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MR. SIMMONS' "CONSPIRACY"

IN REPLY TO SENATOR PRITCHARD HE ENDEAVORS TO REINFORCE FIRST STATEMENT.

Talks About "Negro Domination," to Excite the Fears of White Men.

REPUBLICAN RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEMOCRATIC DISSENSIONS

SAYS SENATOR PRITCHARD'S ANSWER TO HIS DECLARATION THAT HE HAS DISCOVERED A CONSPIRACY IS AN EVASION.

Special to the Gazette.

Raleigh, N. C., July 10.—Senator Simmons in an interview given out today declares that in his statement Senator Pritchard purposely evades his former charge that the republicans intend to make an "insidious attack" on the franchise amendment. He says the only logical inference is that the republican party does not accept the amendment and has not changed its purpose, loudly proclaimed in 1900, to provoke the judgment of the court upon its constitutionality. Simmons says the information on which his former charge was based was obtained from "a lawyer of the highest standing in the profession," but does not say whether he is a democrat or a republican. He asserts that the "pretended denials" in Senator Pritchard's letter respecting the alleged "conspiracy" are "couched in generalities of the most conspicuous nature."

Simmons then enters upon a long discussion of alleged republican efforts to create dissension in the democratic party and appeals to the fears of white men that "negro domination" will be forced on them again. Concluding, he says: "Enough has been said to show that his (Pritchard's) answer is a shrewd dodge, that it in no way enlightens the people as to the attitude of his party on the suffrage question, and that current events are daily justifying my statements as to the policy his party will pursue in the campaign."

NORFOLK DOCTOR SHOT AND KILLED BY NEGRO

ON ENTERING HOUSE TO WHICH HE HAD BEEN SUMMONED PROFESSIONALLY.

Norfolk, July 10.—Dr. Batts, residing at Brambleton, was summoned by a negro named Graves tonight to attend the latter's wife. When the doctor entered the house the negro shot and killed him.

The police were notified, and surrounded the house. The negro shot at them. They finally rushed into the house and shot the negro. He is believed to be mortally wounded, and was taken to the hospital.

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ANOTHER APALLING DISASTER OCCURS AT JOHNSTOWN, PENN.

Miles Under the Earth, Hundreds of Miners in Cambria Mine are Entombed by Explosion, and Efforts to Rescue Them Proceed but Slowly—Believed Number of Dead Will Reach 200—Some think Many Hundreds More Succumbed.

Johnstown, Pa., July 10.—Johnstown has been visited by the most appalling disaster since the flood. The scene of the disaster was the Cambria Steel company's rolling mill mine, where a terrible explosion occurred this afternoon. How many are dead may take several days definitely to determine.

At hundreds of homes, when the news became known, there were the most pathetic scenes. Mothers, wives, daughters, sons and relatives became frantic with grief. Hundreds rushed to the entrances of the mines with sobbing hearts, awaiting news of loved ones.

All hope of sending a rescuing party into the mine from the Westmont entrance has been abandoned. Two men who escaped from the mine retraced their steps two miles to see what assistance could be rendered, but the frightful damp drove them back.

By desperate efforts they regained the outside of the mine, utterly prostrate.

Doctors relieved them. Their story of the situation in mine made it clear that rescue work could not proceed from the Westmont opening. Before these men returned, a number of the Cambria company's officials entered the mine by the Westmont entrance but the deadly gasses drove them out.

Another batch of would-be rescuers, composed of Mine Foreman Rodgers, his assistant and three fire bosses entered the mine. They were overcome with gas and it is feared they perished. The fifteen years old son of Rodgers entered the mine to rescue his father. He also was overcome, but was carried out.

Preparations are being made to send rescuing parties into the mine by the Mill Creek entrance. General Manager Pierce said tonight:

"There were about six hundred in the mine when the explosion occurred, but only about a hundred of these were in the main south heading, where the explosion occurred." He thought that

not more than a hundred were caught in the debris and the others would be rescued as soon as pure air has forced out the after damp. It will be several hours before any definite knowledge of the situation in the mine can be obtained. Some of the miners who were underground when the explosion occurred do not believe the entombed men are alive. The explosion occurred in a part of the mine known as "Klondike." Its "Dip" in the mine places it much lower than the opening.

