

BOOK "SCANDAL UNDERWOOD HAS A CHIEF TOPIC SHOWN COURAGE"

And Some Believe It Will Continue to Be So Until After Election—A Supplemental Statement.

WHAT WILL THE EFFECT BE ON TEXT BOOK ADOPTION?

W. C. Warfield, the Censured Agent, Issues Statement Interpreting the Findings in His Own Favor.

Gazette-News Bureau, The Hotel Raleigh, Raleigh, Aug. 9.

THE findings of the state text book commission, wherein it was the opinion of the commission that W. C. Warfield, a book agent, should be severely condemned for efforts to put through a "state," have been the chief topic of discussion in book circles and political circles as well. There seems to be some reason to believe that the people are not to hear the last of this affair for some while; it may be a lively topic until after the next election. The complete report of the evidence which was taken before the commission yesterday will be available for public inspection, it is believed, and no doubt the evidence will be scanned with much interest. The charge as the commission's report shows was that W. C. Warfield went to some of the book agents and told them that he would undertake to have certain of their books adopted if the company would pay him \$1500 in case he succeeded; nothing if he did not. The allegation was that Mr. Warfield was going to use his friend A. J. Barwick, chief clerk of Supt. Joyner's office as a means of approaching the members of the sub-commission. The charges did not involve bribery, the only question was that of alleged indiscreet employment. On Mr. Warfield's side it simply involved a matter of his attempt to help some of his book-agent friends, for a consideration.

Effect on Book Adoption.

There has been much speculation as to what effect the findings of the commission will have upon the adoption of the books. Will the commission forget all about the matters brought out, the companies that were going into the pool, when it comes to voting or will the members take into consideration the evidence when they go to vote? In other words what, in the minds of the commission, is the status of McMillan & Co. and Rand, McNally & Co., to whom Mr. Warfield says he made propositions to assist them?

What Broke Up the Pool? Another very pertinent question is being asked and that is why it is that the pool which was being formed suddenly was broken up? What was the reason or what was the motive? There are numerous conjectures, one being that the plot began to leak and some of them thought it would be better to "come clean"; another that there may be some slick book politics back of the affair.

Supplemental Finding.

The text book commission and sub-commission have issued the following supplemental finding of fact: "The state commission and sub-commission of the state of North Carolina find as a fact that the World Book company had absolutely no connection with or knowledge of the propositions made by W. C. Warfield to representatives of other companies and that these propositions of Warfield were not in furtherance of the adoption of any books of the World Book company."

W. C. Warfield left yesterday afternoon for Florida where he was representing his company at an adoption when he was called here last week at the request of the state officials. Before leaving he gave out the following statement:

Statement by Warfield.

"In order that you may interpret the findings of the commission correctly I will add that upon a review of them you will find that they amount to this and only this, to-wit: That I proposed to two other agents to assist them in the adoption of their books—their books not being competitors of mine—and that in proposing to assist them I represented to them that I had data, information and influence at command which would be of considerable service; and further that I would charge said agent nothing in the event their books were not adopted, and \$1500 for each of the two series in the event they should be adopted.

"Having made this statement I am content to leave the interpretation of the findings of the commission to the public. I have been in the text book business about 12 years; and this is the first time any charge has been brought against me. What were the motives of those who seized upon my tender of services as above set out and magnified it into a great and disgraceful matter, involving the integrity of the department of public instruction of North Carolina, is not for me to say. I leave that to the public. But I cannot refrain at least when the findings of the commission are made public, to say that I am content to leave the interpretation of the findings of the commission to the public.

New House Leader Did not Mind Taking Fall out of Col. Bryan When Occasion Arose.

CLOSING DAYS OF SESSION ARE VERY INTERESTING

Hue and Cry Against Simmons and Kitchin Has Eliminated Aycock and Clark from the Race.

Gazette-News Bureau, Wyatt Building, Washington, Aug. 9.

THE closing days of the extra session of congress are interesting. First one sensation after another breaks to make the newspaper men scurry. One week the Dick-to-Dick letter had the right of way, but the next had to give way to the Wickersham-Wickersham (Wich-to-Wick) affair. Soon both the Dick-to-Dick and the Wick-to-Wick controversies got the kick-to-kick and were followed by the Underwood-to-Bryan affair. I have not lived in vain. Three times I voted for the Nebraska populist under protest, because I wanted to stay with my party, but never did I witness anything that delighted me more than the drubbing Oscar W. Underwood, the democratic leader and idol, gave William Jennings Bryan, the 17-year dreamer, the busy meddler and all-round democratic burder.

