

JOHN GRANT; HIS TRIUMPHS

Seven Months Past Has Been a Period of Experience for Congressman from This District.

FIGHTS IN LAST DITCH FOR HIS POLITICAL LIFE

Will Luther Be Allowed to Keep the Baltimore Postoffice? If not, It Will Be About All Over.

John G. Grant, republican representative in congress from the Tenth North Carolina district, is here from the national capital.

That was the first sentence of a story printed in The Gazette-News of June 25, 1909, relative to Mr. Grant and his troubles in the district. It was the first intimation, in fact, that Mr. Grant was having trouble with a distribution of federal patronage.

During the seven months' period from that date until the present Mr. Grant has had probably more trouble and more worry with his distribution of patronage and his "political fences" than any other member of the national congress. In the course of that story June 26 the statements were made that Mr. Grant was here ostensibly to meet his daughter, but that really he was here to look after his political fences.

All that occurred more than seven months ago. Mr. Grant is again in Asheville. The Baltimore postoffice matter is largely to the front in matters political; the Saluda postoffice affair and the alleged attempt to coerce a postoffice inspector is likewise to the front. It was stated also in that story of June 26 that Mr. Grant "does not appear so calm and self-satisfied as he did prior to taking a seat in the national congress. It may be that the weather is having its effect on the general representative and again it may be that affairs political are worrying the "statesman."

Mr. Grant, it is reported, is again in Asheville. He came Saturday afternoon on a flying trip to "leave again Sunday afternoon." He did not leave, however. He is still here. At least, he was this morning. He does not appear even as "calm and self-satisfied" now as he did in June and the weather is not to blame either. Mr. Grant is having his troubles. He is having a plenty of them. While it is alleged that he came here on account of the illness of his son those who are wise to the situation say that he is here on another matter. There are five postoffice inspectors here on "special work" and it is known that the Baltimore postoffice affair is under investigation; that it is a matter of "life and death"—politically—to Mr. Grant; that if Mr. Grant should lose in the fight it would mean his political "funeral"; and, further, that the old Saluda postoffice "squabble" which The Gazette-News has also under investigation. In fact, there are two postoffice inspectors or secret service men here on the Baltimore matter and three with reference to the alleged attempt to "coerce a postoffice inspector." Incidentally Brownlow Jackson of Hendersonville, the postmaster at that place, who was the bearer of that alleged "coercive letter," was in town yesterday, leaving during the afternoon for his home.

A Fight in the Last Ditch. That is the situation. Mr. Grant is making a fight in the last ditch for his political life. In the event that the postmaster general or the president should turn down Mr. Grant's man Luther as postmaster at Baltimore and reappoint Mrs. Reed to the place, such action would be tantamount to a declaration that neither the president nor his chief lieutenant, Mr. Hitchcock, believed the affidavit that Mr. Grant made about Mrs. Reed at the retention of the office; the removal was the result of Mr. Grant's hopeful and so are his friends. But the friends of Mrs. Reed are more than hopeful. They are confident that Mr. Grant has played his trump card and that he has lost. In the meantime Mr. Grant and Postmaster W. W. Rollins, who is seeking a reappointment for the fourth time as postmaster at Asheville, are here.

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TILLMAN HEARING IS IN PROGRESS

Senator and Mrs. Tillman Rest Their Case Entirely on Statute Law of South Carolina.

Columbia, Jan. 31.—Senator E. R. Tillman and his son, E. R. Tillman, Jr., were present when the case of Mrs. E. R. Tillman, Jr., against senator Tillman and wife for the custody of the two children of young Mrs. Tillman was taken up by the supreme court today. Young Mrs. Tillman was also in court. Senator and Mrs. Tillman rest their case entirely on the statute law of South Carolina, which empowers a father or mother to dispose of a child by deed in certain cases. Under this act their son deeded the children to senator and Mrs. Tillman. No effort has been made to assail the character of young Mrs. Tillman, but in his affidavit senator Tillman says it is probable the young wife would go to another state to get a divorce and re-marry, in which case the children would be placed under a step-father. "Thank God," said the senator, "there is no such thing as divorce in South Carolina."

