

SAYS HE RAISED WILSON MONEY

Watterson Offers Proof that He Was Authorized by Candidate 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 awaited with keen interest.

Meantime Col. Watterson added fuel to the fire with an additional statement, saying: "In my letter to Senator Tillman, I promised proof of any statement made by me that might be disputed."

"I must insist that this be done without delay, as I shall have to leave Washington Tuesday night to attend important engagements elsewhere."

Tillman later dictated the following: "Senator Tillman declined to be interviewed further in regard to the incident, saying there was no longer any issue between Watterson and himself."

Interest in the controversy between Woodrow Wilson and Col. George Harvey and Col. Henry Watterson over Mr. Wilson's presidential nomination was revived last night when Col. Watterson gave out correspondence that had passed between himself and Senator B. R. Tillman, of South Carolina, yesterday and today.

"Washington, Jan. 25, 1912. "My Dear Sir: "Referring to the so-called 'Harvey-Watterson incident,' I find you quoted by the newspapers of this morning to the following effect:

"I had given Henry Watterson credit for more sense than to try to foist off a story like this with the material facts concealed. The man who makes a public statement with the material facts concealed is little other than a scoundrel."

"With great respect, "Henry Watterson." Hon. B. R. Tillman. United States Senate. Says Editor Concealed Facts.

"My Dear Sir: "Your note of January 25th, handed me by the Hon. Swager Sherry, you call my attention to an interview which I had given out in reference to the Harvey-Watterson incident 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.'"

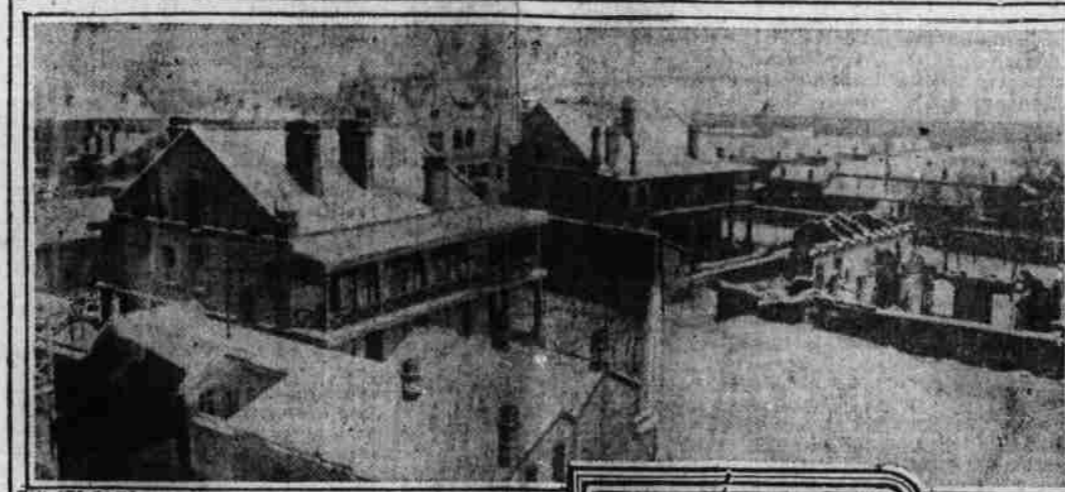
"You demand to know upon what warrant of authority you make this serious accusation against me, and to ask a reply through my friend, the Hon. Swager Sherry, of Kentucky.

"In your statement to the press you described in detail the rupture between 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 you, as a leading newspaper man and self-confessed expert grower 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 material facts.

"Very truly yours, "B. R. Tillman." Col. Henry Watterson. Washington, D. C. Denounces Report as False.

"My Dear Sir: "I have never pretended to be a grower of presidential candidates. (Continued on page 2.)

Noted Manchu Leader Dying as Result of Bomb Outrage



VIEW OF THE FOREIGN LEGATIONS IN PEKING WHERE FOREIGN RESIDENTS WERE CONCENTRATED.

