

## WILSON STANDS BY FREE SUGAR

Senator James, Speaking for President, Declares Baltimore Platform Committed Party to It.

DEFINES MEANING OF  
LEGITIMATE INDUSTRY

Says It Means Industry which  
"Can Take Care of Itself"  
—Ransdell's Opposition Bitter.

By Associated Press.

Washington, May 16.—Senator James, accredited with speaking for President Wilson and the administration, interpreted the Baltimore platform in a speech in the senate today as committing the president and the democratic party to free sugar. His remarks were in reply to declarations by Senator Ransdell and Senator-elect Broussard of Louisiana that it did not.

In the gallery was Secretary Taft, who went to hear the reply to the anti-free sugar democrats, who for two days have assailed the sugar schedule which President Wilson has declared will not be compromised if he can help it.

Senator James declared the platform adopted at the Baltimore convention approved the course of the democratic house in the last session of congress and that it included approval of the Underwood free sugar bill. He read a paragraph from the democratic campaign textbook approval of the Underwood free sugar house in placing sugar on the free list.

Senator Ransdell asked if President Wilson had not declared in a speech at Pittsburgh that he did not stand for free trade.

Senator James returned that the president was not a free trader and that the proposed bill calculated to raise \$300,000,000 in revenue was not a free trade bill.

"If you say President Wilson is a free trader because he favors free sugar," demanded Senator James, "did you call yourself a free trader when you voted for free bread and free shoes?"

Senator Ransdell denied that he was a free trader and asked if the democratic national committee had not instructed its orators in the west not to discuss free sugar and also if the party would have been defeated if they had discussed it there.

"I know the Chicago headquarters so instructed Representatives Aswell of Louisiana," he declared.

Senator James referred to the point made by the Louisiana leaders that President Wilson and the platform had declared against tariff reductions which would injure any legitimate industry.

"By legitimate industry in the platform," said the Kentucky senator, "is meant industrially legitimate and commercially legitimate industry. It does not refer to an industry which has had 125 years of government aid and protection and is yet unable to take care of itself."

Senator James eloquently praised President Wilson's stand for free sugar.

"If William H. Taft had had half the courage of Woodrow Wilson he would have vetoed the Payne-Aldrich bill and bonfires would have been burned on every hillside in his honor and, in my opinion, he would have been re-elected."

"President Wilson says he is in favor of free sugar and free wool and wants no compromise. At Pittsburgh he merely said he did not want to destroy and legitimate industry. I challenge you to find anybody to whom Woodrow Wilson ever said he was not in favor of free sugar."

Senator Ransdell inquired if he considered the sugar business of the south and west legitimate.

"Legally but not economically," replied Senator James.

**REDUCED IN RANK**  
Assistant Weather Bureau Foreman Accused of Improper Conduct in Promoting Moore's Ambitions.

By Associated Press.  
Washington, May 16.—Charles T. Burns, an assistant foreman in the weather bureau, suspended at the time of the dismissal of Chief Willis I. Moore, today was reduced in rank and salary by Secretary Houston, who declared Burns "guilty of misconduct in the performance of his duty."

Moore was dismissed for "serious irregularities" and misuse of his office, of which it was alleged he had kept guilty in his campaign for appointment as secretary of agriculture in President Wilson's cabinet.

**Fall Kills Rich Realty Owner.**  
By Associated Press.  
Washington, May 16.—Hopewell H. Farnell, former tax assessor for the District of Columbia, and a recognized authority on realty values in the capital, met death late last night through a fall in his home in Cleveland park, a suburb. Hearing the sound of the fall, his 14 years old daughter found him unconscious. Before medical aid could be summoned he died of a hemorrhage of the brain. In addition to large holdings in local real estate, Mr. Farnell had extensive silver mine properties in Mexico.

## REPLY TO JAPAN BEFORE CABINET

Matter Considered at Three Hours Session—Will Be Presented Shortly.

By Associated Press.  
Washington, May 16.—President Wilson and the cabinet at a three-hour session today considered the reply of the United States to Japan's protest against the California anti-alien law and it was announced that an answer to the Japanese note probably would be delivered very soon. Secretary Bryan presented a draft of the answer which is believed to have been substantially approved. It may be made public after delivery to the Japanese ambassador.

Washington, May 16.—Secretary Bryan returned from New York early today with his desk long before the cabinet meeting, at which he was to present the reply of the United States to Japan's protest against the California anti-alien law.

It is probable steps soon will be taken to publish the text of the Japanese protest, although that may be deferred until the answer of the United States has been delivered.