MR. CULBERSON IS MUCH IMPROVED

The Texas Senator Ill at Atlantic City. Has no Notion of Resigning His Seat.

Atlantic City, N. J., Jan. 31.—United States Senator Culbertson of Texas, who came here some time ago for rest following a nervous breakdown, continues to improve. Rumors have reached here that he intended resigning his seat in the senate but he says there is no truth in such reports. The senator is in close touch with affairs at Washington, and expects to return there shortly.

NO ADDITION TO FUND TO FIGHT BOLL WEEVIL

Congress Refuses to Increase the Appropriation from \$215,000 to \$500,000.

Washington, Jan. 31.—An unsuccessful effort was made by southern congressmen in the house today to have the appropriation for the study and demonstration of the best methods of meeting the ravages of the boll weevil, the foe of cotton, increased from \$215,000 to \$500,000. The proposition was defeated by a vote of 88 to 115.

A FARMER IS SERIOUSLY HURT. BEING RUN OVER BY OX CART

Cart With Load of 2500 Pounds Passed Over the Stomach of Charles Henderson. Gazette-News Bureau, The Franklin, Brevard, Jan. 31. Charles Henderson, a Transylvania farmer, who lives at Quebec, a station on the Taxaway branch of the Southern, met with a serious accident the other day, being run completely over by an ox cart containing a load of about 2500 pounds. The cart passed over Mr. Henderson's stomach and he now lies in his home in a very critical condition, which the doctor gives very little hope of his complete recovery.

SENATOR CLAY HAS RETURNED AFTER A MONTH'S ILLNESS

The Georgian Has Been Suffering from Liver Trouble, but Says He is Much Improved.

Washington, Jan. 31.—After an absence of more than a month, due to illness, Senator Clay of Georgia was in his seat in the senate today. He had been suffering from liver trouble but said today that he was much improved and never was as ill as was represented.

Eastern Capitalists Have Purchased Franklin County Mine. Durham, N. C., Jan. 31.—Eastern capitalists have purchased the Forta mine in Franklin county, from Mrs. Lella A. Sturge. Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars was the sum paid. A new syndicate will put in five hundred thousand dollars worth of machinery, to open the mine upon an enlarged scale.

Twenty-One Hurt in Gas Explosion. Rochester, Jan. 31.—Twenty-one persons were hurt in the gas explosion at Leroy today. Two were seriously injured; the rest will recover.

THE WEATHER. Forecasts until 8 p. m. Tuesday for Asheville and vicinity: Fair weather tonight and Tuesday; colder tonight.

THE SUBSIDENCE OF RIVER SEINE

From Midnight Until Noon Drop Averaged About a Third of an Inch an Hour.

Paris, Jan. 31.—From midnight until noon today the subsidence of the river Seine averaged about a third of an inch an hour. The weather continued favorable, with a rising thermometer. The temperature is slightly lower. The recession of water in some streets was noticeable during the forenoon. The hydraulic department estimates that it will be two weeks before the Seine returns to its normal position. Exciting boat races after criminals on the outskirts of the city occurred during the night. Two persons were arrested from lamp posts as examples of the late in store for those detected in acts of pillage and violence. The Marné has dropped three feet from its crest at Calidfert and the Seine has receded equally at Montbourn. The Yonne remains stationary.

MR. GLENN IS DYING TODAY AS CHARITY PATIENT

Three Days Ago a New York Man Was Talking of Building a Three Million Dollar Hotel.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 31.—Lewis Twelvetree of New York three days ago proposed building a three million dollar hotel here. Today he lies in a dying condition, a charity patient at a local hospital. Twelvetree is said to have had a meteoric career in New York.

ANOTHER CHILD MURDER IN NEW YORK CITY

In This Case a Man Shot One Child. Fatally Wounded Another and Then Shot Himself.

