

PRESIDENT ATTACKED BY EX-GOVERNOR ODELL

Charges That Roosevelt and Higgins Are Deliberately Wrecking Republican Party in New York.

By Wire to The Morning Star New York, Dec. 21.—Former Governor B. B. Odell, Jr., chairman of the Republican State Committee, made a statement today in which he charged President Roosevelt and Governor Higgins with a deliberate attempt to wreck the Republican party of this State for their own personal ambitions. He declared that if disaster ensued they, not he, would be responsible.

Mr. Odell's accusations were a part of his comment on the situation growing out of the contest in the Republican primary in this State for the speakership of the New York Assembly. Mr. Odell declared himself in favor of E. A. Merritt, Jr., several days ago.

On Monday last Governor Higgins came out in favor of J. W. Wadsworth Jr. Mr. Odell said today that he had understood Governor Higgins was for Merritt and was surprised when the Governor "switched his trolley."

He said it was "the worst case of duplicity in politics he had ever known" and continued: "I charge Mr. Roosevelt and Governor Higgins with deliberately trying to wreck the party in this State for their own personal ambitions. If this means party disaster, they and not I or my friends, are responsible. They, and not I, are to blame. So far as gratitude is concerned Governor Higgins certainly owes something. Instead of putting out the hand of friendship he chooses to throw stones at those who have been his friends. Higgins could have told me that he did not want me nor Merritt to be in this affair, but instead he throws stones. If the President wanted reform I was friendly and they could have had it. I charge him and Governor Higgins with injecting their personality into this matter. Their harmony consists of 'knocking' I make the prediction that Wadsworth will not be elected as speaker. We will put him out."

Governor Higgins, in an interview said the speakership contest and that Odell had no authority for using his name in support of Merritt's candidacy.

COTTON DEBATE IN CONGRESS

Burleson, of Texas, Gives Lovinging, of Massachusetts, Some Crop Pointers

CAROLINA'S CROP FIGURES

In Some of Russian Provinces Soldiers Have Joined Revolutionists—Demands of Workmen Are Boldly Incurious.

By Wire to The Morning Star Washington, Dec. 21.—There was but a ten minute session of the House today when the holiday adjournment until January 4, was taken. Two speeches, one attacking and the other defending the cotton crop estimates of the government, were to have been printed these speeches in the Record. Mr. Payne announced "our oratory seems to have been exhausted" and without extending further invitation to any member for a speech, the adjournment was declared by the speaker.

Chairman Payne, of the Ways and Means Committee, introduced a bill for the re-classifying of textiles on the Philippine tariff schedule in such a manner that American cotton cloths will have a better market in the islands. Under the present schedule, through a misunderstanding, an injustice is worked on American cotton fabrics in favor of British goods and the Payne bill seeks to remedy this.

The cotton crop controversy in the House which was transferred from the floor to "leave to print" in the Congressional Record, consists of statements by Mr. Lovinging, of Massachusetts, and Mr. Burleson, of Texas. Mr. Lovinging attacks the accuracy of the estimates of the crop by the Department of Agriculture in several ways. He says the ginners' report issued by the census bureau yesterday shows there has been a net gain to December 13 in Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Oklahoma, 183,341 more bales of cotton than the Department estimated as the entire crop in this weeks more of the ginning season left. Mr. Lovinging makes no criticism of the Secretary of Agriculture personally nor of officials under him. He has taken the estimates of the cotton crop for the past ten years, compared them with the ascertained crop, and deduces the conclusion that the estimates have been uniformly less than the actual crop to the extent of 7.42 per cent. or a total of 778,400 bales during the whole period.

The reply which Mr. Burleson has filed maintains that the difference between the figures of Mr. Lovinging and those of the Department vary simply because of the variation in the weight of bales. He says the Department announced estimate of the crop on December 4 in bales of 500 pounds gross weight; that the census bureau makes its preliminary reports in "running bales." Running bales are those actually turned out by the ginners, and according to Mr. Burleson they have different weight in different States. Last year the bales in North Carolina averaged 469 pounds in weight while this year the bales in this State have so far averaged but 450 pounds. Taking this fact into consideration, Mr. Burleson says that if the running bales are reduced to 500 pounds gross weight so as to afford a correct basis for comparison, the seeming discrepancy between the ginners' report and the estimate of the Department of Agriculture is thoroughly explained and in fact that there is nothing to show that the estimate is not substantially correct. Mr. Burleson makes the statement that Mr. Lovinging has candidly confessed that he has personal interest in endeavoring to reduce the price of cotton; that in the beginning of the present cotton season he went on the floor of the New York Cotton Exchange and predicted the crop this year would reach 11,000,000 bales. Mr. Lovinging, he says, is one of the largest cotton spinners in this country, and believing the crop would be large, he has evidently failed to provide himself with sufficient stock for his mills, hence these fears.

