action to defeat them grates on the tender sensibilities of Mr. Ayer and his associates, they will have to grin and bear it the best they can."

Your speech, reported in the News and Observer, made in the Wake county democratic convention on April 7, was of same tenor which clearly indicated that it was the purpose of your committee not to reason with the people, but to awe, intimidate and inflame the public mind to such a condition that the people would cast their ballots without reflection. No doubt your extended itinerary demonstrated that the conservative and law-abiding citizens are not ready to surrender their liberties by supporting a proposition based at best upon a doubtful construction of our national constitution, and proposed by those, who, in the campaign of 1898, placed an entirely different construction upon the fourteenth and fifteenth amendment thereof, with positive pledges given by yourself and every democratic speaker, that no effort would be made to curtail the suffrage of either white or black.

I call your attention to your interview of a column and a half, published in every democratic daily in the state on September 25, 1898, in which you stated:

"For the past twenty years or more just before every election the republic-

can speakers, at their midnight meetings, have been in the habit of telling the negro if the democrats came into power their right to vote would be taken from them. After the democrats came into power in this state they always had some reason to give these credulous beings why the democrats had not disfranchised them as they had before predicted. First, they told them if the democrats got the state government they would disfranchise them. The democrats got the state government and did not disfranchise them. Then they told them if the democrats elected a president they would disfranchise them. The democrats elected a president and did not disfranchise them. Then they told them if the democrats got congress they would disfranchise them. The democrats got control of congress and did not disfranchise them. All along the honest white men laughed at these lies and marveled that the negro did not have sense enough to see that he was being duped. Finally the negro himself began to see through the trick. He had seen the democrats in full power in this state for twenty odd years and had learned through experience that that party did not propose to disfranchise him and he too laughed at these lies and finally refused to be frightened at their art any longer, so the old republican scarecrow had to be pulled down and put away."

This of course was conclusive that no interference would be made with his right of suffrage. Further on in the same interview you said: "They know the democratic party was the party that removed the property and educational disqualifications to suffrage in North Carolina. They know that the democratic party has always stood for manhood suffrage and they know the democratic party will never under any circumstances under the sun consent to the passage of any law which will take from them, however poor and ignorant they may be, the right to vote, or which will in any way diminish that great privilege."

Again we read in the supplement to your handbook on page 18, published about that time, the following: "The democratic party will never submit any proposition to the people to take from a man the right to vote. No democrat has ever proposed such a thing. The charge is only intended to mislead, to deceive and make political capital. It is entirely false. There is not a democratic convention that would not spit upon such a proposition. There is not a democratic candidate for office who would not pledge himself most solemnly against it."

Confronted with these solemn pledges so recklessly broken in the submission of these suffrage amendments; together with the violation of the pledges of your platform of 1898, wherein your state convention declared: "We favor fair and just election laws," but instead thereof enacted the most partisan election laws that ever disgraced the statute books of a civilized nation, by means of which your followers openly declare they intend to secure the adoption of your suffrage amendments regardless of the will of the people or how they cast their vote. In my opinion you do not desire a free and fair discussion, but seek to assemble the people for an opportunity to inflame and excite your followers by vehement denunciations and false alarms, which when resented may result in riot and bloodshed such as we witnessed in the campaign of 1898 and further in view of the statement of your candidate for governor in a public speech at Snow Hill, referring to the determination of the democratic machine to rule said: "That there are three ways in which they may rule—by force, by fraud or by law. We have ruled by force, we can rule by fraud."

With such untruthful and lawless threats, I deem it best for the peace and good order of the state to decline your proposition. Now withdraw your threats, pull off your red shirts, lay aside your shot guns, recant and atone as far as possible for the violation of your solemn pledges by repealing your disfranchising scheme when your legislature met in June, and save the good name of the state by enacting "fair and just election laws" which will insure to every qualified elector the right to cast one ballot and have that ballot counted as cast. Do this and we will meet you on every stump in the state and discuss dispassionately the vital issues pertaining to the welfare of this great commonwealth. Then whatever the result the will of the people shall be supreme, law and order will prevail and our state saved from disgrace which has always followed a debauched ballot.