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

Peking, Jan. 27.—General Liang Pi, a Manchu official, former commandant of the Imperial guards, was fatally injured by a bomb thrown by an unidentified Chinaman in a military uniform today. The man hurled the bomb from a roadside as Liang was alighting from a carriage.

The armistice between the government and the republicans, which is to expire at 8 o'clock next Monday morning, probably will be extended despite the imperial edict creating Yuan Shi Kai a marquis, which evidently covers some court design. Yuan undoubtedly favors abdication and the Chinese are confident that abdication will come without further fighting.

Yuan Shi Kai, however, telegraphed Wu Ting Fang, minister of justice in the republican cabinet, requesting a compromise as to the method of choosing delegates to the national assembly and this compromise, if adopted, may lead to an assembly more or less packed to vote for a republic.

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

ANOTHER SHIP SEIZED BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

The Manouba Incident Scarcely Closed When New Difficulty Appears.

Paris, Jan. 27.—The Franco-Italian incident arising from the seizure of the French steamer Manouba and Carthage by Italian war vessels was settled yesterday satisfactorily to both nations. This announcement was made last night at the close of a meeting of the cabinet, which, after examination, approved the terms of the note agreed upon by Camille Barere, the French ambassador at Rome, and the Marquis di Saffi Guilianio, Italian minister of foreign affairs.

The 29 Turcks said to be members of the Turkish Red Crescent society, who were taken off the Manouba by the Italians and sent to Cagliari, are to be immediately 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 capture of Tunis by the Italians of the French steamer Tavignano, coming on top of the announcement of the settlement of the Carthage and Manouba incident, caused an unpleasant sensation here, but public opinion is disposed to await further details before discussing its probable outcome of the seizure.

Oil Price Again Advanced. New York, Jan. 27.—The Standard Oil company today advanced the price of domestic oil delivered by tank wagons from seven to eight cents a gallon. This makes a two-cent advance since the first of the year.

Albany, Jan. 27.—Albert W. Wolter, murderer of Ruth Wheeler, must die Monday. The governor has decided not to interfere.

Wolter Must Die. Knoxville Under Commission Form. Knoxville, Jan. 27.—Knoxville passed under the commission form of government yesterday. Four commissioners took the oath of office.

BANKER MORSE REMOVED FROM ARMY HOSPITAL

Conveyed in Ambulance to Atlanta Hotel—Removal to Florida Planned.

Atlanta, Jan. 27.—Charles W. Morse, the New York banker, whose prison sentence was recently commuted by the president, left the army hospital this morning. Morse was brought to a local hotel, where he will stay until he is able to be moved, probably to some Florida resort. Morse was accompanied by Mrs. Morse and his sister, Miss Jennie Morse. He was conveyed from the military reservation in an ambulance. Physicians thought his removal from the hospital where he spent so long a time after his transfer from the federal penitentiary would aid his improvement.

For the first time in more than two years, Morse this morning escaped the government officials' eye. Most of that time he spent in the penitentiary. About two months ago he was taken to the military hospital. Since his freedom was given two weeks ago, he has remained at the hospital, to be removed according to his doctors.

MR. TAFT QUITS CAPITAL FOR FIVE DAYS JOURNEY

Reaching New York Tonight, He Leaves for Ohio Cities on Sunday.

Washington, 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 cities in Ohio—Cleveland and Columbus and Akron. The president spends 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-Watterson-Harvey Matter.

Boston, Jan. 27.—Gov. Wilson, when asked this morning whether he desired to make a statement regarding the Tillman-Watterson-Harvey controversy, said he had nothing to say on the subject at this time.

STEAMER ASHORE IN ALASKAN BAY

Seattle, Jan. 27.—The Alaskan Steamship company's steamer Santa Anna went ashore in Carls bay, Alaska, today. She struck at high tide. Nine passengers were taken off in a launch.

FOR 8-HOUR WORK DAY

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

Washington, Jan. 27.—President Gompers 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 of trade than an eight-hour day. He insisted it would better the relations of employer and employee.

