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A SCENE OF FIERCE FURY.

Tuesday witnessed another most extraordinary exhibition of the tone and temper of the democratic majority in the lower house of the general assembly of this state. The chief newspaper organ of the democratic party at Raleigh heads the account of the affair, "House Unearths Republican Plot." This "Plot," which it seems was "unearthed" by one Zachary, member from Transylvania county, was concocted and formulated for base political purposes.

And what was it all about? What was the diabolical plot? It was this—listen, ye who crave a knowledge of what caused democratic thunder to crash and reverberate, and wits (democratic wits?) to flash—here it is, just as Zachary unearthed and exposed it amid the "fierce fury of it all!"

A citizen of North Carolina, home Asheville, name Richmond Pearson, circulated some petitions for amendment of the present election law in this state. (The petitions were published in the Gazette some three months ago). These petitions and others to the number of 106, signed by many citizens, democrats and republicans, have been presented to the legislature. The hell born feature of the proceeding (according to democratic thunder) consisted in Mr. Pearson having circulated some of these petitions.

When this horrible exposure was made, and flashes of wit had lightened the fierce fury of it all, and the walls were still reverberating with the crashes of democratic denunciation, Judge O. V. F. Blythe confessed that he had dared to circulate petitions for a change in the election law. If Richmond Pearson has been guilty of sending out any of these petitions, he has been guilty of no more than many another man," said Judge Blythe. "I have done the same thing myself, and I have no apologies to make for it."

That must have been an awful moment for the reverberations, the denunciations and the wit flashes amid the fierceness of their fury. It must have been a period of severest strain on the rafters. Mr. Benbow of Yadkin made matters still worse by acknowledging, "I introduced some of those petitions, and I think I did it in good faith. "As I remember," said Mr. Benbow, "the governor in his inaugural message recommended some changes in the election law. He seemed to consider that the present law was necessary in order to get rid of the negro, but now we have were rid of that danger, there might be some modifications. Dr. Curry, too, the other day, intimated that something was wrong."

This is the first North Carolina legislature we believe that has gone crazy over the fact that it was petitioned to perform an act of legislation. This legislature probably also has the distinction of being the first in the history of the world that considered it a "hell-born thing to circulate petitions for the amendment of an objectionable law. The Simmons election law abolishes the right of mandamus. This legislature shown an inclination to abolish the right of petition.

THE ATTACK ON SUPREME COURT.

It takes very slight provocation for General Miles to have his photograph taken. His promotion to the lieutenant generalship brought forth one evidently modeled on Emperor William.

The sentiment of the Salisbury bar, as far as gathered, is unanimously opposed to the impeachment of Chief Justice Furches and Associate Justice Douglas. One member, who is a strong democrat, as nearly everybody is about here, has written to the former, assuring him of his sympathy with him as a victim of political persecution.—Salisbury cor. Charlotte Observer.

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Official is a very grave matter and the case should be a flagrant one when it is invoked. Judge Furches has lived an honored and respected citizen in this community for more than a generation, and while he is a strong partisan and he and the Landmark are wide apart in politics, we shall protest against his being dishonored in his old age unless it is satisfactorily shown that he has done something worthy of death or bonds. There is, too, in these impeachment proceedings a suggestion of so grave a matter. The democratic party cannot afford to enter into such a matter as this for partisan advantage. If it does, it will find, when too late, that it will have damaged itself irreparably.—Statesville Landmark.

It seems that not very many papers in this state have referred editorially to this impeachment business, that is, give an expression of opinion; but that most of the exposition thus far is adverse.—Raleigh cor. Charlotte Observer.

From all the sources of information with whom we have communicated, the impeachment business at Raleigh is reckoned as a grave mistake. Is the house very sure of its footing?—Concord Standard.

Mr. Booker T. Washington's autobiography continues to attract widespread interest. The installment contained in the February Magazine Number of The Outlook includes the famous address made by Mr. Washington at the opening of the Atlanta Exposition, when for the first time in Southern history a negro was called upon to speak as a representative of negro enterprise and negro civilization in a great public meeting managed and controlled by the White people of the state. (\$3 a year. The Outlook Company, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York.

The region of the Great Lakes in industry, commerce and politics is described at first-hand by Frederick C. Howe, Esq., of Cleveland, in the current number of The World's Work. Especially interesting is Mr. Howe's description of the industrial progress of the Middle West and of its growing political power.

From the time of Jackson," says Mr. Howe, "political power has been moving westward. Since 1861 the only president elected from east of the Alleghenies has been Grover Cleveland. All the other presidents came from the Middle West, the states of the Great Lakes basin. Today the West is predominant in politics. Tomorrow it will be articulated in its power. The reapportionment based on the census of 1900 will still further increase its power in the electoral college as well as in congress.

VERDICT IN HOT SPRINGS HOMICIDE CASE

Marshall, N. C., Feb. 6.—The jury in the Hot Springs homicide case (Stacy vs. J. W. Floyd, Guy Turner and Duke Lamb) came in at 10 o'clock this morning. They rendered a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree as to Guy Turner, not guilty as to Lamb and made a mistrial as to Floyd. This verdict seems to be about what was predicted by a majority of those who heard the evidence, and who were otherwise qualified to have an opinion on the subject.

