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SAYS HE RAISED WY SON MONEY

date or Managers to Collect Funds.

MAKES PROPOSITION TO SENATOR TILLMAN

Offers to Submit the Issue to Court of Gentlemen Named

by Himself and Wilson.

Washington, Jan. 27.-The Tillman-Watterson-Harvey-Wilson episode held all Washington's attention today. The South Carolina senator's reply to the Kentucky editor's "challenge" was did not reach his office until late in president, (one from each congresthe forenoon. He indicated an answer soon would be forthcoming.

fuel to the fire with an additional and V. S. Lusk. statement, saying:

"In my letter to Senator Tillman, I promised proof of any statement Raleigh for the purpose of devising made by me that might be disputed, means to enforce the law in this state, Gov. Wilson denies I had authoriza-tion from him or any agent of his to in the Tabernacle church yesterday raise money for his campaign. I have afternoon, and was continued in the proof that I not only have authoriza-tion, but that I actually raised a con-siderable sum. I hold myself ready to furnish this proof to Const. man ut once if he will do me the loon league of America, spoke at honor to personally call upon me, as night. I am confined to my hotel and cannot call upon him. If Senator Tillman's the city from various sections of the single averment, after inspecting this state and the attendance will be large. proof, be either equivocal or insuffi- Important resolutions relative to the cient, I propose that Governor Wilson and to the enforcement of prohibition ing two, the four to name a fifth and that this court of gentlemen be established to determine the least the l tablished to determine the issue be-

"I must insist that this be done Richmond Pearson Hobson. without delay, as I shall have to 'eave

terviewed further in regard to the in- A committee from county commiscident, saying there was no longer any sloners visited that township and recissue between Watterson and himself. The issue is now between Wilson and Watterson and they must set increase along with other preperty, the it for themselves. So far as he was concerned, he considered the the assessor had raised the valuation matter settled and ended."

Interest in the controversy be-Woodrow Wilson and Col. George Harvey and Col. Hen-Clifford, attorney, and ry Watterson over Mr. Wil- of the county commissi last night when Col. Watterson gave the right thing and disclaimed any out correspondence that had passed desire to place a too heavy burden on between himself and Senator B. R. the mill. Tillman, of South Carolina, yesterday and today. The correspondence, indicating that the break between Col. of New York figures, follows:

Watterson Demands Explanation. "Washington, Jan. 25, 1912.

'Referring to the so-called 'Harvey Watterson incident,' I find you quoted by the newspapers of this morning to plaintiff. the following effect:

"'I had given Henry Watterson foist off a story like this with the Mills, general manager of the Elkin material facts concealed. The man & Alieghany Railroad company, rel-who makes a public statement with the ative to matters of construction. Mr material facts concealed is little other than a scoundrel.' I have the right, therefore, to demand of you upon what warrant of authority you make this serious accusation against me, and to ask a reply through my friend the Hon. Swager Sherley, of Ken

"With great respect, "Henry Watterson."

Hon. B. R. Tillman. United States Senate. Says Editor Concealed Facts. My Dear Sir:

"In your note of January 25th, handed me by the Hon, Swager Sherley, you call my attention to an inter-view which I had given out in refer ence to the Harvey-Watterson inci-dent in which I say. I had given Henry Watterson credit for more sense than to try to foist off a story like this with the material facts concealed."

"You demand to know 'upon what warrant of authority you make this

'In your statement to the press yo described in detail the rupture be-tween Gov. Wilson and Col. Harvey. but said nothing as to what caused it.
All the leading papers of the country
seem to know why Gov. Wilson severed relations with Col. Harvey and ered relations with Cot. Harvey and you, as a leading newspaper man and self-confessed expert groomer of presidential candidates, must have known it at the time your statement was published. I very properly concluded that you knew the reasons for the rupture, and when you made public the manner in which it occurred without giving the causes, you were unquestionably concealing the materia, facts.

"Very truly yours.

"B. R. Tillman."

Col. Henry Watterson.

Col. Henry Watterson, Washington, D. C. Denounces Report as False.

oar Sir: save never pretended to be a ar of presidential candidates (Continued on pege 2.)

