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CHARGE GYPSIES WITH ASSAULT

Two Factions Will Appear at January Court

APPEAL FOR PROTECTION

Alleged Chief Arrives at Camp Near Wadesboro and Begins Trouble Which Finally Lands Entire Band into the Arms of the Law.

Wadesboro, Dec. 29.—The Gypsy camp near Lilesville has been the center of interest for several days and still attracts considerable attention, although the encampment of one band here in Wadesboro has divided the attraction. The trouble which has been reported during the past few days is the entire topic of conversation and the story of these peculiar people is of much interest.

Several weeks ago the first arrivals camped just beyond Lilesville and others have come from time to time until the camp had possibly 200 in the several families or bands. These people were going about the country trading horses and telling fortunes and the sheriff forced them to pay a county tax. Several days ago the message came to them that the "chief" was on the way and that on his arrival he would collect the annual "chief" tax from each of them. It seems that each member of the clan or band is expected to pay to the "chief" an annual tax of \$10. One of the bands in camp is headed by Stephen and his two sons, Gregory John and Paul John. This band does not accept the appointment of "chief" Mitchell and when the message of his coming reached them they consulted with attorneys in Wadesboro and told them that they did not intend to recognize Mitchell although they understood that he came as the appointee of the United States government.

Stephen John said that he intended to take his followers and leave.

Monday night when the Seaboard Air Line train came, "Chief" Mitchell arrived and he went immediately to the camp and called a conference and showed them his credentials. The paper was gotten up well and with its profusion of red seals and red tape appeared to be sufficient to all except the followers of Stephen John and they refused to acknowledge the "chief's" authority and so said and they said it with considerable force.

The Mitchell followers were equally forceful in their determination to recognize their "newly appointed chief." The papers which Mitchell brought were signed by a number of his followers in other sections, and sworn to before a notary public with his seal in Washington, D. C. Mitchell claimed to be the appointee of the United States government, and the gypsies all believe it, even those who do not accept him. The fact that his credentials had a seal from Washington is to the followers sufficient proof.

Throughout the night the two factions quarrelled and there was some fighting, a few bruised heads, but no serious breach of the peace until early Tuesday morning when Mitchell with some of his chosen followers descended on the tents of the John band and took possession. Stephen John and Gregory John were taken to trees and securely tied and whipped. In the clothes of Stephen John they found a bag of gold coins and this was confiscated. Mitchell denies that the money was stolen for the reason that he claims to be "chief" and as "chief" has all authority over the person and the effects of his people. Paul John managed to get away and hid himself in the tent. His presence there was unknown to any of the attacking party and he was not tied up or whipped. Some of the women of the John party attempted to release the two men and the Mitchell crowd caught them and gave them a severe beating. (Continued on Page Two.)

BASKETBALL AT Y. M. C. A.

RECEPTION TO MEMBERS WILL FOLLOW GAME TONIGHT.

Following the basketball game at the Young Men's Christian association building tonight between the Junior five and the Baraca Bible class team of Wake Forest, the lady members of the various committees of the association will give a reception to the members of both teams and the girls of the tenth grade of the Durham high school.

An interesting game is promised, the local five having been defeated at Wake Forest some time ago, will endeavor to retrieve their loss in the contest tonight. The game will be called promptly at 8 o'clock and an admission fee of 25 cents will be charged. Immediately after the

Bryan and Roosevelt Have Parley of Nation Guessing

What They are Planning to do will Train From Doing in 1912 Subject of Discussion Since Roosevelt Taft Letters

Washington, Dec. 29.—If a lot of politicians in the republican camp could learn to what extent Theodore Roosevelt is going to keep his hands off in the next presidential campaign or to what extent he has made up his mind to participate, they would be happy.

If a lot of democratic politicians could find out the intentions of William J. Bryan they would sleep better.

For two politicians who have been considered suppressed, who have even been called dead, these two gentlemen are projecting their shadows athwart the landscape considerably just now.

The Roosevelt-Taft exchange of letters has suddenly caused an endless wagging of tongues in Washington and the country over as to what Roosevelt is up to. And the guarded manner in which Bryan is discussing the candidacies of various democrats in the Commoner causes much speculation and some uneasiness in democratic circles.