New York, Jan. 31.—Another child murder started this city today. It occurred in a house on East 10th street, where a man shot and killed one child, and wounded another, probably fatally, and then shot himself. The police are following the theory that the man may have been the slayer of the two boys shot while coasting recently.

CORPORATION TAX TEST SUIT IS TO BE HEARD MARCH 14

The Flint Case to Come Up Then—It Involves That Feature of the Payne Tariff Act.

Washington, Jan. 31.—Recognizing the importance of the early decision on the question, the Supreme court of the United States has set March 14 as the date for a hearing of the Flint case, to test the constitutionality of the corporation tax provisions of the Payne tariff act.

IMPEACHMENT OF HASKELL REFERRED TO AS POSSIBLE

Representative Humphrey Embodies Such References in Resolution in the Legislature.

Guthrie, Okla., Jan. 31.—Reference to the possibility of impeachment of Governor Charles N. Haskell and other state officers is made in resolutions introduced in the legislature today by Representative Humphrey.

SUIT TO RECOVER \$23,000 BROUGHT AGAINST J. R. KEENE

That Is the Loss Howard M. Taylor Alleges, as Result of the Hocking Coal Pool.

New York, Jan. 31.—James R. Keene was today named as defendant in a suit for recovery of \$23,000, brought by Howard M. Taylor, who asserts that he lost that amount as the result of the Hocking Coal pool.

Vice Consul Caldera Bluffs a Footpad. Managua, Nicaragua, Jan. 31.—United States Vice Consul Caldera was held up on the street today by a tramp with a knife. The vice consul reached for his hip pocket as though to draw a revolver and the footpad fled.

Mr. Glenn to Speak at Church Rally. Durham, Jan. 31.—Former Governor Glenn will speak at the great rally of Newark, N. J., churches February 24 and 25th, in behalf of the cause of the Durham national religious training school and chautauqua for the colored race.

GOVERNOR KITCHIN IN CLASS ALONE

In All the Other States Governors Now Have the Veto Power.

The Gazette News Bureau, Chamber of Commerce Rooms, Hollidays Building. Raleigh, Jan. 31. Governor Kitchin is now the only governor in all the country without the veto power. It was reported today by the President's R. I. Journal dated January 27 containing a photograph of Governor Kitchin of this state in the act of signing his signature on the legislative resolution rejecting the gift of North Carolina's special tax bonds, which some schemers had induced that state to take by means of what in North Carolina is called a "sneak bill." The legislature of Rhode Island passed before the people last year a constitutional amendment giving the governor the veto power, and the people ratified this. The resolution above referred to was the first legislative act ever signed by the governor in that state by a strange coincidence, ex-Gov. Glenn entered the office of Gov. Kitchin a moment after the latter had signed the resolution and expressed his great gratification at what had been done, and that of Gov. Kitchin in the name of North Carolina for the spirit he had shown in this attempted bond transaction. Gov. Glenn said that gifts of these special tax bonds had been offered to at least 17 states and that in several cases acts accepting such a gift had been slipped through the legislature. When some body expressed surprise that such a man as John G. Glenn was in the business, Mr. Glenn said he was in it for money. "I was in it because North Carolina was a debt or gratitude to Rhode Island for the unconstitutional manner in which she had done it."

RETURNED TODAY TO THE MACHINES

Several Hundred Mill Operatives, Who Have Seen on Strike, Are Again at Work.

Worcester, Mass., Jan. 31. Three hundred operatives who had been on strike returned to their machines when the mill after the work of the North Village cotton mill today. Following the action of the workers five hundred other operatives who had been out on duty returned to their places.

VIGOROUS STATEMENTS LIKELY TO BE MADE

Congressmen, Accused by Glavis, Will II Is Assumed. Come to the Front Today.

Washington, Jan. 31.—When the re-examination of Louis B. Glavis begins this afternoon before the House-Impeachment committee, it is expected that some new and striking features will be brought out in connection with the charges which have been made against Glavis in testimony before the committee. The nature of which was intimated yesterday.

UNIONISTS' MAJORITY IS NOW 12 MEMBERS

Elections in England Concluded. Few Scotch and Irish Borough's to Vote.