Although frequent inquiries from the Japanese ambassador indicate a disposition to press the negotiations, probably in recognition of the state of public mind in Japan, yet diplomatic practice warrants an allowance of at least several days for the delivery of the state department's answer.

President Wilson's announcement that there are to be no movements of troops or ships that could be connected with the situation is expected by official circles to be construed as evidence of his conviction that the issue can and will be adjusted by diplomacy.

So far, the order has not interfered with the plan to send some coast artillery troops from San Francisco to reinforce the garrison in Hawaii. But as the movement is in execution of comprehensive plans for permanent garrisons in the insular possessions and in the canal zone, outlined by the general staff last fall and approved by former President Taft and former Secretary Stimson, before there was any suggestion of friction with Japan, it is believed that its execution will not be a violation of the president's instructions of yesterday.

The administration has been trying to discourage "war scares" by every possible means as was evidenced by executive disapproval of an order last week for the immediate dispatch from Newport to Norfolk of the submarine flotilla.

## RUSSELL WITNESS IN THAW SCANDAL

Accused ex-Superintendent of  
Matteawan Takes Stand  
in Anhut Case.

By Associated Press.  
New York, May 16.—Dr. John Russell, former superintendent of the Matteawan asylum for the insane, and Florence A. Hoffman, a confidential agent for Harry K. Thaw, were principal witnesses called today at the trial of John N. Anhut, a young lawyer charged with offering Russell a bribe to bring about Thaw's release.

Thaw was the only witness called yesterday and having concluded his testimony was taken back to Matteawan. He testified not only that Anhut had agreed to bring about his release through Russell for \$25,000, but that Dr. Russell himself first made the suggestion of his obtaining freedom by the payment of a large sum.

He conferred with Anhut, he said, not as an attorney for himself, but as attorney for Russell.

Dr. Russell resigned the superintendency of Matteawan not long ago after Governor Suiker had demanded his removal.

**Says Many Babies Die Needlessly.**  
By Associated Press.

Boston, May 16.—"Three hundred thousand babies a year is the sacrifice paid on the altar of parental ignorance," said Mrs. Fagerty Shoff, of Philadelphia, president of the National Congress of Mothers and Parent Teachers association, in her opening address at the 17th annual meeting of the congress which began yesterday. Proper education of mothers and fathers would save more than 60 per cent of this infant sacrifice, Mrs. Shoff estimated.

**Hyde Verdict Is Reversed.**  
By Associated Press.

New York, May 16.—The appellate division of the State Supreme court today reversed the conviction in the Supreme court of Charles H. Hyde, former city chamberlain, and ordered a new trial. Hyde was found guilty of bribery in connection with the deposit of city funds in the defunct Northern bank and the Carnegie Trust company.

## DANIELS FIRM AGAINST WATTS

Stands Today Where He Stood  
When Watts Opposed the  
Constructive State  
Legislation.

WATTS' ENDOREMENTS  
ARE TAKEN TO M'ADOO

Three Stalwart Negroes Load  
Them on Dray and Deliver  
Them — Overman to  
Visit McAdoo.

Gazette-News Bureau,  
Wyatt Building,  
Washington, May 16.

Gathering together three stalwart North Carolina negroes, Jim Harris, Charles West and Lee Christian, Hubert Martin, secretary to Senator Overman yesterday afternoon loaded on a wagon 5000 or more petitions and letters of indorsement of Col. A. D. Watts, who wants to be collector for the western district, and successfully delivered the papers at the office of the secretary of the treasury where they were deposited upon the floor in Mr. McAdoo's private room in the treasury building. Senator Overman will call upon Mr. McAdoo and ask his careful consideration of the large batch of papers.

All that his political friends can do for him will have been accomplished when the junior senator pays his final visit to the treasury department. Political friends of the freedman from the governor down to the humble justice of the peace have affixed their signature to Mr. Watts' petition. While politicians make up the major part of Watts' indorsement, there are of course a few names on the petition of men who are not holding office and do not care to do so. But they make a small minority.

It has been learned that Secretary Daniels has not changed his mind in regard to Colonel Watts, stories published in certain papers in North Carolina to the contrary notwithstanding. Mr. Daniels stands today just where he stood when Watts opposed progressive legislation in the North Carolina legislature. Further when all is said and done President Wilson will have his candidate for the collectorship, but he is not pushing any particular man in the old time Daniels' way. He is opposing Watts, because he does not believe a man of his reactionary tactics should be given one of the best jobs at the hands of the Wilson administration. Almost any progressive democrat would not be objectionable to Mr. Daniels. Daniels will continue to fight Watts and unless all signs fail the secretary will win. In this fight he has the support of Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and thousands of North Carolinians who desire to see Wilson's policies carried out. Mr. Daniels is receiving hundreds of letters from the state urging him to keep up the fight against Watts and it is not believed he will quit when his long fought for principles are at stake as is the case now.