Plans Hard to Conjecture. All indications, in view of the friendly letters to President Taft, being that Roosevelt does not intend to fight Taft for renomination, there still arise some highly interesting questions as to Roosevelt's plans. One of these is how far he intends to take part in the campaign of 1912, on the stump, and how far he will fight to encompass Taft's election. It is presumed that as a good party man, he will do his utmost for the president. At the same time, he cannot speak in a good many localities without stirring up opposition from republicans who do not like him. The management of the next republican national campaign will have a nice question

to solve as to what to do with Roosevelt.

While Roosevelt is not now indicating a disposition to seek the nomination himself, there is no doubt he will try to exert his influence on the platform. He is expected to insist that this be distinctly progressive.

Republican leaders are talking with surprising frankness these days about the probabilities of republican defeat. They take a gloomy view of the outlook for the most part. It is impossible to conceal the feeling here among a good many republicans, and they are not all insurgents, that if President Taft is renominated he will be beaten. Some of Roosevelt's close friends believe this. What the colonel thinks about it is not known, but this much is certain:

Four Years After That. Some of his close friends are pointing out that he will not be too old for the presidency in 1916. They think if Taft is beaten in 1912 there will be a strong call for Roosevelt in 1916, and that he may again be named to lead the party.

So far as Bryan is concerned, there is no doubt that democratic leaders are following his course with anxiety. Many think that if a corporation democrat is nominated for the presidency, Bryan will openly work for his defeat. The friends of Gov. Judson Harmon, while not admitting it, are concerned over what Bryan is going to do, so are the friends of Dr. Woodrow Wilson. It is generally believed among democrats here that Bryan will oppose the nomination of Harmon strongly and that he may turn against him in case he is nominated. Bryan is manifesting some enthusiasm for Dr. Woodrow Wilson's campaign in New Jersey. He would not stand for Dix, but is friendly to Mayor Gaynor or to former Governor Folk, of Missouri.

DURHAM TO HAVE NEW LAW FIRM

Judge James S. Manning and Mr. R. O. Everett Unite Forces

In the announcement late yesterday afternoon that Judge James S. Manning and Mr. R. O. Everett, one of the leading members of the Durham bar had decided to unite forces after January 1, this city will have one of the strongest law firms in the state of North Carolina. During his service on the supreme court bench, Judge Manning has more than demonstrated his qualities as an eminent jurist. Mr. Everett during his residence in this city has built up one of the largest individual practices in the state. He has been city attorney and stands in the highest regard by all members of the local bar.

The style of the new firm will be Manning and Everett and they will occupy the entire suite of rooms on the second floor now occupied by Mr. Everett.

PHYSICIAN EXPELLED BY X. Y. MEDICAL SOCIETY

New York, Dec. 29.—The expulsion of Dr. Robert Kunitzer from the County Medical Society Tuesday night is the first action of that kind taken by the society in ten years.

Dr. Kunitzer was a visiting physician and chairman of the medical board of Sydenham hospital. He was charged with having helped to alter the records of the hospital so as to make them show that Dr. Louis A. Ewald had performed at Sydenham 27 operations for cancer, known as Freund's disease, and with having shown contempt for the society's orders when asked to furnish the hospital records which bore on the Ewald charges.

Smith Admitted to Bail

Goldboro, Dec. 29.—In a habeas corpus hearing yesterday afternoon before Judge W. R. Allen, George Smith, the young white man charged with killing Berner Smith on Christmas eve night, was allowed to leave jail, after giving bail for \$5,000. In granting young Smith to bail, Judge Allen stated that he saw no evidence whatever to justify the fact that the killing was in any way premeditated, and therefore he saw no reason why the prisoner should not be allowed to give bail.

Child Dies From Pistol Wound

Statesville, Dec. 29.—Hardin Spencer, the 13-year-old son of Mr. J. T. Spencer, of Hickory, died here yesterday from the effect of a pistol shot wound received Tuesday evening. The boy was fooling with an old pistol at his home in Hickory, when the weapon was accidentally discharged, the bullet entering his right side and ranging upward. He was brought to Dr. Long's sanatorium here yesterday for an operation and died just as he was being carried into the sanatorium. The bullet which had passed through the lung was removed from the base of the child's neck after death. The remains were prepared for burial and taken back to Hickory yesterday.

FOR CONTROL OF ALL RAILROADS

International Commission is Agreed Upon

AUTHORITY OVER RATES

Result of Conference Between Chairman of Interstate Commerce Commission and Chief of Railway Commission of Canada Will Be Made Public Soon.