TAFT CONGRATULATES KAISER

Washington, Jan. 27.—This is the 53rd birthday anniversary of the Emperor of Germany. President Taft cabled to Berlin a message extending hearty congratulations in the name of the government and people of the United States.

STEEL REVISION BILL TO A VOTE

House Is Expected 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 took up the steel bill for amendment today and democratic leaders predicted that it would pass before adjournment. When Democratic Leader Underwood moved to close the general debate, republican leaders objected and demanded a record vote, which was taken. The bill should reach the senate 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 the democratic leaders will attempt to force through congress. Attacked by the republican side as a departure from democratic pledges and as likely to be destructive to American labor and industry, the bill went through five hours of stormy debate.

About 20 insurgent republican members 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 democrats 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 a part of the metal schedules of the tariff.

HENRY FAVORS INQUIRY INTO THE "MONEY TRUST"

Chairman of House Rules Committee Would Have Proposed Investigation.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Representative Henry, chairman of the house rules committee, which recently conducted a hearing on the proposed investigation of the "money trust," today declared himself in favor of the inquiry.

"There must be no sensational and muckraking inquiry but a wise, deliberate, systematic and effective probing into conditions constituting the trust," said Henry.

CLAIM FREIGHT RATES ARE DISCRIMINATORY

Interstate Commerce Commission to Investigate Charges of Atlanta Men—Tennessee Favored.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Alleged discrimination by the railroads and ocean-and-rail routes against Atlanta in favor of Knoxville, Chattanooga and Memphis in class and commodity freight rates from Boston, New York, Philadelphia and other eastern points of origin soon will be investigated by the interstate commerce commission. It is averred the Tennessee cities are accorded a "decided preference" over Atlanta, freight cost averaging about eight cents on the hundred pounds more to Atlanta than to Tennessee points.

MINING BUBBLE BURSTS

Experts' Report Causes Subside of Gold Fever in Manitoba—80,000 Claims Staked.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 27.—The gold mining bubble which has been exciting the people of this country for the past two weeks has burst. Mining experts after examining samples, announced that they were unable to find sufficient gold to warrant developments. It is said 8000 claims have been staked out.

THREE CITIES WANT CHILD LABOR MEET

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 27.—New Orleans, San Francisco, and Milwaukee are bidding for the next annual conference of the national child labor committee, which concludes its 1912 session tonight. Three sessions were held today. Dr. Felix Adler and Richmond Pearson Hobson speak tonight.

REVIVING BOOM OF UNDERWOOD

Supporters of Alabamian 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 very decided revival of the Underwood presidential 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 concerned 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 conviction it may be said—that Governor Harmon is losing ground, and those 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 the 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 legislative matters is fully as important as the tariff, and that if democrats expect to prevail this year they must establish a record which will have to be defended.

New Republican Move. Underwood adherents set up the claim that the situation has been greatly simplified during the past week. Senators Penrose, Crane and Smoot have taken charge of the interests of President Taft, and these senators they say, are entertaining the conviction that the republican party, in 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 willing to chance that sort of campaign. Those supporting Mr. Underwood point out that while their man is progressive enough in his habits of mind and political affiliations, nevertheless it would be impossible for republicans to raise the Bryan issue against him. Mr. Bryan is against both Harmon and Underwood, but it is likewise pointed out, that when it came to a show-down the democratic party, as through the representative body, the house membership, stood by the head of the ways committee, that Mr. Bryan, in the trouble over the wool and steel schedules, was 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 instances when there was a difference of more than a cent a pound in the price of dressed meats sold in an eastern city the same day. The witness produced "red books" showing sales and margins.

MENINGITIS SPREADS

Four Deaths from the Disease Occur in Cripple Creek, Colo. This Morning.

Cripple Creek, Colo., Jan. 27.—Spinal meningitis, which recently alarmed the southwest, causing the quarantining of several Texas towns, claimed four victims here today.

DALLAS STORES REOPEN AFTER EPIDEMIC

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 27.—The success marking attempts to combat the spread of meningitis and for the eradication of the epidemic has developed such optimism that the public schools will reopen February 5. Stores will resume business Monday.