

MR. WATTERSON ADMITS CHARGE

Tells Close Friends Broaching of the Ryan Matter Led Wilson to Repudiate Harvey.

CAMPAIGN FINANCING WAS INTENDED OBJECT

Kentuckian Not Talking for Publication—Evidence at Variance with Maj. Hemphill's Statement.

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It may be stated upon the highest authority that Colonel Watterson last night admitted to close friends that the Ryan matter came up at that Manhattan club conference in New York, and that this led Governor Wilson to decline the further support of Harvey.

The revered Kentucky editor and savior is 75 years old. It is not known what mitigating circumstances will be advanced in behalf of others who have become involved in this effort to discredit Governor Wilson by telling less than half the truth about that ill-fated New York conference to which the two colonels, Watterson and Harvey, invited Governor Wilson after the return of Harvey from a several days' stay on the Virginia farm of Thomas F. Ryan.

With reference to the Wilson-Harvey affair, it may be said that the plot has appreciably thickened. Likewise that it has grown much darker.

Members of the North Carolina delegation pursued with lively interest the statement of Major Hemphill, which gave assurances that Colonel Watterson had not at Charlotte assigned the real reason for the break in the relations between Governor Wilson and Colonel Harvey.

This statement was made by Senator Overman to Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia, and others.

The understanding Overman had was that it was the assumed that Colonel Watterson had not at Charlotte assigned the real reason for the break in the relations between Governor Wilson and Colonel Harvey.

The manner of the reception by Wilson of Harvey's suggestion caused Harvey to inquire regarding Wilson's idea as to the value of Harper's Weekly's support, and that was followed by Wilson's frank answer.

The accuracy of foregoing dispatch will not be questioned. Senator Overman has taken no hand in the contest between presidential candidates, but there is no question that he has confided to friends that Colonel Watterson let out this Ryan scandal at Charlotte.

Many People Astounded. It is simple truth to say that many people here are astounded at the turn affairs have taken. Many men prominent in public life took the position at first that the latest version of the Wilson-Harvey episode, in its Ryan sordid aspect, must be regarded as wildly impossible; that it could not be explained upon any theory that presupposed the ordinary honesty of those concerned.

The views of Ryan and Wilson on public questions are antipodal. These men recalled, and Watterson and Harvey could not have suggested to Wilson that he meet Ryan to talk about having his campaign financed, as this would have been tantamount to a proposal to Wilson to betray the American people, and yet it seems that this is precisely what these men did and Senator Overman, albeit, in this indirect way, virtually confirmed the story in all its ugly outlines.

Governor Wilson thinks that Colonel Watterson, in view of the original story, which emanated from Charlotte, owes it to himself to move into the open. Watterson was seen yesterday by a representative of the Gazette-News and by many others, but he still refuses to talk. There is reason to believe that the "nice old gentleman," as Governor Wilson would say, has been in close touch with Major Hemphill since the facts relating to Ryan first appeared.

GOVERNOR OSBORN FOR MR. ROOSEVELT

Michigan Executive Declares That His State Is for the Colonel.

Lansing, Mich., Jan. 25.—Governor Osborne today announced for Roosevelt for president. The governor said: "I am for Roosevelt for president. Roosevelt sentiment predominates in Michigan."

It was Governor Osborne who recently sought to check the LaFollette boom in the middle west. Scheduled to introduce LaFollette to a Michigan audience, he attacked him, Senator LaFollette being unable to be present.

EXPLOSION-FIRE FATAL TO MANY

Acme Malting Elevator in Chicago Is Blown up and Destroyed.

Chicago, Jan. 25.—Fire, which followed a terrific explosion today, destroyed the Acme Malting elevator. The detonation was heard for many miles. Tons of grain were hurled in the air. A number of employees are reported killed.

ITALY WILL SURRENDER PRISONERS TO FRANCE

The Manouba Seizure Incident Practically Closed at Rome Conference.

Rome, Jan. 25.—The Franco-Italian incident brought about by the seizure of Turkish doctors and nurses from the French steamer Manouba by an Italian warship is practically closed. The only question being discussed today is that of the finding of a method by which the Turkish prisoners can be released or delivered to the French authorities.