Washington, Dec. 29.—As the result of a long series of conferences between Judge Martin A. Knapp, chairman of the interstate commerce commission, and the Hon. J. P. Mable, chief of the railway commission of Canada, an agreement has been reached to recommend to the governments of the United States and of the Dominion of Canada the creation of an international railroad commission, which shall have supervisory authority over the railway rates in operation between the two countries.

Mr. Mable arrived in Washington from Ottawa Tuesday night. He came to Washington finally to discuss the details of an agreement he had reached with Judge Knapp last August, and yesterday the two officials, who were designated by their respective governments to consider the subject and make a report upon it, were in conference. Their report will be completed in a day or two. It will be filed by Chairman Knapp with the state department and by Mr. Mable with the foreign office of Canada.

No details of the report are yet available beyond the fact that it recommends the establishment of the international commission, upon which shall be conferred certain defined regulatory powers.

Swallowed Like Jonah

Nantucket, Mass., Dec. 29.—A fisherman brought ashore yesterday a mammoth cod, with a phenomenally large pouch. While dressing his fare a hunter stooped to chat. The big cod caught his eye, and the fisherman opened it. There was a commotion within, and to the astonishment of the onlookers out fluttered a full-sized "shoal duck." Apparently dazed the duck hovered overhead a second or two preparatory to starting on its flight but it was a fatal hesitation, for the gunner promptly threw his double-barrel to his shoulder and fired, killing the bird.

This is the explanation: On seeing the fisherman approach the bird dived and had been swallowed whole by the cod-fish, which a moment after was caught. Enough air passed through the gills of the fish to permit the duck to breathe.

DR. TYRRE TO PREACH IN THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY

Rev. W. C. Tyrre, for more than 10 years pastor of the First Baptist church of Durham will return to this city Sunday and deliver two sermons in this church. During his pastorate here Dr. Tyrre made a host of friends who will be delighted that he will occupy the pulpit of the First Baptist church once again.

Governor Burned

Playing Old Kriss

Reno, Dec. 29.—Those whose business with the governor of Nevada is of such a nature as to preclude delay have been surprised, during the last day or two, by being received by Governor Dickerson in his private room, with his head in bandages and his eyelashes and eyebrows singed off.

"What has the governor been doing?" is the general query. "Was he the hero in a fire, or did some one drop a lighted cigar on him?"

Neither of these suggestions being correct, the visitors are told the story of how the governor's love for children, combined with the spirit of Christmas, got the better of him, and his eyelashes and eyebrows, to say nothing of two scorched ears, bear mute testimony to the story.

On Christmas eve the governor consented to play the role of Santa Claus for the benefit of the children of Carson City. He attired himself in the usual flowing robe, long white beard, and white wig, and began the distribution of presents to the little ones of the neighborhood.

As he leaned over the tree to get a present a small taper ignited the cotton on his cap, and instantly there was a blaze.

Those near by snatched off the burn cloth and extinguished the flames before they had done much damage. The governor's lashes and brows were completely singed off, however, and his ears scorched.

The children have lost their faith in

Retirement of Aldrich and Hale Will End One-Man Power

West Will Assume Control When New England Loses Its Long Standing Prestige and New Leader Becomes Factor in Nation's Political Future

Washington, Dec. 29.—When Senator Eugene Hale, of Maine, and Senator Nelson W. Aldrich, of Rhode Island, step out of the senate March 3, next, the commanding influence of New England in that body will be gone.

It is true that a New England man, Senator William P. Frye, of Maine, will be the ranking member of the senate, the oldest member in point of service. But Senator Frye is getting far along in years, and is too old to take the part of aggressive leadership.

Senator Cullom, of Illinois, will be the second member in point of service, and Senator Gallinger, of New Hampshire, will be third, with Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, fourth. Senator Dillingham, of Vermont, will not be far down the line from Senator Lodge with respect to his years of service, and among the New England senators ranks next to Senator Lodge. Then, of the New England group, comes Senator Burnham, of New Hampshire, and Senator Crane, of Massachusetts.

Must Take Back Seat. Looking over these men, who will stand foremost among the New England senators who will remain after Aldrich and Hale are gone, it scarcely needs to be said that it is a far cry from the days when Senators Aldrich, Hale, Platt, of Connecticut, and Allison, of Iowa, ran the senate, and when three of the reigning four were New England men. It is likely to be a distant day when there returns to New England the influence on senate affairs held by those men.

