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STATEMENT BY SENATOR PRITCHARD

A Strong Defense of the Position Taken by the Republican Party in North Carolina.

THE PARTY'S ATTITUDE AS TO COLORED VOTERS

What the Recent Election
Proved in Vindication of
the Course Taken by the
Party Leaders Since the
Adoption of the Con-
stitutional Amend-
ment.

Special to the Gazette.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Senator Pritchard tonight gave out the following statement:

"There seems to be an erroneous impression as to the attitude of the republican party in North Carolina with respect to the colored voters. When our party met in convention at Greensboro it declared in its platform that inasmuch as the recent constitutional amendment, which restricted suffrage in so far as the colored voter is concerned, had been adopted, it was no longer a political question, and that it could not be considered as a political question, and that it could not be considered as a political issue in the future if the democrats would abide by the pledges which they made in the campaign of 1900, which were to the effect that if the constitutional amendment should be adopted all men would be permitted to exercise the right of intellectual freedom in dealing with

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political questions. There were contesting delegations from a few counties in the east, and it was well understood that they attended the convention at the instance of democratic manipulators, and with the sole view of doing what they could to prevent anything like the formation of a strong republican organization in their respective counties. The delegates seated from these counties were substantial farmers and business men, and were selected by qualified voters, while, on the other hand, those who contested their seats were selected by citizens, the majority of whom were not entitled to vote, and in some instances these delegates had made incendiary speeches denouncing the national republican administration, as well as those who are responsible for the management and control of the affairs of the party in the state.

"The committee on credentials reported in favor of seating one or two delegations in which white and colored delegates had been elected by constituencies who were legal voters, and who were in sympathy with the movement which has been inaugurated in North Carolina with a view of placing the republican party on a permanent basis in the eastern part of the state. Thousands of colored men are in accord with the movement, realizing that they do that any attempt in the future, by improper arguments and methods, to secure the solid vote of the colored people for the republican party will result in great injury to their race.

"There were two classes of people who strenuously objected to the policy adopted by the republican party, and strange to say, these classes have theretofore been diametrically opposed to each other. The democrats insisted that we ought to make the amendment an issue in the campaign, and a number of misguided colored people insisted that it should be made an issue; but the demands of neither were heeded, and the results of the recent election afford ample proof of the wisdom of the policy adopted by our state convention.

"There has been no disposition on the part of the republican party in North Carolina to prevent the colored man from participating as a delegate in any convention to which he may be elected by those who are duly qualified voters. The republicans in North Carolina simply refused to adopt any policy which has a tendency to create strife and contention among our people as a whole. Every wise colored man knows that anything approaching negro domination in the south would result in disaster for the republican party and lasting injury to the colored race. These are plain facts that cannot be ignored by those who desire to see the principles of republicanism triumph in the Old North State.

"While the white republicans of North Carolina did all in their power to prevent the adoption of the constitutional amendment, yet a majority of the colored voters who were permitted to register and vote under the amendment voted the straight democratic ticket, and their action in this respect presents a new phase of the race question. I call attention to the following extract from an editorial in the Raleigh Post, a leading democratic paper published the day after the election:

"Yesterday's election develops a new problem. A large number of the colored people allowed to vote cast their votes openly and with evident pleasure for the democratic nominee from top to bottom. This was so in this city and county, and we are informed the same thing took place even to a larger extent, in a number of other counties. Indeed, we would not be surprised, taking all circumstances under consideration, if the fact could be ascertained, if a large majority of those voting throughout the state yesterday did not vote the straight democratic ticket."

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boasting that a majority of the colored votes were cast in favor of the democratic candidates. The editor of the Post is one of the best informed politicians in the state, and he seeks in effect to show that the recent election returns clearly indicate that the democrats cannot carry North Carolina in the future without the aid of the colored settler.

"When we come to consider the fact that a majority of the colored voters voted the straight democratic ticket, voted for the people who disfranchised their fellows, it can hardly be expected that the republican party would be willing to permit this class of voters to dictate its policy in the future. It is a matter of history that the fifteenth amendment would never have been adopted at the time it was ratified by the various legislatures had it not been for the fact that all the southern states, with the exception of Tennessee, had refused to adopt what was known as the Howard amendment. The Howard amendment provided that the southern states should have representation in congress, but did not undertake to place any restrictions upon the states with respect to the elective franchise. It simply undertook to fix the status of citizenship in each state in the union, and, among other things, it provided that as long as the negro was denied the right to vote he should not be counted in the federal enumeration. If it had been adopted there would have been no necessity for the fifteenth amendment; and for its defeat the southern democrats are responsible. Its adoption would have secured for the colored man by common consent on the part of the southern democrats that which he has not secured under an express provision of the constitution of the United States; for under such circumstances the south could have obtained increased representation only by allowing the colored man to vote.

"Since 1876 it has proved an actual fact impossible to secure the enforcement of the provisions of the fifteenth amendment. There has been an almost complete disintegration of the republican forces in all the southern states where the colored men compose the party, but in states like Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia there has been a steadfast adherence to the principles of republicanism by the white republicans in the face of every form of political disaster.

