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Are Both Democrats and Republicans

At Action of President in Indian Territory Frauds—Many Congressmen Stirred Up Over Postoffice Cases.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Washington, D. C., March 16.—Many Democrats as well as Republicans in Congress are ripping mad at the President of the United States because he has done something that they consider reprehensible, and this is the story in brief: Several months ago the President sent two agents or commissioners to the Indian Territory to investigate the stories of corruption and rottenness down there among the Federal officials. They went, made the investigation and reported to the President through the Secretary of the Interior. Their report has been in the hands of the President for more than a month, and some three weeks ago the House, by resolution, asked the President for the report. At that time the Indian appropriation bill was under consideration, and the House wanted some information on the report that there was rottenness in the Territory. They got none and the bill was passed by the House and then passed by the Senate and has been signed by the President. Now, after the thing has become the law, the President sends in the report of his agents who investigated the stories of corruption, and the report corroborates every charge that has been made concerning the Dawes Commission and the men who represent the government in the Indian Territory. It that report had been before the Indian appropriation bill had been passed the appropriation continuing the Dawes Commission in existence would have been knocked galley west. The President, by holding that report, has continued the very men in office who, his own agents say, are corrupt and venal and should be driven from the public service. The people may draw their own conclusions.

The administration has got the daylight scared out of Wall Street and the big business interests of the country because it is going to withdraw the money from the banks of the country, deposited there by the government, to pay the opera bouffe republic of Panama for the canal strip and the French people for the canal. Everybody seems to be mortally afraid that it will create such a stringency in the money market that it will precipitate a panic. The money trusts are lying awake nights now wondering what will be the next move of the political acrobat in the White House. Well, they put him there, now let the galled jeds wince.

There was a small sized sensation in the House last Monday morning when the committee to investigate the report of Assistant Postmaster General Bristow made its report. It was rumored that not less than 150 of the House members were implicated in the report as having violated the law and there was considerable "doing about" until the printed report was brought into the House. It was eagerly seized and scanned with much fear and trembling by the members until they were satisfied that they were not in the list of alleged evil doers. Those implicated were charged either with renting buildings owned by them to the government for postoffices, or else that they had been instrumental in getting the allowances of the postoffices in their districts increased, the inference being that they had done so with some ulterior motive and not for the good of the service. This whole thing is a case of great cry and little wool. The members who have been thus publicly charged by Mr. Bristow with violating the law have only done so technically and for no graft or loot. They have simply written to the Postoffice Department authorities when appealed to by their constituents or by the preachers in their districts for greater facilities for handling the mails. Many of the cases of increase have been justified by the increase of business in the offices asking for it and perhaps not one per cent. of the so-called offenses have been committed with guilty intent. The whole truth of the matter is that the report was started by the Republican postal authorities to hide the culprits in this disgraceful list of loot and distract the attention of the people of the country from the head devils and center of this volcano of venality. They are trying to do the outflank act which spews out an inky stuff to hide from its enemies. It will be the fault of the people if they allow themselves to be hoodwinked.

ROOSEVELT'S PROCLAMATION.

It Gives Great Satisfaction to Russia.

War News.

A St. Petersburg dispatch of Washington says, President Roosevelt's recent proclamation regarding the neutrality observance by all the officers of the United States, produced an impression. The papers this morning print prominent articles commending the substance and spirit of the proclamation in the highest terms. The Official Gazette accepts it as a complete answer to the charges that the American government was hostile to Russia and declares it may be considered settled once and for all, despite whatever may occur. "The American government has taken a friendly attitude toward our aims and policies in the far East." The Novosti hails the auspicious initiative of President Roosevelt in the interest of universal peace and good fellowship between Russia and the United States, saying: "He wields practically unlimited authority with respect to the foreign policy of the country, Secretary Hay submitted to the will of the President." The Bors Gazette says: "I bear the stamp of strong and most distinguished personality."

There is no truth in the report that the Russians have abandoned Port Arthur. Admiral Abaz, secretary of the commission for far Eastern affairs, authorizes the Associated Press to deny the story. He says the situation at Port Arthur is unchanged and nothing of importance has occurred there in the last twenty-four hours.

A Tokio dispatch of Monday says: The supplementary report from Vice Admiral Togo, concerning the effort made by the Japanese crews of torpedo boats to rescue the crews of the disabled Russian torpedo boat destroyed, reached here today. It says that the Japanese would have been able to rescue many more of the enemy, but for the deadly fire of the shore batteries and the close approach of the Russian cruiser Novik. When the Japanese rescuers reached the Stereguchichi, only the dead remained aboard. It is believed that the living members of the crew jumped overboard and perished. Three of the rescued were Russian engineers and the fourth a torpedo operator. All were placed on the Japanese battleship and given food and medicine.