Let it be understood that the people of this state will never willingly consent for any man to occupy the high office of governor—placed there by force or fraud. Respectfully,

A. E. HOLTON, Chairman Republican State Executive Committee, Greensboro, N. C., May 19.

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JUDGE ADAMS SPEAKS IN PERSON COUNTY

A LARGE AND ENTHUSIASTIC ASSEMBLAGE GREET HIM.

Democrats Who Will Vote Against the Amendment.

Attorney General Waiser and Augustus H. Price also Speak—Opposition to the Vote Stealing Election Law.

Special to the Gazette. Roxboro, N. C., May 19.—There was a very enthusiastic meeting here today. Judge Spencer B. Adams, republican candidate for governor; Hon. A. H. Price, republican elector at large, and Attorney General Waiser spoke. Quite a large number of democrats were present and declared they would never, under any circumstances, vote for the amendment. Person county is opposed to the disfranchising measure and will roll up a tremendous majority against it. The democrats see the handwriting on the wall. The people are determined to bury this Simmons vote stealing scheme too deep to be resurrected.

There were 500 people who heard the speaking today and manifested their interest by their close attention. Adams, Price and Waiser all made stirring speeches and were applauded to the echo.

YESTERDAY IN CONGRESS.

Ceremonies in Connection With the Acceptance of Statuses

Washington, May 19.—The greater part of today's session of the senate was devoted to ceremonies connected with the acceptance of the statuses of Thomas Benton and Francis P. Blair presented by Missouri and a certificate of General Grant presented by the G. A. R. Several eulogistic speeches were made on the life and character of all three. A request by Senator Allen to accord to the Boer delegates the privileges of the floor was objected to.

The house was occupied with the ceremonies attending the acceptance of the statue to General Grant.

THE CUBAN POSTAL MUDDLE.

Havana, May 19.—Assistant Postmaster General Bristow, Deputy Auditor Lowbe of the postoffice department of the United States and three inspectors arrived today to look into the postal muddle. Bristow took immediate charge of affairs and will continue to investigate with all possible speed. The Foraker resolution with regard to granting franchises to the island is again agitating the Cubans, many declare it is a drawback to the development of the island.

YES' ERDAY'S LEAGUE GAMES.

At Chicago—R H E
Chicago..... 6 7 3
Boston..... 4 11 3
Batteries: Taylor and Donohue; Dineen and Clements.

The St. Louis-New York, Cincinnati-Brooklyn and Pittsburgh-Philadelphia games were postponed on account of rain.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

At Buffalo—Chicago, 7; Buffalo, 5.
At Cleveland—Kansas City, 5; Cleveland, 2.
At Detroit—Detroit, 6; Minneapolis, 0.
At Indianapolis—Rain.

May is a month of conferences. Six Methodist bodies are holding their conference this month. The general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church of the northern United States, now in session in Chicago, although this church, unlike some of the other Wesleyan bodies, shows a numerical loss in membership during the past year, nevertheless represents the most numerous protestant body in the country, having, according to Dr. Carroll's latest statistics a membership of 2,698,810—larger by a million than the next most numerous denomination—the regular Baptist church, south.

Besides the question of declining membership the most important matters before the conference are the positions of laymen in the legislative councils of the church, the election of several new bishops, the adoption of a new constitution, the place of the "higher criticism" in biblical study, the question of amusements such as dancing and card playing, now condemned by the book of discipline, and the five years' time limit of pastorates.

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ST. LOUIS STILL SUFFERING.

From the Street Car Strike—Many Injured Employees.

St. Louis, May 19.—The street railway strike situation today is without material change so far as the number of cars in operation is concerned. The St. Louis Transit company today has in operation fourteen of the twenty-two lines composing its system about 150 cars. Before the strike the Transit company had 800 cars in operation. It is declared by street car officials that lack of protection of the street car lines is one cause for this condition and another cause assigned is that the company has not enough men with which to operate more.

So far nearly seventy Transit company employees, have been under the surgeon's care since the strike began. Most of the injuries were from cuts and bruises, but some of the injuries were of a serious nature. In many of the sheds and power houses of the St. Louis Transit company hospitals have been established and employees, injured during strike encounters, have been received at almost all of them.