Mr. Underwood has developed rapidly as leader of the house. His growth has not been spasmodic, but regular and continuous. He has been considered for years able, practical and suave, but John Sharp Williams, David A. DeArmond, Champ Clark and others overshadowed him on the floor of the house. Recently he has come into his own. Step by step he advanced toward the top of the ladder.

Mr. Underwood is the first real leader of democrats that has shown the courage to vent the Nebraskan whenever he deserved it.

Times Have Changed.

How things have changed! One morning, in 1908, Representative Leake of New Jersey roared Bryan on the floor of the house. For his pains he was hissed and booed down. In 1911 Representative Clark of Florida received like treatment at the hands of the democrats. Wednesday the democrats of the house, almost to a man, applauded and congratulated Mr. Underwood.

William Jennings Bryan is a jealous man. He has tried to hammer down every democrat that promised anything. In Governor Harmon of Ohio he sees democratic hope. In Governor Johnson of Minnesota he saw a dangerous rival. Both he branded as under-talented. He tried to put a brand on Oscar W. Underwood. The worm turned and the one that treaded upon his back was stung.

Able, Capable, Aggressive.

The people like an able, capable, aggressive man of courage and convictions. Oscar Underwood is that sort of citizen. He knows how, when and where to hit and is not afraid to do it. Other men have been scored, read out of the party and slandered by the peerless one, but they did not have the hand in their girdles to strike back. Reading democrats out of the party is one of the favorite pastimes of Bryan and Bryanites. North Carolina is afflicted with some of the latter. If a democrat has left undone something that the whip-wielder thinks he should have done he is immediately set upon and hounded. Mariou Butler was elevated to office by the loyal band of populists that stood by him until he quit them because of the hue and cry raised against him. The hue and cry against Furnifold M. Simmons and William Walton Kitchin is eliminating Judge Clark and Governor Aycock from the senatorial race. If it is kept up there will be two up at the finish. North Carolinians, when clothed in their right minds, will not go at the crack of the dictator's whip. They are not made of that sort of clay.

Bryan has ceased to be boss. Oscar W. Underwood knocked the last prop from under him. When Bryan refused to vote for the democratic nominee for governor of his state last year he quered himself with his southern friends. Party irregularity is almost a crime in the south. Bryan is guilty of more than one offense.

Togo.

Admiral Togo, the Japanese sea fighter that put the Russians on the blink at Tsushima, is not a bad looking chap. He is short, almost what the North Carolina school boy calls ducky, but there is something solid about him. A little bunch of scraggy whiskers make him duckier than he would be without them. Togo is just the sort of man to appeal to the imagination of the American. He has fought, and won a good fight, and his country likes the fellow who goes to the top, and that is for me to say. I leave that to the public. But I cannot refrain at least when the findings of the commission are made public, to say that I am content to leave the interpretation of the findings of the commission to the public.

Cars Wrecked in Brooklyn Strike, \$25 in Cash for Capture Of Sherlock Holmes, Jr. Policeman Beaten, One Man Shot



STRIKE BREAKERS AT CAR BARN. POLICEMAN REMOVING OBSTRUCTION FROM UNDER CAR, CONEY ISLAND AVE.

In the street car strike in Brooklyn the mobs have wrecked several cars. One man was shot by a policeman in a chase following an attack on a strike breaker, while a policeman was badly beaten by a gang of rowdies. On the road to Coney Island rails were torn up by defying mobs and many of the strike breakers deserted their cars and escaped across the fields. Logs and other obstructions were placed on the tracks and the cars could make but very little progress.

Ninety-Three Drowned; Vessels Strike in a Fog

French Steamer Emir Sunk by British Steamer Silverton—27 of French Vessel's Crew and Passengers Rescued by the Silverton—Latter Vessel Injured.

GIBRALTAR, Aug. 9.—The French steamer Emir today foundered five miles east of Tarifa, Spain, in the Straits of Gibraltar. Ninety-three persons were drowned. The ship sailed from here at 3 o'clock this morning for a Moroccan port. An hour later, in a dense fog, she collided with the British steamship Silverton, bound from Newport, England, for Toronto, Italy. The Silverton's crew rescued 27 of the Emir's crew and passengers. The Silverton later put in here with her starboard bow stove in and her fore peak full of water. The Emir was floated a few minutes after the collision. Sixty-nine passengers and 24 of the crew went down with the ship. Fifteen passengers and 12 of the crew were saved. All of the passengers were French. The Emir was a vessel of 1291 tons, owned by the Compagnie De Navigation Maxie, at Marseilles.