Who will be the leader of the senate when Aldrich goes is a much mooted question. Speculation has put the mantle of leadership on nearly every senatorial shoulder. Leadership in the senate does not go absolutely by the score of length of service. For instance, Senator Ald-

rich is by no means the ranking member of the senate, though he is looked on as the leader. Senators Hale and Cullom both outrank him.

Back to Group Leadership. The probabilities are that the senate will go back to the sort of leadership that obtained before Senator Aldrich was so far in the front. That is, it is likely to go back to the group leadership, such as obtained in the days when Platt, Aldrich, Hale and Allison were the reigning coterie.

More or less talk is heard that if Senator Lodge is reelected he will be the senate leader. While it is true that Senator Lodge will take a most conspicuous part in senate affairs so long as he is in that body, there is no likelihood of his being made the senate leader. He is lacking in that element of personal popularity that has done so much for Aldrich as a leader. Nor is there any other man in New England who is going to be the senate leader.

Senator Crane is another who has been mentioned, but he has no capacity for taking part in the rough-and-tumble of fight on the floor, and though he is a useful field marshal of Senator Aldrich, he could not get far when it came to leading the senate. He always will be potent in the senate, but he cannot lead it.

West Looms Up. The progressive senators of the west will have to be given consideration in constituting any group leadership. It is likely that in the next congress, after Aldrich and Hale go, it will be found that the plans of the republican side of the senate are framed up by a small circle consisting of Lodge, Crane, Warren of Wyoming, Penrose, Root and Cummins. Curtis of Kansas will be freely consulted. Cummins will be taken into (Continued on Page Two.)

PROMISE TARIFF COMMISSION

Chairman Payne Assures President of Satisfactory Messages

UNDERSTANDING REACHED

President Receives Delegation of Detroit Lawyers in Reference to Eastern District of Michigan Judgeship—Arranging for Dinner to Nathan Straus.

Washington, Dec. 29.—That there will be a tariff commission bill introduced in the house which will be satisfactory to the president was the assurance given by Seneca E. Payne, chairman of the house committee on ways and means, as he left the white house yesterday.

Mr. Payne said that he called upon the president on his own initiative to talk over the tariff legislation. He said that they had conferred for more than half an hour, and that they had reached a tentative understanding as to the measure which will be reported out of the house committee when congress reassembles.

The details of the proposed measure were not outlined by Mr. Payne. He would not even say when he expected his committee to make a report, but he did say that "he believed a bill would be reported which would become a law."

This is the second visit Mr. Payne has made to the white house within the last two weeks to talk over a permanent tariff commission. It was reported after the first visit that the president had told the house chairman in good plain English that the administration expected support and not opposition to its tariff commission plan.

Understand Each Other Now. Yesterday's conference indicates that a complete understanding has been reached as to the bill which will be reported out of the house committee and that action on it will result during the short session.

A delegation of Detroit lawyers called to see the president in the interest of Judge F. L. Brooke, of the Michigan supreme court, whom they want appointed to succeed Judge Swann, of the United States district court, for the eastern district of Michigan.

Those in the party were Judge W. L. Carpenter, Harrison Greer, C. D. Joslyn, Edward Lightner, George B. Yerkes, State Senator Guy L. Miller, and State Senator John Mackay. They were cordially received by the president, but no assurances were given the visitors as to the president's attitude.

Henry W. Schloss, chairman of the committee of New Yorkers which is now arranging a dinner in honor of Nathan Straus, called to invite the president to be present. This dinner will be given on January 31 in New York, and according to Mr. Straus, will be attended by some of the most important people in New York.

Prominent Committeemen. Among those associated with Mr. Schloss on the committee are Theodore Roosevelt, August Belmont, William S. Bennett, Andrew Carnegie, Lloyd C. Griscom, William R. Hearst, and Bourke Cockran. The president did not say whether or not he would accept the invitation.

Representative Prince, of Illinois, chairman of the house committee on claims, was invited to the white house yesterday by the president to talk over the omnibus claims bill, which was referred to Mr. Prince's committee just before the house adjourned for the holidays. The president impressed Mr. Prince with the importance of getting some action on the bill before March 4.

He said that there were too many meritorious claims in the pending bill to have it killed or seriously emasculated.