The action of the Trades and Labor unions last night in adopting a resolution recommending that labor unionists quit work on a call from the executive committee of that body, has put a different aspect on affairs and complicated matters. It remains to be seen, however, how many of the different unions will order a sympathetic strike.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

At St. Mary's College, Belmont, N. C. —Loss \$200,000.

Special to the Gazette. Charlotte, N. C., May 19.—Fire this morning partially destroyed the plant of St. Mary's college, Belmont, N. C., one of the largest and finest college plants in the south. At 4 o'clock this morning the blaze was first discovered and by 7:30 o'clock half the plant was reduced to ashes.

The building consisted of a new and an old portion. The fire originated in the new portion of the edifice and completely destroyed this, together with a part of the old building. The entire plant was valued at \$400,000 and the loss by today's fire is estimated to be about \$200,000.

Charlotte was telephoned to come on with her fire apparatus, but as the water supply at Belmont is very inadequate, Chief Glenn thought it would be useless to take the engines over. A chemical engine was also requested from here, but could not be obtained. St. Mary's college is one of the finest, largest and best equipped Catholic schools in the entire south and is under the supervision of Bishop Hald, Father Bernard being in charge at Belmont. The school buildings contained about 175 people at the time of the fire, but no lives were lost.

Charlotte was telegraphed for fifty trunks and valises this morning, as far as can be learned here, the college will be closed for the season immediately.

SMITH APPOINTS MAGINNIS

To be Senator in Place of Clark From Montana.

Helena, Mont., May 19.—Gov. Smith reached Helena today and affixed his signature to the commission of Major Martin Maginnis, who will leave tonight for Washington and present it to the senate. Concerning the appointment Gov. Smith said: "If the senate adopts the committee resolution and decides that Clark was never legally elected and had nothing to resign, then my appointment of Major Maginnis may not be unrecognized."

PLAGUE IN SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, Cal., May 19.—The board of health has adopted a resolution declaring that bubonic plague exists in San Francisco. The health authorities say that while there are no living cases here, there have been six deaths during the past three months, and they have decided to take precautions against the development and spread of the disease.

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Reports From Pretoria of Peace Negotiations.

Transvaal Authorities Said to Put an End to the War.

Kruger, However, Is Reported Among the Irreconcilables.

DUNDONALD MOVES FORWARD TO LAING'S NEK—BULLER REPORTS THAT HE OVERTOOK THE REAR OF THE FLEEING ENEMY.

London, May 19.—The celebration of Mafeking's relief is the only matter to which nine-tenths of the British nation will pay any attention. The mooted question of intended submission of the Boer republics, which is of vastly greater political importance scarcely attracts the notice of the shouting millions who still fill the streets of this and other British cities.

Significant reports of proposed peace negotiations are coming from Pretoria. In regard to this latter the situation is somewhat difficult to understand, but certain things are clear. It is undeniable that a section of the Boers, especially of the Free State, are now urging the authorities to make peace on the best terms obtainable. Information on this point and in regard to the probable action of the Transvaal comes from Laffan correspondents which makes it entirely clear that the peace sentiment is so strong that the Transvaal authorities are ready to open negotiations. It is also a fact that they are anxious to have the United States act as intermediary, as France did in the Spanish-American war. They have been informed that the United States regards the situation much as did France when she acted as a go between for two sovereign powers, while England refuses to recognize the South African republics and insists they shall make direct communication on the question of peace or any other subject.

Furthermore the Transvaal authorities are convinced that the only conditions for a cessation of hostilities which England will accept are complete submission. Their terms, the Pretoria correspondent of the Laffan bureau asserts, the belligerent section of the Boers will never accept. It is generally believed Kruger and Secretary of State Reitz are among the irreconcilables.

This matter is of the greatest importance, for it is conceded that if even a few thousand of the Boers withdraw to northern hills it may be a matter of months, perhaps years, to subdue them.

It is now felt that Pretoria will fall into the hands of the British within a few weeks.

Some ugly hints are arriving that as a last desperate measure both Johannesburg and Pretoria will be destroyed, but this will avail nothing in the end. The principal sufferers will be those who are willing to submit to the inevitable. There are many such already in the Transvaal and they are probably strong enough to prevent an act of wanton and useless anarchy.

DUNDONALD REACHES LAING'S NEK.

London, May 19.—The following was received from Buller tonight: "New-

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