Watterson Offers Proof tnat He Was Authorized by Candi-ELECTS OFFICERS

J. A. Hartness President, Col. Lusk a Vice President-

Pritchard Speaks.

Gazette-News Bureau, The Hotel Raleigh, Raleigh, Jan. 27. About 200 persons were present at the Anti-Saloon League meeting today. Judge Pritchard told of the beneficial effects of prohibition in Asheville. Attorney General Bickett, after a bright speech, yielded to other

J. F. Spainhour of Morganton thought the preachers should get busy for temperance, and Congressman Webb explained his bill.

Officers were elected as awaited with keen interest. Tillman President, J. A. Hartness, Iredell; vice sional district), Gov. T. J. Jarvis, J. T. Flythe, A. D. Ward, T. T. Hicks, Meantime Col. Watterson added Bluc. T. H. Vatderford, W. C. Dowd.

The three days' meeting of the Anti-Saloon league, holding forth in to furnish this proof to Senator Till- eral superintendent of the Anti-Sa-

Many visitors or delegates are in

The convention will adjourn Sunday after an address by Congressman

Ask Mill Assessment Reduced. Washington Tuesday night to all im-W. A. Erwin of Durham and T. H., portant engagements classwhere." Webb of Duke appeared before the Tillman lated dictated the followan effort to have the tax assessment Senator Tillman declined to be in- of the Erwin mill at Duke reduced. \$290,000. Last year the property was assessed at \$360,000, but was increased this year to \$597,000. J. C. Hen- Clifford, attorney, and two members oners of Harson's aspirations for the democratic nett county appeared for the county. presidential nomination was revivified They said they intended doing only

A. T. Company Drops Appeal. F. A. Woodard of Wilson, who was here this week, is authority for Harvey and Col. Watterson on the one the announcement that the American hand and Mr. Wilson on the other, Tobacco company has abandoned its was due to Col. Watterson's appeal appeal from the judgment of \$60,000 financial aid to Thomas F. Ryan against it secured by the Ware-Kramer Tobacco company. The issue was tried before Judge Connor last summer. The Ware-Kramer company never effected its appeal. The American Tobacco company was assesse \$16,000 to pay the lawyers of the

R. A. Doughton of Sparta and J "I had given Henry Watterson F. Hendren of Wilkesboro were in credit for more sense than to try to the city yesterday to see John A. ative to matters of construction. Mr. Doughton said thirteen miles of the road were ready for operation and that passenger trains would be plac-ed by February 1 between Elkin and

GIGANTIC BAILWAY COMBINE FORMING

Hill, Gould and Morgan Interests Uniting Against Harriman Lines.

New York, Jan. 27.—Despite recen denials, it is insisted in Wall street circles that the Hill, Gould and Morgan railroad interests are about to ombine in a tremendous re-alignment of the western situation. One account credits the proposed combine with being in alliance against the Harriman interests and says it will mean the control of prop-orties extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Wolter Must Die.

Knuaville Under Commission Form. Connecticut Tobacco Acreage Greater

Knoxville, Jan. 27.—Knoxville Hartford, Conn., Jan. 27.—A large-massed under the commission form of the increased acreage will be devoted to the tobacco crops in Connecticut number of the tobacco

Noted Manchu Leader Dying as Result of Bomb Outrage



Gen. Liang Badly Mangled-The Assailant Killed by Explosion.

Peking, Jan. 27.—General Liang Pi Manchu official, former commandant of the Imperial guards, was fatally injured by a bomb thrown by an uni dentified Chinaman in a military uniform today. The man hurled the bomb from a roadstde as Liang was alighting from a carriage. Both of the general's legs were broken, one limb being amputated afterward. The assailant himself was instantly killed by the explosion

The armistice between the government and the republicans, which is to expire at 8 o'clock next Monday morn ing, probably will be extended despitthe imperial edict creating Yuan Shi Kai a marquis, which evidently covers some court design. Yuan undoubtedly avors abdication and the Chinese are confident that abdication will come without further fighting. The throne reiterated by edict that it intended to abide by the decision of the national assembly concerning the future government of the empire.