From the best information obtainable the death list will reach 200. Up to a late hour tonight only seven men who were in Klondike at the time of the explosion had appeared at the Mill Creek entrance. Some of them are possibly fatally injured.

Johnstown, July 10.—At 11 o'clock tonight searching parties had not yet reached the point where the explosion occurred and were not certain of being able to do so until tomorrow at noon.

DETROIT'S FLOOD SITUATION HAS BECOME EXTREMELY CRITICAL

Des Moines, Ia., July 10.—The flood situation reached its most alarming stage early this morning. The Des Moines river was 21 feet above the low water mark at 7 o'clock, having risen three feet in less than 10 hours. It is still rising at a rapid rate. The Racoon river, which empties into the Des Moines at this place, advanced four feet between 3 and 7:30 o'clock this morning and is still going up.

The flood is at the highest point since 1851 when the river was six feet deep over what is now occupied by thousands of residences, business houses and factories. At that time the river was but one foot higher than at present, and it is evident that the old record will soon be broken.

Nothing but levees protect all this district and in two score places they have been broken. Hundreds of men are working desperately along the levees to save the homes and property, but the water is slowly driving them from their positions.

The residents of South Des Moines kept an anxious vigil all night long and at 4 o'clock, owing to the breaking of a large section of the levee, were forced to flee.

Many thrilling rescues by boats are reported. Thousands of dollars' worth of property was destroyed in 30 minutes in South Des Moines, and it is now practically cut off from the rest of the city. Four feet of water are rushing through the district of 20 blocks occupied by residences.

In North Des Moines a wide breach of the levee occurred at 8 o'clock and 400 residents were forced to abandon their homes and much of their property.

The situation is intensified by the necessity of closing down the water works, if the river advances another foot, and the city will be absolutely without water for domestic consumption, factory use or fire protection. Hundreds of men are constructing a temporary levee about the water works but the water rises almost as fast as they work.

Street car traffic has been abandoned on a number of lines and will have to be abandoned all over the city in a short time, owing to the water putting out the fires under the boilers of the power houses.

It is reported from Adel, Fort Dodge and other places above Des Moines, that the rivers are still rising, which is a greater menace to the city.

The Rock Island railway claims to have resumed trains on almost its regular schedule and the Northwestern is

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CINCINNATI CAR MEN WERE READY TO STRIKE

BUT THE COMPANY WAS WARNED AND MADE PREPARATIONS.

Cincinnati, July 10.—It was expected that the 1800 conductors and motormen of the Cincinnati Traction company would strike at 5:30 tonight, but the plan became known to the traction officials so that many new men were held in readiness. Vice-President J. B. Foraker, Jr., said:

"We do not expect any difficulty now. We have been forewarned and are prepared for any emergency. There can be no possibility of a general strike or even a successful demonstration." For two years, President McMahon, of the Amalgamated Association of Street-Railway employes, has been attempting to unionize the Cincinnati men. The company granted concessions and paid the highest wages but refused to employ union men.

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TERMS REFUSED BY THE STRIKERS

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One Man Said He Would Go Back to Work—His Throat was Cut.

CHICAGO FEDERATION REFUSES ITS AID

THE TERMS OF SETTLEMENT, WHICH THE MEN REFUSED, PROVIDED FOR 20 PER CENT ADVANCE IN WAGES.

Chicago, July 10.—The striking freight handlers this morning voted to refuse terms presented last night and to continue the strike despite the official refusal of the Chicago Federation of Labor to help them.

This action was taken by Polk local union, consisting of men employed by the Rock Island, B. & O., Lake Shore, Nickel Plate, Great Western, Monon & Chicago Terminal Transfer roads, and the Western Local, comprising men in the warehouses of the Burlington, Chicago & Northwestern, St. Paul, Fort Wayne and Chicago and Alton roads. One thousand members were present at the meeting.

By a standing vote the strikers not only decided to stay out, but to fight to the last ditch without seeking cooperation or support.

Following the meeting of Polk and Western locals, a delegation of thirty strikers visited the Burlington yards and persuaded all the teamsters from delivering or receiving freight, except those of Marshall Field & Co., to drive away with their work uncompleted. The delegation then started for the Rock Island yards. The action of the teamsters is contrary to the orders of the (Continued on 4th page.)

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