NEW COMPANY FORMED

DURHAM HARDWOOD, LOG AND LUMBER CO. STYLE OF FIRM

A charter was granted yesterday to the Durham Hardwood, Log and Lumber company to deal in timber, timber lands and lumber. The authorized capital stock is \$100,000 and may begin business when \$50,000 has been subscribed. The incorporators are L. James, W. J. Lunsford, R. J. Teague, S. W. Minor and J. M. M. Gregory.

The stockholders of this new Durham concern will meet within the next few days and elect officers for the year.

A man could hold a woman's admiration forever with compliments, but he could not do so with a woman's love.

5 & 10 CENT STORE

GUTTED BY FIRE

Estimated Loss of Property is Put at \$10,000

Fire at midnight last night completely gutted the building owned by Reuben Barbee on East Main street and occupied by Greenburg's 3, 5 and 10 cent store, destroyed the upper floor of the adjoining building and damaged the goods in A. Tonkel's clothing store. The fire was first seen on the second floor of the building occupied by Mr. Greenburg and spread rapidly, the toys and light Christmas goods on hand causing a veritable furnace, and that the flames were confined to these two buildings is a high tribute to the hard work of the firemen.

The loss is estimated at about \$10,000, partly insured. This loss includes about \$5,000 on Reuben Barbee's building, \$3,000 to the stock of goods carried by Mr. Greenburg and \$2,000 damage to the adjoining building and the merchandise of A. Tonkel. Mr. Greenburg carried insurance to the amount of \$4,000 through the Griswold insurance company.

He Counted Them

The electric sign of the First National bank is something new in this part of the country, with its running electric apparatus working around the large letters on the upright sign. A Sun reporter has noticed a certain citizen watching this sign very intently for several days and this morning inquired of him if he had made any new discoveries about it. "No," he replied. "But I can tell you how many times them snakes go round there during the night. It is exactly 11,836. I've counted 'em. They go round there 16 to the minute; 1,920 every hour, and if the lights are on from 6 in the evening to 7 in the morning, you have 13 hours and you have the figures I have given you." We informed him that he had not thought of it in that "light" before and thanked him for the information. He has added something to the statistics of the country.

A Sunbeam Here

Durham is brighter today. Miss Evelyn Randolph Corbin, of Winston-Salem, bright as the gleam of a sunbeam, pure as the soul of a snowflake, and as sweet as the odor of flowers, is today the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Thomson, 311 Willard street. Her presence anywhere scatters an influence as purifying and as elevating and as wholesome as a benediction from Heaven. She is most

BANKER PAYS BIG PRICE FOR TRIP

Family on Lusitania Has Army of Servants at Cost of \$35,000

New York, Dec. 29.—Albert C. Bostwick, the millionaire banker and son of the Standard Oil magnate, sailed on the Lusitania today with his wife, five children, and fourteen servants.

Mr. Bostwick had a valet, two banjo players, and two chauffeurs. Mrs. Bostwick had a maid, and there was a governess for each of the children and two nurses. The family occupied the regal suite of nine rooms.

Their first class accommodations cost them \$35,000 and a neat sum was paid for the passage of the servants in the second cabin. They carried 75 trunks.

After landing at Liverpool the family will cross to France and jump across the continent to Genoa, where they will spend the winter.

Among the other passengers were Giacomo Puccini, composer of "The Girl of the Golden West," and his brother, Antonio. About 20 of the fellow-countrymen were at the pier to see them off, and there was a kissing bee before the liner sailed.

Friends of the composer bugged and kissed him, and, with tears streaming down their faces, wished him bon voyage.

"It is an inspiration to me to see how America has taken up grand opera," Puccini said.

Hon. Cecil Vavasaur Fisher, only son of Lord Fisher, of England, and his bride, who was Miss Jane Morgan, daughter of Randall Morgan, of Philadelphia, also sailed on the Lusitania. They went on board last night, and dodged the reporters when the liner sailed. The couple are going to England and will make their home in Silverstone Hill, just outside of London.

PART OF SKULL AND BRAIN GONE; TALKS INTELLIGENTLY

Independence, Kan., Dec. 29.—Although five square inches of his skull and a part of his brain are gone, Claude Stafford, 19 years old, of Peru, Kan., apparently was recovering in a hospital here today from a bullet wound received in Tulsa, Okla., last Saturday. Stafford is conscious and carries on an intelligent conversation. He was shot by the Tulsa town marshal.

Proverbs and Phrases

The man that blushes is not quite a brute.—Young.

Where yet was ever found a mother Who'd give her baby for another?—Gay.

In solitude, where we are least