London, Jan. 31.—The re-election of J. C. Harcourt, labor candidate for the middle division of Yorkshire, completes the elections for the new parliament in England. The remaining half dozen constituencies to make returns are Scotch and Irish.

SUPREME COURT OF KANSAS' BUSH ACT DECISION FALLS

United States Supreme Court Holds That the Taxing Law Is Unconstitutional.

Washington, Jan. 31.—Holding that the attempt of the state of Kansas to tax the Pullman company on its capitalization, as done under the provision of the so-called Bush act, was unconstitutional, the Supreme court of the United States today reversed the decision of the Supreme court of Kansas, and ordered the case remanded.

Sentences for Accepting Bribes. Chicago, Jan. 31.—Edward McCann, former police inspector, who was convicted of accepting bribes, was sentenced from one to five years in the penitentiary by Judge Ames in the criminal court today.

Another Walter Wellman Stunt. Paris, Jan. 31.—It is understood here that Walter Wellman, who sailed from New York for Europe Saturday, is arranging for a balloon flight across the Atlantic from New York to England or France.

Bituminous Miners Demand Increase. Indianapolis, Jan. 31.—Ten cents per ton increase on all mined coal is demanded for the bituminous coal miners in the report of the scale committee of the United Mine Workers of America.

Zelaya Going to Belgium. Mexico City, Jan. 31.—Jose Santos Zelaya, formerly president of Nicaragua, left last night for Vera Cruz. He sails February 4th in the Spanish steamer for Belgium.

Three Are Drowned. Memphis, Jan. 31.—Three men were drowned last night when a towboat struck a skiff crossing the Mississippi.

MURDER CASE IS ADDED TO DOCKET

William Dyers, Alleged to Have Been Slabbed by Jim McElroy, Dead at Hazelwood.

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 31.—The death of William Dyers, who is alleged to have been stabbed by Jim McElroy at Hazelwood last Wednesday, adds another murder case to the docket at Hazelwood. It is now in the hands of the grand jury. It is said that on Wednesday night, last week, Dyers was in Hazelwood, when Jim McElroy and Will Dyers, who had a fight at Hazelwood, as the result of the effects of liquor. It was here that Dyers was slugged and thrown into a ditch. The slugging was done by McElroy and Green, who were both in the company of Dyers. The slugging was done by McElroy and Green, who were both in the company of Dyers. The slugging was done by McElroy and Green, who were both in the company of Dyers.

BOYCOTT OF MEAT BEGINS TOMORROW

Boycotters Pledge Themselves to Buy no Meat for 30 Days—Many Are Signing Pledge.

The "meat boycott" in Asheville, announced by the Central Labor union last week, goes into effect tomorrow, February 1. Those who have signed the "pledge" agree that they will abstain from the purchase of meat for a period of 30 days or until the price of meat is reduced. In addition to the meat boycott, pledge takers pledged to buy no meat for 30 days or until the price of meat is reduced. In addition to the meat boycott, pledge takers pledged to buy no meat for 30 days or until the price of meat is reduced.

SWAMP RECLAMATION DISCUSSED WITH TAFT

Senator Smith Talks About the Bill With President—It Is Better Than Irrigation.

Washington, Jan. 31.—Senator Smith of South Carolina today consulted President Taft regarding a bill providing for a national commission to reclamation overgrown lands in the south, which he regards as more important than the irrigating of the arid western lands, and much cheaper. The senator assumed from the president's promises to send the bill to the south, to be a message to the south, to be a message to the south, to be a message to the south.

SPANISH EXPECTING ANOTHER ONE.

Madrid, Jan. 31.—A birth in the royal family of Spain is expected the latter part May. Queen Victoria is already mother of three children, Prince Alfonso, Prince Jaime and Princess Beatrice.

SUPREME COURT TAKES A RECESS

Washington, Jan. 31.—The Supreme court of the United States today took a recess until February 11.