REDUCTIONS ORDERED IN CITRUS FRUIT RATES

From Jacksonville to Points in Central and Western; from Seven to 20 Per Cent.

Washington, Aug. 9.—Material reductions in freight rates on citrus fruit from Jacksonville to points in central and western states were today ordered by the interstate commerce commission. Reductions range according to distances from seven to about 29 per cent. In February, 1910, the commission, deciding the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Shippers association case against the Atlantic Coast Line railroad and all other carriers operating in the Southern central freight association and Western trunk line territories, held that rates on citrus fruits from Florida points to destinations in central and western states were unreasonably high, and reductions to eleven principal markets in these sections were ordered. The roads were directed to put a corresponding reduced rate to all their destinations in the same territories. Commissioners Prouty in a supplemental opinion and order today indicate the original order was not carried out "apparently for the reason of the carriers not being able to agree among themselves about divisions of rates when named." The commission has fixed definite rates to the points of destination named. The commission's rates become effective October 1.

ABOUT 300 WITNESSES FOR THE N'NAMARA TRIAL

Prosecution Will Summon 150 in the Case of Alleged Dynamiters and Defenses Probably as Many. Los Angeles, Aug. 9.—The prosecution in trial of the McNamee alleged dynamiters 800 witnesses about 100 witnesses and the defense probably as many.

Mysterious Man Will Mingle Freely with People of Asheville While in the City, and Everyone Has Opportunity to Capture Him and Obtain the Reward.

THE Asheville-Gazette vouches that Sherlock Holmes, Jr., the Man of Mystery, is a total stranger, and that he is the same gentleman who has been impersonating the part in all cities where the proposition has been worked.

"You are the mysterious Sherlock Holmes, Jr., of The Asheville Gazette-News."

Those are the magic words with which to make this mysterious gentleman acknowledge his identity and receive \$25 cash from The Asheville-Gazette-News for your trouble.

How to Use the Sentence.

In using the above sentence, no words must be added or taken from or arrangement changed. They must be said exactly as published, otherwise Mr. Holmes will not acknowledge his identity. Simply go up to the man you suspect and, holding the last issue of The Asheville-Gazette-News in your hand, use the sentence as above published, and the paper vouches that Mr. Holmes will immediately acknowledge his identity and the money will be promptly paid, even should you get the right man within 15 minutes after this contest starts.

When Sherlock Holmes, Jr., arrives in Asheville he will make himself very much at home. You are likely to run against this elusive gentleman in the most unexpected place, for Mr. Holmes is a sociable fellow, and is never so happy as when mingling with the people. You may meet him in the postoffice, stand near him in any number of the prominent mercantile houses, sit near him in the playhouses, and, in fact, meet him anywhere and everywhere.

A Run for Your Money.

That you will have a run for your money goes without saying. Mr. Holmes will not be captured without an effort. He has traveled far and News each day where he goes, who for nine days in Savannah, Ga., with thousands of people looking for him; for over two weeks in Richmond, Va., while in a smaller city in a neighboring state, the authorities even employed a Pinkerton man to round up Mr. Holmes, and even he did not succeed in doing so until the night of the last day of the contest.

Sherlock Holmes, Jr., will tell you through the columns of The Asheville-Gazette each day where he goes, who he sees, what he does, and, in fact, give you each day a complete history of his doings the day previous and in many ways, to be announced later, give you opportunities to capture him.

Remember now, The Asheville-Gazette vouches that Sherlock Holmes, Jr.,

Somebody will positively be given the prize before Sherlock Holmes, Jr., leaves Asheville, and that person will be someone who earns it by believing in the proposition and going out after it. Twenty-five dollars is a mighty fifty little prize to pick up, especially when the picking is all fun and no work, the only thing necessary being to say the phrase properly to the proper man at the proper time.

More about Sherlock Holmes, Jr., tomorrow.

TAFT WILL VETO STATEHOOD BILL

Iron and Steel Revision Will Be Taken up—Early Adjournment Hopes Are in Air.

Washington, Aug. 9.—President Taft will veto the New Mexico and Arizona statehood resolution as passed by the senate yesterday. Democratic leaders of both house and senate declared they would marshal enough votes to pass the measure over his veto.

The president indicated some time ago that he would take this action unless the Nelson amendment was adopted. This amendment would have required the people of Arizona as a condition of statehood to vote down the provision in their constitution for recall of judges. The amendment was defeated. The senate passed the bill as it came from the house, simply requiring that a vote be taken on the recall feature. It was said the president in his veto message would "hit straight from the shoulder" the judiciary recall.