## EXTENSION OF TIME GRANTED W. E. BREESE BY ATTORNEY-GENERAL

Convicted Banker Given Opportunity to File Evidence  
for Pardon Petition.

By Associated Press.  
Washington, May 16.—Broken in health and spirit by a 16 years fight to escape a jail sentence, William E. Brees, a former Asheville (N. C.) banker, convicted of conspiracy to defraud the bank of which he was president, has been granted further opportunity to file evidence with Attorney General McInerney in support of his application for a pardon. Indicted in 1897 and convicted in 1909, Brees had six trials and by various appeals has never served a day.

**Daniels to Visit His Birthplace.**  
By Associated Press.

Washington, May 16.—When Secretary Daniels leaves the navy department tonight he will do so to prepare for a trip from Washington, D. C., to Washington, N. C., the latter being his birthplace and Sunday being the fifty-first anniversary of his arrival there. Accompanied by Mrs. Daniels the secretary will leave tomorrow and will spend a few days on the spot where he was born.

**Coleman Case a Mistrial.**  
By Associated Press.

Union, S. C., May 16.—After being out since 11:30 o'clock yesterday morning, the jury in the second trial of Harry Coleman, charged with the murder of his father, Robert D. Coleman, on January 21, last, at 9:45 this morning announced that they could not agree and Judge Prince ordered a mistrial.

## WE WILL TAKE MONEY BACK

—GOVERNOR CRAIG  
If Railroads Continue to Ex-  
tort Money from People,  
State Will Find Way  
to Take Money.

STATE IS SUPREME  
WITHIN ITS BORDERS

State Has Been Kind to Com-  
mon Carriers, and All It  
Now Asks Is Fair  
Treatment.

Special to The Gazette-News.

Raleigh, May 16.—Declaring that if the railroads continue to take money out of the pockets of the people of North Carolina, the state would find a way to take this money out of the coffers of the railroads, Governor Craig yesterday afternoon addressed more than 300 representative shippers to the hall of the house of representatives. He was followed by Chairman Travis of the corporation commission and Attorney General Bickett, who also spoke vigorously to the shippers and urged them not to hesitate to carry the fight all along the line.

It was the largest gathering of business men ever assembled in the capitol city for such a cause. Raleigh sent up a body of 75 men and Charlotte, Greensboro, High Point, Winston-Salem and many other cities and towns sent determined men to the meeting. They evinced a determination to fight the thing through.

**The Tax of Discrimination.**  
Provisional President W. R. Foreman first called upon Governor Craig, who declared that he did not have anything new to say, but who nevertheless said many new things on the subject. He expressed his pleasure at such a large gathering—even the house galleries were partially filled—and said that as the people became better informed on the rate situation it would be even easier to get concerted action. The governor spoke of the arbitrary fixing of rates by carriers and taking out of the pockets of North Carolinians \$5,000,000 a year for the same service which other states, he declared, would resist the federal government in such an event, and yet the carriers who do business by license of the state have seen fit to levy an additional tariff of \$5,000,000 on the people of North Carolina.

**For Rights of the Whole People.**  
The governor declared that this freight rate movement was not an exclusive affair, but that it was for the benefit of the whole people, and the fight is not against any other state. The regulation of rates beyond the limits of the state is not possible, but the sovereignty of the state is supreme within its borders, and there is nothing in the constitution to compel the people to submit to the injustice. He said the people had been kind to the common carriers and all asked now is fair treatment.

"We demand justice," declared Governor Craig, "and we tell you that we are going to have justice. I had rather have war than an ignominious peace, and it would be ignominious for the people of the state to submit to conditions any longer." Governor Craig said that the carriers had clogged the docks of the interstate commerce commission and then tell the people to go there for a settlement. The people have put their hands to the plow, he declared, and the carriers may rest assured that there will be no turning back. The state will take from the railroads some of the money they have wrongfully taken from the people, the governor declared, for it can be done. The carriers may continue to take the money out of the pockets of the citizens, destroy the industries of the state, but we will take that money back from them, he insisted. "We will take it back until they find it easier to do right than to do wrong."

The governor pledged the powers of his office, the legislature and the corporation commission to the people of the state in this fight against unjust rates until justice is done the state. He received a great round of applause as he took his seat.