Yuan Shi Kai, however, telegraphe Wu Ting Fang, minister of justice in the republican cabinet, requesting compromise as to the choosing delegates to the national as-sembly and this compromise, if adoptd, may lead to an assembly more of ess packed to vote for a republic The court and Yuan evidently are mu tually suspicious, and it is reported the guards of both have been increas

Throws Three Bombs at General. Tien Tsin, China, Jan. 27.-An at empt to assassinate Brigadier Genral Chan Huai-Chi was made at the railroad station here today. The general was uninjured. The would-be assassin, a young Chinaman, followed he general as he was leaving a train. throwing three bombs and wrecking a arriage. The assailant fled but later vas captured.

ANOTHER SHIP SEIZED BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

The Manouba Incident Scarcely Closed When New Difficulty Appears.

Carthage by Italian war vessels was doctors. settled yesterday satisfactorily to both nations. This announcement was made last night at the close of a made last night at the close of a meeting of the cabinet, which, after examination, approved the terms of examination, approved the terms of the note agreed upon by Camille Barrere, the French ambassador at Rome and the Marquis di Sao Guilliano, itulian minister of foreign affairs. The ote will be published in Rome by the talian government.

the Turkish Red Crescent society, who were taken off the Manouba by the Italians and sent to Cagliari, are to be mmediately turned over to the French consul at Cagliari, who will send them to France where their identity will be verified by the French government All questions of law arising from the seizure of both the Manouba and the Carthage will be referred to the international court at The Hague. The news received last night of the spture off Tunis by the Italians of the French steamer Tavignano, comthe settlement of the Carthage and Manouba incident, caused an unpleas

of the seizure. Oil Price Again Advanced.

ant sensation here, but public opin

ion is disposed to await further details before discussing its probable outcome

Albany, Jan. 27.—Albert W. Wolter, murderer of Ruth Wheeler, must die Monday. The governor har decided cent advance since the first of the

The foreigners in Peking, convinced siding outside the legation quarter that the Manchu dynasty would fall, hurriedly entered the town, and forcongregated in the legation quarter eign soldiers were sent outside for protection. Many foreigners re- - uard others at their homes

BANKER MORSE REMOVED FIGURES SHOW NATION

Conveyed in Ambulance to At- Many Billions Manufactured lanta Hotel-Removal to Florida Planned.

the New York banker, whose prison firmly established itself as the greatthe president, left the army hospital world. some Florida resort.

time after his transfer from the fed- tal number of cigars smoked rovement.

For the first time in more than tw years. Morse this morning escaped the government officials' eye. Most of that time he spent in the penitentiary. About two months ago he was tiary. About two months ago he was taken to the military hospital. Since Paris, Jan. 27 .- The Franco-Italian his freedom was given two weeks ago incident arising from the seizure of he has remained at the hospital, too the Frech steamers Manouba and ill to be removed according to his

FOR FIVE DAYS JOURNEY

The 29 Turks said to be members of Reaching New York Tonight, He Leaves for Ohio Cities on Sunday.

> Wasi ington, Jan. 27.—President Taft left Washington at 12:30 o'clock this afternoon on a five days' trip that takes him to New York and three rities in Ohio-Cleveland and Columbus and Akron. The president spend tonight as the guest of his brother. Henry W. Taft, and starts for Ohio from New York tomorrow night.

WILSON STILL SILENT

Governor Has Nothing to Say at This Time Regarding Tillman-Watter-son-Harvey Matter.