The subject of the detention of twenty-nine Turks said to be members of the Red Crescent society, by the Italian authorities who captured them on the French steamer Manouba, was fully discussed at conferences yesterday between Premier di San Giuliano and the French ambassador to Italy, Camille Barrere. The conferences are said to have been very cordial, and the Turks are still held under arrest at Cagliari, Island of Sardinia.

Italy maintains her right to capture and search ships of neutral nations suspected of carrying contraband of war. This has been the course followed not only in the case of the French steamers but also with British, German and Australian vessels. It is pointed out that other nations have acted similarly in recent years, and that Italy is ready to submit the cases to the Hague tribunal and pay indemnity if an error has been committed.

Italian officials call attention to the fact that another alleged Red Crescent expedition was one halted in Egypt by Gen. Kitchener and sent back, as it was composed of belligerents.

Italy admits that France is exercising her duty admirably as a neutral power, but urges that France should not resent the wish on the part of Italy, even if a mistake is made, to exercise what she considers to be her right as neither France nor any other nation can guarantee that, in applying all possible measures to observe strict neutrality, she may not be deceived.

ENGINEERS OF ROADS IN EAST ASK RAISE

Demand Wage Increase Ranging from 15 to 25 Per Cent—Many Lines Are Involved.

New York, Jan. 25.—Locomotive engineers on all the railroads in the eastern territory today made demands for a general increase in wages ranging from 15 to 25 per cent. The demands involve all the railroads east of Chicago and north of the line of the Norfolk and Western railroad and the Ohio river.

Packing Company Clerk on Stand. Chicago, Jan. 25.—Steiner G. Langer, the National Packing company's margin clerk in the packers' trial today testified as to the corporation's books containing weekly summaries of margins and average selling prices. The books were placed in evidence.



New York Herald and The Gazette-N. C. wa.

GREAT SPORT!

Trouserless and Modest Bryan Bars Interviewers

St. Louis, Jan. 25.—William Jennings Bryan became so absorbed in his talk with former Governor Joseph W. Folk, democratic presidential aspirant, today that he missed his train. He would not talk for publication about democratic politics but registered a protest against the Roosevelt boom.

The third term objection is a vital one," said Col. Bryan. "It applies regardless of party. I do not believe any president should have a third term."

When Col. Bryan found out he had missed his train he went to a tailoring shop and removed his trousers for pressing. He sat there trouserless while the tailor plied the iron. Those who sought to interview him were told Col. Bryan had pressing business.

Exports from U. S. Gained in 1911; Imports Lessened

Washington, Jan. 25.—Exports of domestic products of the United States for the year 1911 increased heavily, while imports for the same period diminished according to figures made public today by the bureau of statistics.

MILLIONS OF FARMERS RECEIVED INSTRUCTION

Washington, Jan. 25.—Sixty-two railroad instruction trains operated during the past year by the office of experiment stations of the agricultural department covered more than 35,000 miles and meetings held in them were attended by about 1,000,000 people, according to Director True's report submitted today. Fifteen thousand farmers institute sessions brought together more than three million persons.

Seattle, Jan. 25.—When the trial of Mrs. Linda Hazzard, accused of murdering Charlie Williamson, was resumed at Port Orchard today, the prosecution offered testimony to prove Miss Williamson died of starvation. It is expected the defense will begin its case tomorrow.

HOUSE ADOPTS WEBB BILL HITS COX RESOLVE BLIND TIGERS

President Asked to Submit Complete Statement of the Cost of Occupation of Philippines.

REVOLT IN COLOMBIA PROBED BY COMMITTEE

Rainey Declares the Panama Independence Resolution Was Prepared in Cromwell's Law Office.

Washington, Jan. 25.—The house of representatives adopted unanimously today a resolution introduced by Representative Cox of Ohio requesting the president to submit a complete statement of the cost of occupation of the Philippines.

Proposed Law Is Ordered Reported to the Full Judiciary Committee of the House.

FOUR DAYS' HEARING BEGINS ON MARCH 4

Temperance and Liquor Forces Will Be Given Opportunity to Present Their Views.

Representative Webb's bill, which if passed will, it is believed, stop the traffic in whiskey which is designed for unlawful purposes was yesterday ordered reported from the subcommittee to the house judiciary committee by March 1. Arrangements have also been made to hear both the temperance and saloon people for four days beginning March 4. Mr. Webb's bill has the endorsement of both the National Temperance association and the National Anti-Saloon league.