What congress will do in the face of the veto is unknown. Chairman Flood of the house territories committee, author of the resolution declared, there will be plenty of votes in the house to pass it against the president's veto. He expects the democrats of the house to get together soon as the veto message is announced. Senator Cullerton is authority for the statement the senate likewise would pass the bill over the president's veto. It was said the statehood situation would result in prolonging the session.

Senator Cummins of Iowa, progressive republican, will offer an amendment to the cotton bill when it comes before the senate, providing for revision of the iron and steel schedules of the Payne-Adrieh law. This complication coming on top of the threatened veto by the president of the statehood bill and deadlock on the wool bill apparently throws all hope of early adjournment in the air.

The senate finance committee decided to report adversely the house cotton tariff revision bill. The bill goes to the senate tomorrow.

GIRL OF NINETEEN YEARS IS DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

She Is Youngest Person in America to Be So Honored—Graduated from Michigan University at 17.

Toledo, Aug. 9.—Miss Dorothea Jones, aged 19, today received the degree of doctor of philosophy from the University of Michigan. She is the youngest person in America to thus be honored. She graduated from the university at the age of 17.

Heavy Peach Crop in Connecticut. Hartford, Conn., Aug. 9.—The peach crop in Connecticut will be so large this year that a special train will be added to the Hartford line.

Lombard Commission Adjourns. Washington, Aug. 9.—The senate Lombard commission today adjourned its hearings and the report of the committee will be made in the next few days.

GEORGE W. PERKINS ON WITNESS STAND

He Was About to Be Held in Contempt of the House—Tells Story of Panic of 1907.

Washington, Aug. 9.—The steel trust investigating committee in executive session today decided not to press the new question of campaign contributions in connection with George W. Perkins of New York, director of the United States Steel corporation, who was yesterday threatened with contempt proceedings before the house of representatives. The committee decided to require the steel corporation to produce subsidiary companies' books.

Chairman Stanley and Representatives Littleton and Sterling of the committee and Herbert Knox Smith, commissioner of corporations, had a conference with the president at the White House, following the executive session. All refused to discuss the conference.

Perkins, a director of the United States Steel corporation, and one of the men said to have aided in averting financial disaster during the panic of 1907, faced last night the alternative of answering questions to the house committee of inquiry into the steel corporation, bearing on his personal campaign contributions and such contributions made by the New York Life Insurance company, or of being cited before the bar of the house of representatives.

Mr. Perkins, although personally willing to talk about campaign contributions, refused on the advice of counsel to answer interrogatories on that line put to him by Chairman Stanley and Representative Beall of Texas. Richard Lindabury, counsel for the steel corporation, and Edgar A. Bannister, who appeared for Mr. Perkins, insisted that the authority given the committee in this inquiry made irrelevant an attempt to inquire into the private campaign contributions of the witness or his relations with corporations foreign to the steel corporation.

After the witness, his counselors and the committee had wrangled long over the hitch, and the chairman's decision that he answer had been sustained after an appeal by Representatives Young of Michigan, Chairman Stanley warned Mr. Perkins that it might be necessary to cite him in the future.

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HIS APPRECIATION IS VOICED BY AIDE

Singular Courtesy Shown Togo is an Indication, He Says, of Friendship for Japan.

Washington, Aug. 9.—In a down-pour of rain similar to that which greeted his arrival here five days ago, Admiral Count Togo left this morning at 10 o'clock for Baltimore, continuing his tour through the United States, which will be concluded at Niagara Falls, August 26.

Through his naval aide, Lieutenant-Commander Taniguchi, Togo expressed appreciation for the reception accorded him by the United States government from President Taft down. The singular courtesy shown the distinguished naval officer, the admiral's aide explained, was an indication of the United States' friendship for Japan. His reception here was one of the most brilliant ever accorded a foreign visitor. Accompanying Togo, besides members of his suite, were Captain Potts of the navy and Third Assistant Secretary of State Chandler Hale.

President Taft today received a cablegram from the Japanese emperor thanking him for his cordial welcome to Admiral Togo. The message followed: "The President, Washington: 'The splendid welcome accorded by you to Admiral Togo, and the friendly sentiment expressed by you on that occasion, touched me very deeply. I pray you to accept this assurance of my most cordial thanks and appreciation.'"

AN EXPLANATION IS MADE OF SAILORS' EXECUTION

Twenty-Six Men Summarily Dealt With Were Hush-Hush Plot, It Announces.

Madrid, Aug. 9.—The Spanish government affirms in explaining the summary court-martial and execution of 26 men of the battleship Numancia, who mutinied with the vessel was at Tangier Saturday, that the revolt was a republican plot. A hundred sailors were implicated.

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