Boston, Jan. 27 .- Gov. Wilson, when New York, Jan. 27.—The Standard asked this morning whether he deOil company today advanced the sired to make a statement regarding price of domestic oil delivered by the Tiltman-Watterson-Harvey contank wagons from seven to eight counts a gallon. This makes a two-

OF GIGARETTE SMOKERS HENRY FAVORS INQUIRY

During 1911. Atlanta Jan 27-Charles W. Morse | New York, Jan. 27.-America ha According to statistics pul

and Rolled in United States

sentence was recently commuted by est cigarette smoking nation in the this morning. Morse was brought to lished here, ten billion cigarettes were a local hotel, where he will stay until manufactured and sold in the country he is able to be moved, probably to during 1911 without counting several billion more exempt from tax because Morse was accompanied by Mrs. rolled by the smokers themselves. Morse and his sister, Miss Jennie Taking the population as ninety mil Morse. He was conveyed from the lion, every man, woman and child av-military reservation in an ambulance, eraged 109 cigarettes, 80 cigars, 13 Physicians thought his removal from small cigars and four pounds of smokthe hospital where he spent so long ing tobacco during the year. The toeral penitentiary would aid his im- seven billion, two hundred and seven-

Two Others in Craft Escape Death in Icy Kentucky Stream.

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 27-A dispatch rom Worley, Pulaski county, today says that three persons were drownd and Memphis in class and commodity Mary West, Clarence Dobbs and Mary the interstate commerce commission Charles McFarrin and Luther West

FOR 8-HOUR WORK DAY

Gompers Attacks Manufacturers Before Senate Committee for Their Opposition to It.

Washington, Jan. 27.-President ompers of the American Federation of Labor, before the senate committee on education and labor today attacked manufacturers in general because of their opposition to the establishment of an eight-hour work day. Gompers declared nothing would give greater impetus to industry and the expansion

House Is Expecte? to Put Ways and Means Committee Measure Through Before Adjournment.

INSURGENT REPUBLICAN SUPPORT IS LIKELY

Consensus of Opinion Is They Will Side With Democrats in Metal Schedule Changes.

Washington, Jan. 27 -The house ok up the steel bill for amendment today and democratic leaders predicted that it would pass before adjournment. When Democratic Leader Un-derwood moved to close the general debate, republican leaders objected and demanded a record vote, which was taken. The bill should reach the senste finance committee Monday.

The tariff revision fight opened in the house yesterday, when consideration of the metal tariff bill was taken up, as the first of the measures which democratic leaders will attempt to force through congress. Attacked y the republican side as a departure from democratic pledges and as likey to be destructive to American labor and industry, the bill went through five hours of stormy debate.

About 20 insurgent republican mem bers met last night at the house office building and discussed the measure, Although no definite action was taken, the consensus of opinion at the conclusion of the conference was that the insurgents would align themselves with the democrats in support of it. Replying to charges that the dem ecrats had "abandoned the farmer," by not putting agricultural machinery on the free list in the bill, Chairman Underwood of the ways and means committee retorted that it was not

INTO THE "MONEY TRUST"

Chairman of House Rules Committee Would Have Proposed Investigation.

Washington, Jan. 27 .- Representaive Henry, chairman of the house mittee, which recently conducted a hearing on the proposed inestigation of the "money trust," today declared himself in favor of the willing to chance that sort of

"There must be no sensational and muckraking inquiry but a wise, deiberate, systematic and effective prob-

leaders.

"There should be no pussy-footing said. "Let those agents of the peo- stood by the head of the

CLAIM FREIGHT RATES ARE DISCRIMINATORY

nterstate Commerce Commission to Investigate Charges of Atlanta Men-Tennessee Favered.

Washington, Jan. 27 .- Alleged disrimination by the railroads scean-and-rail routes against Atlanta in favor of Knoxville, Chattanoogi near there when a boat conveying a freight rates from Boston, New York, party across South Fork river was Philadelphia and other eastern points capsized by ice. The victims are Mrs. of origin soon will be investigated by It is averred the Tennessee cities ar accorded a "decided preference" over Atlanta, freight cost averaging about eight cents on the hundred pound more to Atlanta than to Tennesse

MINING BUBBLE BURSTS

Experts' Report Causes Subsidence of Gold Fever in Manitobs 80,000 Claims Staked.

Winnipeg Man., Jan. 27.—The gold nining bubble which has been exciting the people of this country for the past two weeks has burst. Mining experts after examining samples, an-nounced that they were unable to find sufficient gold to warrant develop-ments. It is said 8000 claims have

Three Cities Want Child Labor Meet

Steamer Ashore in Alaskan Bay.