FELLOW CITIZENS GREET CAPT. SHIPP

He Is Given a Unique Reception by Ten Thousand Chattanooga People Upon His Return.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 31.—Ten thousand fellow citizens greeted Captain Joseph P. Shipp when he alighted from the train last night from Washington where he completed his term in prison for a contempt of court in connection with the teaching of the negro education. It was the most enthusiastic reception ever accorded a Chattanooga citizen. Immediately after the train rolled in, people struck up Dixie, Hank Sherrill, Home, and the airwaves broke into cheering cheers. As Shipp walked slowly down the train steps he was greeted by his aged wife, who sobbed and his aged father, who embraced him affectionately.

LAND A PART OF WHITTIER BOUNDARY OF 70,000 ACRES

It Was Owned by Harris-Woodbury Co. and the Portion Sold Bought as Much an Entire Boundary Sold For.

An important timber land transaction involving the transfer of about 15,000 acres of virgin timber land in Swain county became known today. The sale was consummated Saturday between the Harris-Woodbury Lumber company and the Norwood Lumber company, a West Virginia company, by which the latter took over the whole of the Forney's creek boundary of the Harris-Woodbury Lumber company, extending from the summit of Clingman's dome on the North Carolina-Tennessee line to the Murphy division of the Southern railway. The purchase price of the Harris-Woodbury boundary is given at \$195,000, while that of the Allen Howell boundary and the Thomas Howell, also included in the sale is \$25,000, making a total of \$220,000. The Norwood Lumber company is one of the largest hardwood lumber companies in West Virginia. Louis Over a president of the company and will shortly begin development of this boundary, which contains large quantities of spruce and hardwoods. In addition to getting out lumber, it is said that the company will also make use of the pulp wood of the lands in this area as a ready market. The negotiations for the purchase were carried on by Stevens & Anderson of Asheville who have associated with a number of large timber deals. The Harris-Woodbury Lumber company was represented by C. C. Cowan of Asheville.

This is the first big timber deal that has been put through in Swain county and it is said that other deals are pending, which, however, would be made public soon. An interesting feature of the sale is that an average of more than \$14.50 per acre was paid for this vast boundary. This goes to show the rapid rise within a period of only a few years, of the price of timber lands in this section. It was only 10 years ago, or less than that, that property could have been purchased for less than \$5 per acre, but with the exhaustion of the timber lands in other parts of the section, the lumbermen are turning to Swain county for their lands. A gentleman here today, conversant with the prices of timber lands in the section, referred to the fact that land had more than doubled in value, and at some places quadrupled and quadrupled in value within a short period. When the Harris-Woodbury Lumber company purchased the original boundary of about 79,000 acres the price was nothing like what was obtained for the whole 79,000 acres cost the Harris-Woodbury company little, if any more than \$10 per acre, which they obtained for the 15,000 acres they sold on the Forney's creek boundary; or after getting their purchase price of the whole out of the 15,000 acres, the Harris-Woodbury company has about 57,000 acres of land left. Another interesting feature of this deal is the fact that the night the Swain county court house was damaged by the accidental explosion of dynamite, Register of Deeds W. L. Francis was working on the title to this property preparatory to a transfer. J. S. Anderson of the firm of Stevens & Anderson had also been working in the court house a few hours before and would probably have been there at the time of the explosion but for the fact that he had received a message calling him away on account of the illness of his sister. It will be recalled that Omar Conley was killed, and Herbert Banks and Mr. Francis injured.

MISS LEWIS, SOUTHERN GIRL, DIED TODAY IN NEW YORK

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GIRLS BOYCOTT MATCHES.

Chicago, Jan. 31.—A boycott against matches has been declared by the girl students at the University of Chicago.

CHILDREN FATALLY INJURED.

Atlanta, Jan. 31.—William White, aged sixteen, and Verlie Moss, eleven, were fatally injured yesterday in an explosion caused by throwing a lighted cigarette in a pile of blasting powder.

\$220,000 LAND DEAL IS CLOSED

Fifteen Thousand Acres of Timber Lard in Western N. C. Sold to Norwood Lumber Co. of W. Va.

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