The Japanese at Wei-Hai-Wei report that Port Arthur has been captured.

A Paris dispatch says: "It is almost certain," telegraphs the St. Petersburg correspondent of Gilblas, "that the Emperor will assume command of the troops in the far East after the first important engagement."

Peril in the Handkerchief.
It is in fact a grave sanitary question whether the handkerchief does not do more harm than good as it is ordinarily used. When we assume that the healthy nose does not need to be wiped, we face a reasonably broad proposition as to the danger of the handkerchief as a disease propagator, says the Medical Record. Most of nasal catarrhs are of an infectious character, notably those of griping.

Contrary to a general law of assepsis, the handkerchief saturated with disease germs, instead of being promptly washed, is stowed for hours in the pocket, with a result that can be easily imagined. Is it any wonder then that catarrhs are constantly fostered by a system of auto-infection?

No Yellow Peril for Him.
"None of your Jap sympathy in mine," said Mr. Ed Mason to the Gastonia Gazette man. "This yellow peril is something to be afraid of, I tell you. Suppose the Japs were to lick Russia and get control of the Chinese Empire and train all those yellow millions into good soldiers—don't you know there's enough of them to swarm out and overrun the whole earth? No Japs for me. Away with the yellow peril! Bully for the bear!"

To show the progress of our town along the building line, there has been built within the past year 15 dwellings, the most of them nice, four stores, a bank, a large school building, a Methodist church, a cotton gin and a livery stable, says the Raeford Chronicle. Several buildings are under construction now and work will commence on a number of new buildings as soon as the material can be placed on the ground. Can any other small town beat this record?

About 2 o'clock Friday morning, during a thunder storm, a gang of safe crackers did successful work in Kenly town. They blew open the iron safes of J. Stancill and Rowfrow and G. M. Martin. The robbers secured \$1,000 from Messrs. Stancill and Rowfrow, but failed to get anything from Mr. Morris, he having deposited all his money in the bank.

TRUCKING SITUATION.

Preparations Being Made For Handling Strawberry Crop.

Large Increase in Acreage This Season. Shipments of Spring Lettuce to Begin This Month—Ice Houses Filling.

The leading editorial in the forthcoming issue of the Carolina Fruit and Truckers Journal is on the strawberry and vegetable situation and the following is a portion of the article:

A few days of sunshine during the first week of March has done much to start off vegetation and the strawberry fields are already beginning to show the result of warm weather influences. The past winter has by common consent been the most severe we have had in this territory for a quarter of a century at least. What effect such weather conditions will have on the following strawberry crop this season is as yet an unknown quantity. One thing is certain, there has been no mid-winter strawberry blooms in these parts, as was the case last year, and the vines this season should produce some unusually fine fruit.

We give it as our opinion that the 1904 season will show up with a good average crop and an increase over 1903, as it is a well known fact that the increase of acreage throughout North and South Carolina and Virginia this year has been fully 15 per cent. over that of last year.

The cantaloupe and melon crop will also be much larger than last year; indeed, we might say 50 per cent. in excess of the 1903 output. New strawberry and vegetable growers are entering the field every year, and possibly there has been a greater increase in the number of truck farmers this year over any previous one in a long while.

Armour & Co., the Fruit Growers and Express people, are filling their ice houses along the different lines, building new ones wherever necessary, and turning their cars Southward and making other necessary efforts to give our people the best possible service during the coming season.

It begins to look as though shipments would hardly go forward before the 20th or 25th of April. Some think earlier, while others predict that it will be the 25th before there is any movement to speak of. Last year shipments began on or about April 5th, and at this rate the 1904 season will be from 15 to 20 days behind last year. The Atlantic Coast Line and Pennsylvania Railroads are now at work on the arrangement of a schedule for expediting the movement with the greatest possible dispatch, and Mr. Bauman, the shipping master of the association, will take up his quarters at Rocky Mount just as he did last year, as soon as the first car load goes out in order that the greatest possible regularity may be exercised in the distribution of this season's crop.

At Rocky Mount he keeps track of every car going out of this territory and its destination, the hour of its departure from that point and the time of delivery at the other end of the line. He is also supplied with telegraphic advices as to the strength or weakness of each market in all the territory covered by shipments from this section, and issues a daily bulletin each morning for distribution on the "Shoo-fly" leaving Rocky Mount at 5:30 a. m. and reaching Wilmington at 10:10 a. m.