Seattle, Jun. 27.—The Alaskan Sard birthday annivereary of the Emsteamship company's steamer Santa peror of Germany. President Taft cabled to Berlin a message extending ka, today. She struck at high tide.

Nine passengers were taken off in a linear structure of the name of the government and people of the launch.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 27.—New Orlicans, San Francisco, and Milwaukes are bidding for the next annual conference of the national child labor committee, which concludes its 1942 cabled to Berlin a message extending session tonight. Three sessions were laken off in a linear structure of the name of heid today. Dr. Felix Adler and the government and people of the United States.

Supporters of Alabaman for the Democratic Presidential Nomination to Open Headquarters.

SITUATION SIMPLIFIED BY NEW DEVELOPMENT

Taftite Plan to Raise the Bryan Issue May Help the House Leader's Aspirations.

Gazette-News Bureau, Wyatt Building Washington, Jan. 27. The next few days will witness a ery decided revival of the Underwood presidenital boom. Friends of the Alabama congressman propose to open headquarters here soon, when men will be designated to look after matters in many of the states. North Carolina is not to be overlooked. Senator Bankhead admitted as much to the writer, and it is known that the Alabama senator went over the situation with a number of North Carolinians, some of whom journeyed here for that purpose, although those con-

cerned are not yet ready to move into the open with formal announcements A good many people are of the opinion-there is almost a settled coniction it may be said-that Governor Harmon is losing ground, and these people take the view that Underwood has grown in exact proportion to the Harmon loss. If Mr. Underwood wins his fight in the democratic caucus next Monday, when the public buildings bill will be up for consideration, and democrats turn an attentive plea to the appeal which the chairman of he ways and means committee will make for economy, his friends will be still further encouraged. Underwood is going to tell his colleagues, that the matter of economy in legisla live matters is fully as traperiant as the tariff, and that if democrats expect to prevail this year they must establish a record which will have to

New Republican Move. Underwood adherents set up the laim that the situation greatly simplified during the past Senators Penrose, Crane and moot have taken charge of the interests of President Taft, and these senators they say, are entertaining the conviction that the republican party, n order to win, must get back to the old order of things and they are hoping for an old-time republican campaign against a democratic candidate and a democratic platform that has been thoroughly Bryanized. Of course this program takes little account of the progressive movement in either party, but Messrs. Penrose and Smoot, and presumably President Taft, are paign. Those supporting Mr. Underwood point out that while their man is progressive enough in his habits of mind and political affiliations, nevering into conditions constituting the theless it would be impossible for republicans to raise the Bryan issue trust," said Henry.

He intimated that he was prepared against him. Mr. Bryan is against or opposition from some democratic both Harmon and Underwood, but it

is likewise pointed out, that when it came to a show-down the demoor gumshoeing by trustees of the peo- cratic party, as through the represenple now holding seats in congress," he tative body, the house membership, ple stand up and vote openly and mittee, that Mr. Bryan, in the trouble OVERTURNS IN RIVER below the stand up and vote openly and over the wool and steel schedules, was over the wool and steel schedules, was constituents." repudiated, even Representative Claud Kitchin assisting in the process of repudiation. In short, it will be a fight in the Baltimore convention for control, with the progressive of the party, ranged behind Wilson on the one side, and it is not unlikely that the conservatives will rally to the support of Underwood, and that the Harmon people will in the end lend their aid to the Underwood enterprise.

SHOW PRICE VARIED

Packers Bring Out Evidence to Prove Quotations on Dressed Meat Were Not Uniform.

Chicago, Jan. 27 .- S. G. Langher, a National Packing company margin clerk, under cross-examination in the packers' trial today, read a long list of shipments showing several stances when there was a difference of more than a cent a pound in the price of dressed ments sold in an eastorn city the same day. The witness produced "red books" shewing sales and margins.

MENINGITIS SPREADS

Four Deaths from the Disease Occur in Crippie Creek, Col., This Morning.

Cripple Creek, Colo., Spinal meningitis, which recently alarmed the southwest, causing the quarantining of several Tevas towns, claimed four victims here today.