**Chairman Travis Speaks.**  
Chairman Travis of the corporation commission, who followed Governor Craig, told the shippers that they had a long fight before them. He wanted them to know that he approved their course, but he also wanted them to realize that the railroads would fight mightily hard to keep from losing \$2,500,000 in revenue each year. Chairman Travis said he had looked at the question from every standpoint and was satisfied more than ever that the carriers were practicing a discrimination that could not be justified. The people of the state have only one course to pursue, and that is to engage in an effort to correct the wrong. He said the carriers were stubborn fighters and worthy of the best efforts of the whole people, but the fight will be won. He was sure of this. Fight it to the bitter end, Chairman Travis urged. Do not give up for a minute.

Chairman Travis told of the negotiations now in progress between the corporation commission and the carriers. Continued on page four.

## DIVORCE EVIL IS EXCORIATED

Resolutions that Church Work  
for More Strict State Leg-  
islation Presented in  
Atlanta.

IS NATIONAL MENACE  
REPORTS COMMITTEE

Widespread Campaign of Edu-  
cation Is Recommended by  
Christian Life and  
Work Committee.

By Associated Press.

Atlanta, Ga., May 16.—An exhortation of the divorce evil and resolutions recommending action by every presbytery in the Northern Presbyterian church to secure more strict divorce state legislation was embodied in the report of the special committee on Christian life and work, made today before the Northern Presbyterian assembly, in session here.

"The report in part follows: 'We call the attention of the general assembly to the sad and alarming situation pertaining to marriage and divorce. Accurate statistics on this important subject show that the evil is steadily increasing.

"This matter is pre-eminently the care of the church. It reaches down to the vitals of the church and the state. Your committee has corresponded directly with the authorities in several of our synods and presbyteries and report a desire on the part of many to take advanced steps pertaining to the regulation of marriage and divorce. But it is evident that our ministers and our churches are not graphically with this great evil as they should. They are not keeping themselves informed as to the situation except in a general way. The result is that the movement for reform needs a great new stimulus of thought and effort."

"We recommend the following resolutions: 'That our ministers and church courts be earnestly urged to organize a new and widespread campaign of education in the churches regarding the sacredness of marriage and the evils of divorce, and to arouse all classes in the community by means of the press, the school and the social agencies to the need of reform.

"That all our ministers and church courts be urged to study the present laws of each state on marriage and divorce with the aid of earnest Christian lawyers and other laymen with a view to the introduction of new and improved codes pertaining to marriage and divorce, and to that end that competent committees be created to prosecute the matter successfully.

"That the committee on Christian life and work communicate with the presbyteries on the subject of the laws of the state and the United States, both as to marriage and divorce, recommending action in each in order to secure proper regulations by the state in connection with marriage and also to secure legislation as will make the laws of divorce more strict and more nearly in accordance with the law of God."

Other resolutions proposed by the committee included the following: "That churches be advised, wherever the way is clear, to unite with churches of other denominations, in the communities in which they are located, for the purpose of carrying on co-operative Christian work and presbyteries and synods are urged to stimulate this work within their bounds."

**Two Whites Wounded by  
Blacks Defending an Al-  
leged Assailant.**

By Associated Press.  
Nowata, Okla., May 16.—In a fight between a band of negroes organized to protect Albert Fields, one of their race charged with attacking a white woman, and a posse near Delaware, Okla., early today, two white men were wounded and one negro was seriously hurt. After the posse had adjusted a noose to the wounded negro's neck and was preparing to hang him to a tree, it was decided to hold him as a witness against Fields, and he was brought here to jail.

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**SUNSHINE SOCIETY MEET.**  
Mrs. Wilson Asked to Design Coin  
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(By Associated Press)  
New York, May 16.—Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of the president, has been asked by the International Sunshine society, which is holding its fifteenth annual convention here, to design a special coin, the proceeds from which should go to help support and educate all the blind babies in the United States. The idea originated with Queen Alexandra and her sister, Empress Marie, who designed a baby coin for children in Denmark. The bit of copper, which is worth intrinsically only half a cent, is coined at the royal mint.

Delegates from nearly every state of the union are present at the convention. The report of Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden, president of the society, points out that seven states have passed laws providing for the care and education of the baby blind. These are Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, North and South Dakota, Arizona and Rhode Island.