If the bill becomes a law the shipment or transportation of any and all kinds of spirituous liquors into prohibition territory which is intended for use in violation of the law in such state is prohibited. This measure is considered by prohibitionists in congress to be the best and some say, the only measure, which will effectually curb the "blind tiger" traffic in prohibition states. In other words the bill would create a federal law as strong as any state prohibition law now in force.

The radical element of the anti-saloon league advocated a measure which would prohibit the shipment of whiskey even to an individual in a prohibition state. This was opposed by the conservative element, who readily saw that such a measure would never be passed by congress, and if it should pass, it would be declared unconstitutional by the Supreme court. Mr. Webb's bill does not infringe upon the rights of any citizen; it merely eliminates those who desire to break the prohibition law.

PRELATES HONOR CARDINAL FARLEY

Brilliant and Imposing Gathering at Celebration in St. Patrick's.

New York, Jan. 25.—John Cardinal Farley's elevation to the senate of the Roman Catholic church was formally celebrated at St. Patrick's cathedral today in the presence of Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore, Archbishop Pendergast of Philadelphia, Pa., and an impressive attendance of monsignors, priests and bishops. The cathedral was elaborately decorated.

After a solemn pontifical mass, a sermon was preached by Auxiliary Bishop Cusack, followed by addresses of welcome by the clergy and laity. His eminence responded.

COTTON DISTRIBUTION AND SUPPLY REPORT

Washington, Jan. 25.—The census bureau's report on the supply and distribution of cotton for the four months period ending December 31, issued today, follows:

Supply total, 14,947,088; stocks held at beginning of period, 1,375,031; ginings, 13,545,707; net imports, 26,354. Distribution: Exports, 5,350,304; consumption, 1,637,198; in cotton states, 824,977; in all other states, 812,221; stocks held at end of period, 7,955,586; by manufacturers, 1,311,596; in cotton states, 679,822; in all other states, 631,774.

In independent warehouses, 3,675,783; in cotton states, 3,483,093; in all other states, 192,685; elsewhere, 2,952,207.

BROWN SWORN IN

New Georgia Executive Takes the Oath of Office at Atlanta Today.

Atlanta, Jan. 25.—Joseph M. Brown was today inaugurated governor of Georgia. He took the oath in the presence of members of the senate and house, the supreme court judges and state officials.

This is Brown's second term as governor. The brief tenure of Hoke Smith, who resigned to become senator, intervened between two Brown administrations.

REPORTED TO HOUSE

The Ways and Means Committee Measure Favorably Presented by Chairman Underwood.

Washington, Jan. 25.—The democratic iron and steel tariff revision bill was favorably reported to the house by Chairman Underwood of the ways and means committee today. Republican committee members were given the right to file an adverse report. The committee had adopted the bill by a strict party vote.

"A survey of the iron and steel industry," says the majority report, "shows convincingly it has reached a position of such strength and independence that the industry does not need the helping hand of the government in order to stand in competition with foreign countries."

"The committee feels warranted in recommending that duties be placed upon a distinctly revenue basis."

The report declares rates should be made low enough to permit of potential competition from imports for the sake of the natural and proper regulation of the natural and proper regulation of domestic prices and concludes:

"It is believed the rates provided for in this bill are competitive and if enacted would effect substantial economy to the people greatly disproportionate in its advantages to the small apparent loss of revenue."

"LILY WHITES" ON TOP

Defeat the "Black and Tan" in Louisiana Primary—Contest of the Election Expected.

New Orleans, Jan. 25.—The so-called "lily whites" still control the republican affairs in the state, as shown by the republican gubernatorial primary yesterday. It is said the "black and tan" will contest the election in which H. S. Sutton received 553 votes against C. J. Bell's 481.

Seante, Greece, Jan. 25.—A violent earthquake struck caused great damage in the Ionian islands today. Much property was destroyed on Leukas and Cephalon islands.

New York Leader Very Ill. New York, Jan. 25.—Thomas F. Grady, democratic leader in the state senate, is critically ill with diabetes in a private sanitarium here.