"At times in North Carolina we have been defeated, but have at all times succeeded in electing one or two congressmen, and on two occasions we secured control of the legislature, and at one time elected a governor, and have twice elected a United States senator. We have stood stoutly for the negro's political rights as long as there was any chance to secure them, and now stand stoutly for his rights before the law; and ask only that, as he has shown himself powerless to fight his own battles, he will not now hamper us when we are trying to do all that can effectively be done for him.

"The amendment which was proposed to our constitution in 1900 was, in my opinion, in violation of the fifteenth amendment, and those of us who believe in the principles of republicanism did what we could to secure its defeat. After a desperate struggle it was adopted by an overwhelming majority, and it is now a part of the organic law of our state, and until it is stricken from the constitution or annulled by the courts we have no alternative but to respect it as the law of the land, and nothing can be accomplished by attempting to keep the question before the people as a political issue.

"I have been criticized because I would not recommend the appointment of colored people in eastern Carolina. I have consistently recommended the men in each community most fit for the office sought and have endeavored to consult the wishes of the good citizens as to whom they desired to have appointed to fill positions wherein the citizens were brought in direct contact with the official. Any other course would have been calculated not only to injure the cause of republicanism, but to do a great and lasting injury to the colored race by arousing violent racial prejudices. The colored people have been given several important positions by the present administration, and I am satisfied that the race has received as fair treatment by this administration in North Carolina as it has in any state in the union."

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PRESIDENT'S SECOND MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

Repeats and Emphasizes His Recommendations as to the Regulation of Trusts.

RELATIONS OF LABOR AND CAPITAL DISCUSSED

Cuban Reciprocity to Be Treat- ed in a Separate Message— Success of Philippines Policy.

Washington, Dec. 2.—There were two events of interest in the senate today, the swearing in of Gen. Russell A. Alger as senator from Michigan and the presentation of the president's annual message.

Before the senate convened General Alger appeared on the floor and was heartily congratulated by his new colleagues.

Upon the conclusion of the reading of the message, which occupied one hour and fifteen minutes, it was ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

A concurrent resolution, offered by Mr. Morgan (Ala.) providing for the printing and compilation of bills and debates in congress relating to trusts, was referred to the committee on printing.

Then senate then, at 1:27 p. m., on motion of Mr. Lodge, went into executive session.

The doors were opened at 1:35. Mr. Frye laid before the senate a number of annual reports of government officials, and then had read the resignation of Rev. W. H. Milburn, the blind chaplain of the senate.

After the transaction of some routine business Mr. Platt (Conn.) presented a resolution expressing sorrow at the senate over the death of Representative Charles H. Russell of Connecticut, which was adopted, and as a further mark of respect the senate, at 1:50 p. m., adjourned until tomorrow.

Senator Cullom today introduced a bill to amend the Sherman anti-trust law. It prohibits interstate commerce in articles produced by trusts, the penalty for violations being a fine of from \$500 to \$5,000.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The house met at noon today with a large attendance and crowded galleries. Immediately after reading of the Journal, Gordon Russell, who was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of R. C. De Graffenreid of Texas, and Edward Swann, who was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Amos J. Cummings of New York, appeared at the bar and took the oath.

The reading of the message was listened to attentively, especially those portions relating to the regulation of trusts, the tariff and the isthmian canal bill. There were no demonstrations until the reading was concluded, when there was a general outburst of approval on the republican side.

Mr. Cannon moved to consider tomorrow the bill to defray the expenses of the anthracite coal strike commission. It was so ordered.

After Mr. Lanham (Texas) had announced the death of his late col-

leagues, Representatives De Graffenreid and Sheppard, the house at 1:40 p. m., as a further mark of respect, adjourned.

ANTI-TRUST MEASURE.

The judiciary committee of the house held its first meeting today and took prompt action in the direction of getting an anti-trust measure before congress at the earliest possible moment. Mr. Jenkins of Wisconsin, who has become acting chairman owing to the retirement of Judge Ray, referred all measures dealing with trusts to the sub-committee, of which Mr. Littlefield of Maine is chairman, and that sub-committee will go to work at once. It is the hope of Mr. Littlefield that a bill can be reported out of the full committee before the adjournment for the Christmas holidays. The committee today unanimously voted to request the speaker to appoint Mr. Jenkins chairman of the committee.

VIRGINIA CONTEST.

Elections committee No. 1 of the house decided today to report adversely on the resolutions offered yesterday proposing that the credentials of Carter Glass, elected to the house from Virginia, be investigated. The resolution was presented with a view to having an inquiry made of the new Virginia constitution as regards all disfranchisement of voters.

THE MESSAGE.

The president's message is as follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives: We still continue in a period of unbounded prosperity. This prosperity is not the creature of law, but undoubtedly the laws under which we work have been instrumental in creating the conditions which made it possible, and by unwise legislation it would be easy enough to destroy it. There will undoubtedly be periods of depression. The wave will recede, but the tide will advance. This nation is seated on a continent flanked by two great oceans. It is composed of men the descendants of pioneers or, in a sense, pioneers themselves—of men winnowed out from among the nations of the old world by the energy, boldness and love of adventure found in their own eager hearts. Such a nation so placed will surely wrest success from fortune.

As a people we have played a large part in the world, and we are bent upon making our future even larger than the past. (Continued on sixth page.)

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