Spring shipments of the lettuce crop will begin afresh on or about the latter part of the present month and the outlook is very promising indeed for a full yield. As a matter of fact the lettuce acreage this year has increased fully 50 per cent over last but the severity of the winter has seriously retarded its growth and development.

Fast Days in Russia.

Fast days in Russia are numerous. Besides the ordinary Lenten period, which, however, in Russia is forty-eight days long instead of forty, they have three shorter periods of fasting—one of nine days in June, one of fourteen days in August, and another of thirty-three days in November and December. There are also three single days of fasting, of which two are also holidays.

Fasting is a serious matter in Russia, for fish, milk and eggs are forbidden as well as meats. The result is that the markets for such products are largely cut off for about one-third of the year and dairy farming becomes unprofitable, as strict observance of fast is a weightier matter with the people than honesty or any other feature of our system of morals.

STATE NEWS.

Cary Crowell killed Samuel Johnson at Tillery Saturday evening with a piece of iron. Both men were colored.

"Old Nancy Ann," as she was well known in Oxford, was burned to death in her home Sunday morning about 2 o'clock. The fire is thought to have originated from the old woman's pipe.

Judge T. A. McNeill issued an order Monday restraining the city from proceeding with the work of constructing a grade crossing on North Tryon street, one of the leading thoroughfares of Charlotte.

While using a tree puller Monday evening, J. J. Hester was instantly killed by a tree falling on him, and David Wise was seriously if not fatally injured. Both were prominent farmers of Lincoln county.

The plan for the new dormitory at the State Normal and Industrial College at Greensboro is entirely unique. It is two stories high, with great pillars and with partitions on the wings. There is a very stately dome.

The town of Pineville, ten miles south of Charlotte, was destroyed by fire early Monday morning and only one business house remains. The fire is thought to have originated from lightning during a severe thunder storm.

We learn that 700 free libraries have been established for rural public schools, and that 800 more will be established this year. The law allows 500 supplementary libraries to schools which were established under the laws of 1901.

In the Superior Court in Asheville, Monday, Rev. R. L. Ouseby, formerly a member of the Western North Carolina Conference, and a young divine of recognized ability, secured a divorce. Since the beginning of his domestic troubles, he has ceased to preach.

Secretary of State Grimes, who is a large tobacco grower and interested in that crop, says that in the western tobacco region a full crop will be planted, but in the east a short crop. The bad weather is giving a back-set to the tobacco planting and also to the trucking interests.

The dispensary commissioners at Raleigh has adopted a resolution asking the mayor to furnish them with the names of all persons indicted for drunkenness, and have directed the dispensary officers and employees not to sell any liquor to such persons, or to those whom they believe are seeking to buy liquor for such drunkards.

Miss Lillian McCreary, of Winston-Salem, who was so seriously hurt by being struck by the Southern's fast mail at Linwood Saturday evening, and who has been in the hospital at Salisbury since, is reported to be improving. Her mother, who was killed in the accident, was buried Monday at Jersey, Davidson county, her former home.

F. Kirk, a white farmer living six miles from Durham, was painfully wounded late last Friday night by his brother. The two brothers were out fishing, when their dog trod an opossum. One brother went to the dog and was soon followed by his brother. In the meantime the first Kirk had gone up the tree, and when the latter arrived he shot him out with a rifle.

Superintendent Joyner says there will be two large summer schools, one at the State University and one at the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Raleigh, and that there will be several groups of schools held by counties for at least one month. He regards this plan as much better than that of holding county institutes, as so much more can be done where the counties thus group their interests.

The annual reunion of the North Carolina Association of Elks will be held in Winston-Salem May 11th and 12th, at which time the new Elks' Home will be formally dedicated with appropriate ceremonies. The annual reunion of the Elks was first arranged for Easter Monday, but when it was learned that Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph T. Fanning, of Indianapolis, could not be present on that date, it was changed to May.

Two men quarreled about ten cents and both were afterward taken to a hospital. It is worth while to be a peacemaker?

In the fourth century was introduced the quill or feather pen. The first steel pen was made in the latter half of the eighteenth and the first gold pen in the first half of the nineteenth century.

It is perfectly impossible to cause an electric spark of high electromotive force to leap from one surface of a liquid to another. For this reason it is rare that lightning strikes the surface of water.

WEINSTEIN'S GREAT FIRE SALE

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