**WHISKERS SPROUT WHILE  
BARBERS' STRIKE SPREADS**  
Shaves a Luxury in New York  
These Five Days—15  
Arrests.

By Associated Press.  
New York, May 16.—The barbers' strike continued into its fifth day today with the men who are out busy trying to bring the shaving and haircutting industry to a standstill. Posing as ordinary patrons, the strikers individually invaded the hotel shops and while submitting to a 20-cent shave they quietly sought to spread their cause.

Fifteen arrests were made as a result of various disorders charged against the strikers and their sympathizers yesterday, which included a pitched battle with the police in front of the Hoffman house, where a large plate glass window was broken.

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By Associated Press.

Washington, May 16.—Plans for drawing the political battle lines of 1914 and 1916 were talked over today at conferences of the executive committee of the democratic national committee.

The plan included a conference over what the national committee should do to make the party successful in the state and congressional elections two years hence with a look ahead to the next national election; a meeting with officers of the democratic congressional committee regarding a greater representation of senators on that body and a conference with President Wilson.

The committee, which met at its permanent offices, is composed of Committee men Palmer of Pennsylvania, Clark Howell of Georgia, Cato Sells of Texas, Homer Cummings of Connecticut and Fred Lynch of Minnesota.

"Concentration, anticipation, amalgamation, confederation, harmonization" of methods is the way one member of the executive committee epitomized the plans of the conference.

Today marked the opening of the permanent office of the democratic national committee, which the party organization expects to maintain every day during the next four years at least.

The "executive" committee, so-called, but really a finance committee, is under instructions to devise methods for raising money under a resolution adopted at a meeting of the national committee on March 5, which endorsed the effort of Chairman McCombs to establish a permanent headquarters and press a vigorous publicity campaign.

The conference today discussed the importance of keeping the country reliably advised through committee propaganda regarding the executive and legislative policies of the administration, the attitude of the democratic party on the tariff and currency questions foreign policy and other questions understanding of which by the public at large from the democratic standpoint, is regarded as helpful in the coming fight for continuance of the democratic party in power at the White House and in congress.

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Washington, May 16.—Senator Kern's resolution for investigation of the charges of peonage, militarism and oppression of workers in the West Virginia mine district was up again today in the senate with prospects of a vote. Backed with numerous affidavits and statements alleging despotism and a reign of terror maintained by the mine operators, Mr. Kern announced he would insist on some action before the senate adjourned.

Senator Kern read a letter today from State Senator Samuel B. Montgomery of Kingwood, W. Va., who declared "human life was the only thing held valueless by the mine operators" and that the head of the state mining department was an operator in whose mines occurred frequent explosions.

Senator Montgomery wrote that 700 miners had been killed in mine explosions in that state and that the only thing received by the widows were the "pine boxes in which their husbands had been buried." He declared that the mining department displayed no interest in human life and that a lobby was maintained against employers' liability laws, of which West Virginia had none.

## BAPTISTS MAY ADMIT WOMEN AS DELEGATES

Amendment to the Constitu-  
tion of the Southern Con-  
vention Is Proposed.

By Associated Press.

St. Louis, May 16.—An amendment was proposed to the constitution of the Southern Baptist convention today to admit women on the floor as delegates. A vote will be taken before the convention adjourns.

The amendment was offered by R. H. Coleman, a layman of Dallas, Tex. Mr. Coleman said he believed the Baptists owed it to the women to make this change as they always had taken a leading part of church work.

That there would be opposition to the amendment was apparent when on motion of Secretary Lansing Burrows, Mr. Coleman said he already had it in writing. Then it was referred to the order of business committee of which Rev. O. L. Bailey of Corsicana, Tex., is chairman. When the news of the amendment was taken to the Woman's Missionary union, an auxiliary to the convention, there was manifest enthusiasm.

Rev. C. H. Rust of Rochester, N. Y., fraternal delegate from the Northern Baptist convention, today expressed to the Southern church the esteem of his organization and presented a large floral key which he said was the love of the northern Baptists. The convention broke out in enthusiastic demonstrations.

Walter Dunsen of Atlanta, treasurer of the Home Mission Board resigned after 12 years service because of the pressure of private business.

Rev. I. B. Warren of Atlanta reported on the million-dollar fund which is being raised for the support of poor churches in the south. He said more than a fourth of the amount had been raised and that the remainder would be secured within a reasonable time.

St. Louis, May 16.—The executive committee of the Woman's Missionary movement made its recommendations today to the convention of the Baptist missionary convention.

The committee recommended that special efforts be made to interest young women of the church in the missionary movement; that the missionary contributions for this year be higher than any apportionment made, and higher by 10 per cent than the contributions of any preceding year.

The Southern Baptist church convention today heard reports from missionaries in the home field.

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