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RYAN WILL REVEAL HARRIMAN'S THREAT

Will Again Testify Before Insurance Investigation Committee—McCall Family Think in Another Co.

By Wire to The Morning Star. New York, Dec. 11.—The legislative life insurance investigating committee headed by Senator William Armstrong, appeared to have succeeded in its attempt to make Thomas F. Ryan divulge what E. H. Harriman said or threatened to do to influence him to divide his control of the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

Mr. Hughes declined to say when Mr. Ryan will be recalled, but it is presumed he will take the stand tomorrow or the following day.

Subsequently, George Cravath and Henderson, counsel for Mr. Ryan gave out a statement that they have advised Mr. Ryan that he should answer the questions and that he is prepared to do so whenever re-called by the investigating committee.

The committee was engaged for a part of the time today in inquiring into the affairs of the Provident Savings Life Assurance Society of New York.

Other witnesses have testified that the New York Life Insurance Company controlled the New York Security and Trust Company.

PROTECTION AGAINST LYNCHING.

United States Supreme Court Reverses Alabama Case.

By Wire to The Morning Star. Washington, Dec. 11.—The Supreme Court of the United States today reversed the ruling of the circuit court in the case of Thomas M. Riggins and remanded the case to the Alabama court with direction to quash the writ of habeas corpus sued out by Riggins and dismiss the petition for such a writ.

CAN REFUSE TO SELL RETAILER

American Tobacco Company Wins Case in Brooklyn.

By Wire to The Morning Star. New York, Dec. 11.—The right of the American Tobacco Company to refuse to sell to small retailers if they choose to do so was sustained by a decision rendered today by Justice Marsan in the Supreme Court in Brooklyn.

After hearing arguments Justice Marsan ordered the case dismissed.

DIRTY LINEN OF DEMOCRATS

Harsh Criticism of Leader Williams by Florida and Missouri Congressmen

REPUBLICANS GREEDY FOR IT

Tillman Brings on Spirited Debate in Senate—Accused President Roosevelt of White-Washing—Bill to Correct Cotton Estimate.

By Wire to The Morning Star. Washington, Dec. 11.—Mr. Williams, the minority leader of the House, "stepped on the lid" to-day just in time to prevent revelations in the nature of open criticism of the committee assignments of certain of his colleagues for which he is responsible.

Mr. Lamar, of Florida, submitted and had read a newspaper clipping purporting to quote Mr. Williams to the effect that Mr. Lamar, and Mr. Schackelford, of Missouri, had been left off the Inter-State and Foreign Commerce Committee because they had failed to follow the Democratic caucus action of last session on the railroad rate bill.

"The gentleman might proceed by unanimous consent, suggested Mr. Payne. How much times does he want an hour?"

It was here that Mr. Williams strode forward from his seat in the rear. He hailed the speaker with word and gesture and when he got his eye he reserved his right to object only long enough to make the statement that "in the interest of Democratic harmony, effectiveness and of general good will, which will not be promoted by washing Democratic linen for the amusement of the Republicans of the House, I object."

Immediately the situation became decidedly interesting. Mr. Lamar faced Mr. Williams who stood close to him and charged him with taking the matter into the newspapers.

Speaker Cannon wielded his gavel vigorously and declared everybody out of order, and in the midst of the confusion recognized Mr. Payne for a motion to adjourn which was declared carried and the session was over last Wednesday.

During the confusion Mr. Lamar shouted: "Mr. Speaker, he went to the newspapers with it and now he objects to consideration here. But I have got it before the House and the House will understand it."

Before this incident the session had proceeded without a hitch. The unanimous consent necessary to increase the size of the larger committees had been given and in this manner the increased membership of the House and increased Republican representation had been provided committee places.

Th Democrats had lost no committee places, but had made a gain of one, all of which Mr. Williams had declared satisfactory to the minority.

Representative Adamson, of Georgia, a member of the Inter-State Commerce Committee, introduced a railroad rate bill to-day which provides for the fixing of Inter-State rates for all common carriers by the Inter-State Commerce Commission.

Mr. Tillman's bill provides for the amendment of the act to regulate Inter-State Commerce by giving to the Inter-State Commerce Commission the power to fix a "maximum reasonable rate" when it determines that an existing rate is unjust or unreasonable.

Senator Tillman had the bill read and said he thought it "got at the kernel of the whole controversy now before Congress."

Senator Foraker said he believed the bill introduced is the best yet offered if the government is to go into the rate making business at all for the reason that it would do the least possible harm.

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WILMINGTON LIGHT INFANTRY.

Annual Election of Officers—Cultivating the Social Side.

The annual election of civil officers of the Wilmington Light Infantry was held last night and resulted as follows:

President—Louis E. Hall. Vice President—C. G. McMillen. Sec. and Treas.—Paul L. Cantwell. Chaplain—Rev. R. W. Hogue. Armory and Finance Committee—Capt. Wm. F. Robertson, J. Holmes Davis and T. J. Gause.

While the military feature is held to be paramount, the Wilmington Light Infantry, in view of the approach of Winter, is now giving some attention to the cultivation of the social club feature of the organization.

"ROBIN HOOD" NEXT OFFERING. Well-Known Comic Opera Success Here Tomorrow Evening.

All theatre-goers and music lovers have either seen the well-known comic opera, "Robin Hood," or have read the early English legends concerning the life and adventures of the famous outlaw, Robin Hood, who forms the foundation of the Smith and De Koven opera. While the opera follows the book in the main, for stage purposes many minor changes have been made.

The musical score is tuneful and catchy and the book abounds in keen humor. First produced nearly a decade ago, "Robin Hood" is to-day being presented all over the United States to the usual crowded houses.

Production Co. upon the recent disbandment of "The Bostonians" secured the absolute stage rights to the opera from the Whitmark Musical Library, New York, as well as everything relating to their "Robin Hood" production. The production here will be elaborate and the costumes entirely new and with its scores of handsome girls and lusty fellows, "Robin Hood" upon its appearance at the Academy tomorrow night will doubtless attract a big house. Seats will be on sale this morning.

STATE BAPTIST WORK. Missions and Sunday School Boards Organized—Apportionments.

(Special Star Telegram.) Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 11.—The North Carolina Baptist Board of Missions and Sunday Schools appointed during the recent State Convention met today, and organized by the election of John E. Ray, president, and Rev. Hight C. Moore, recording secretary. It apportioned the mission funds for the year and voted to increase the salary of Corresponding Secretary Livingston Johnson from \$1,800 to \$2,000.

The final meeting of the seventy-fifth annual session of the State convention was a great mass missionary meeting held Sunday afternoon in the First Baptist church under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society of the convention. The principal speakers were Dr. Gray, of Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. Williamson, of Atlanta, Ga., and Miss Buhlin, of Baltimore, Md. It was a great and inspiring meeting, held especially for the purpose of inspiring the delegates for greater efforts in the cause of missions when they return to their respective churches.

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