D. M. Luther, Esq., left for Asheville today, the last of the visiting attorneys to go. Mr. Luther's argument to the jury in this celebrated and lengthy case has been highly spoken of by many who heard it. Solicitor Ferguson has been an exceedingly busy man during this term; and the arduous and responsible duties of the high office he holds have never been more faithfully or ably discharged. With a good grand jury many new cases were returned and with a good judge and a good solicitor both the new and old cases have been disposed of with a business like and wonderful rapidity. Judge Shaw has covered into the county treasury for the benefit of the school fund, some \$1,500 and his term of the court will go down into tradition known as the "Reign of Law", and evil doers for a generation yet to come will tremble at his name, at the same time it may be said that for the innocent misguided he has marked consideration and regard; but as for the vicious, the totally depraved those given up to wickedness of heart and fatally bent on mischief—to all such he gives unerringly and unswervingly the limit of the punishment, according to the law, when they are convicted before him. The good people of Madison would be delighted if Judge Shaw could hold the special spring term.

KING EDWARD NOT SUFFERING FROM CANCER London, February 5.—Sir Felix Semon, physician for diseases of the throat to the National Hospital for Epilepsy and Paralysis, and president of the Laryngological Society of London, etc., asks the Associated Press to say there is positively no word of truth in the story published in the United States that King Edward is suffering from cancer of the throat. Sir Felix Semon wishes it to be called a "scandalous invention and ridiculous report."

STILL HELD AS A PRISONER.

Pekin, February 5.—The Rev. W. S. Ament, one of the missionaries of the American Board of Foreign Missions, recently arrested by German and French troops near Tung Chow, and charged with favoring to extort money from the Chinese villagers, has not yet been released. The French troops are holding him for investigation, asserting that he obtained money from between thirty and forty villages where Christians had been killed in the great massacre. The money was in demerit payable to the families of the killed.

THE BUNKLEY ESTATE SOLD.

Brunswick, Ga., February 5.—The sale of the Bunkley estate on Cumberland Island was held at St. Mary's, Camden county, Ga., this afternoon. St. Mary's is indebted to the estate. It was reported that the Bunkley estate would buy in the property under mortgage foreclosure at the price of \$30,000. It was understood that Mrs. Carnegie would not bid.

WILL BE MADE A CARDINAL.

Paris, February 5.—The Reims correspondent of the Temps says a letter from the Vatican has been posted to Archbishop Darbois, the apostolic delegate in the United States, notifying him that he will be created a cardinal. Other letters will shortly be dispatched, as eight or ten new cardinals will be created at the coming consistory.

TWO PEOPLE BURNED TO DEATH.

Flushing, N. Y., February 5.—Two men were burned to death in a fire which took place at the Exposition Hotel in this city today. The dead: Harry Severson, about 35 years of age, a musician, burned to death and recognition. Sid Holland, 40 years of age, a horse man, suffocated. Loss, \$10,000.

ADDISON GAMMAK DEAD.

New York, February 5.—Addison Gammaak, 74 years of age, at one time one of the most prominent speculators in Wall street, died at his home in this city to-day.

OPERATION ON KRUGER'S EYES.

Utrecht, Feb. 6.—An operation on Mr. Krugers eye was successfully performed today.

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T. C. H. Dukes and wife to R. U. Garrett, 386 acres near Sulphur Springs, \$502.40.

J. B. Bostic and wife to Mrs. M. T. Campbell, property north side of Hill street, \$400.

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THE SOUTH AFRICAN WAR.

The Boers Capture 200 British Prisoners—A Strict Watch Kept Along the Bays of the West Coast of Cape Colony.

Cape Town, February 5.—The Boers captured two hundred British when they rushed Modderfontein January 30th. The prisoners were subsequently released. Thirty British were killed or wounded.

The newly-formed guard for the Rand mines left Stellingbosh for Johannesburg Wednesday. An order has been gazetted permitting the importation of goods into the Transvaal, subject to a military permit.

London, February 5.—The British Foreign Office has received semi-official confirmation of reports that the Boers commanded by Blake are threatening to enter Lorenzo Marques and that the local Portuguese authorities had requested British assistance. It is further asserted that a British squadron has been ordered to Lorenzo Marques. It is also reported here that British troops are advancing rapidly towards the Portuguese frontier.

The Blake referred to is probably John Y. Filmore Blake, who was in command of a regiment of Irish and American rough riders in the service of the Transvaal, Blake, who is an old West Pointer, first went to the Transvaal in 1894 or 1895.

Cape Town, February 5.—Officials have been dispatched to watch all the bays along the west coast of Cape Colony against the landing of mercenaries of arms. With the exception of one, all the guns of the British cruiser Sybil, wrecked last month near Lambert's Bay, have been recovered.

Clanwilliam, February 5.—Colonel Brander drove the Boers out of Varrhynsdorp, capturing a number of wagons and a quantity of merchandise. All the farms in this region are deserted. The only persons being found except armed Boers was an English governess on one of the farms.

London, February 6.—The War Office issued a very heavy South African casualty list yesterday, showing, in addition to thirteen killed and seventy-seven wounded in action, eighty-two deaths from disease during the present month.

Last month thirty-one officers and eight hundred non-commissioned officers and men were killed in action or died from disease. Total death list from the beginning of the war shows 12,989 victims.

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