The Senate. After a session of a little more than an hour's duration the Senate today adjourned until January 4. Only about half of the session was legislative in character and the greater part of that time was devoted to a discussion of the regularity of the credentials of Mr. Gearin, who succeeds Mr. Mitchell as a Senator from Oregon. The credentials were accepted and Mr. Gearin was sworn in.

FITZSIMMONS-O'BRIEN FIGHT. Gate Receipts \$16,407—Fitz Will Return to the Stage. By Wire to The Morning Star San Francisco, Dec. 21.—Robert Fitzsimmons, as a result of his unsuccessful glove contest with "Jack" O'Brien last night, will return to the stage, and according to Fitzsimmons' latest statement, will not again enter the ring. Fitzsimmons arose early this morning, partook of a hearty breakfast and appeared to be little if any worse for the punishment he received last night. He is scheduled to appear at one of the local theatres next week. "Philadelphia Jack" O'Brien, the victor, has not yet decided whom to meet next. He has been challenged by Sam Berger, Tommy Ryan and Marvin Hart. The general impression in pugilistic circles, is that O'Brien will agree to fight Hart first. The gate receipts last night were \$16,407.

DUKE DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS. Suit Against His Wife Must Be Heard in Jersey. By Wire to The Morning Star Newark, N. J., Dec. 21.—The hearing in the divorce suit of James B. Duke, president of the American Tobacco Company, against Mrs. Lillian Duke to determine whether Mr. Duke is a resident of the State of New Jersey and whether his wife is answerable to the New Jersey court in his divorce suit was concluded today. Both Mr. and Mrs. Duke were in the stand. Vice Chancellor Pitney of New Jersey and that the divorce suit will be tried in the State of New Jersey.

BRITAIN'S NEW PREMIER. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman Outlines His Policy.

By Cable to The Morning Star London, Dec. 21.—Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's first speech since he accepted the premiership was delivered at Albert Hall tonight before a mass meeting under the auspices of the Liberal federation. The premier clearly avoided the question of home rule for Ireland. He said that the fiscal question was the prime issue of the campaign. A feature of Sir Henry's speech was his announcement that the government had decided to stop the importation of Chinese coolies into South Africa until such times as the question for or against such importation could be decided by a South African parliament elected by popular vote. This was greeted with tremendous enthusiasm, the cheering continuing for fully 10 minutes.

Speaking of foreign relations, Sir Henry first expressed his kindly feeling toward Russia in the present trial through which that country was passing. In the case of Germany he said, he saw no reason whatsoever for estrangement. Regarding the United States, France and Japan, the premier accepted the existing conditions and approved everything which tended towards peace. Sir Henry upheld this announcement with another which elicited great applause. He said that the growth of armaments was a great danger, that force was not the only remedy and that economy must be adopted. In this he pointed out, the government had a notable ally in the present fiscal system which was a great guarantee of peace.

In general terms the premier outlined his policy for retrenchment and for a complete system of government by the people. In equally general terms he gave notice that most of the domestic acts of the late government would be traversed by the incoming Liberal government and he made a powerful bid for the popular vote.

NO PARDON FOR JOE MASON. Governor Refuses—Farmers' Institutes—Dunn Enterprise. Special Star Correspondence Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 21.—Governor Glenn this morning refused to grant a pardon for Joe Mason, of New Hanover, serving a term of one year on the county road for secret assault, the refusal being on the ground that it looks as though the assault was of very flagrant character and with a deadly weapon.

A charter is granted for the Stephen Howard Co., of Dunn, capital \$50,000 to do a general mercantile business. A series of farmers institutes for the southeastern section of the State is arranged by the State Department of Agriculture, beginning at Clinton January 4th; Kinston, January 5th; Greenville, January 6th; Snow Hill, January 8th; Wilson, January 9th; Nashville, January 10th; Goldsboro, January 11th; Bayboro, January 13th; Jacksonville, January 15th; Newbern, 16th; Trenton, January 17th; Kenansville, January 18th; Wilmington, 19th; Elizabethtown, 20th; Whiteville, 22nd; and Burgaw, 23rd.

The party will consist of State Veterinarian Tait Butler, in charge, W. J. McEldon, J. H. Jeffrey and W. W. Cobey, the latter of the United States Department of Agriculture (a tobacco specialist). Dr. E. Porter and S. C. Reimer will also participate in a number of the institutes.

PHILIPPINE TARIFF BILL. Democrats Glad of Competition From Islands With the Protected. By Wire to The Morning Star Washington, Dec. 21.—The views of the minority members of the Ways and Means Committee on the Philippine tariff bill were filed in the House today by Representative John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, the Democratic floor leader.

PANAMA CANAL BOND ISSUE. Secretary Shaw Will Not Make Issue for Present. By Wire to The Morning Star Washington, Dec. 21.—Secretary Shaw today authorized the following statement: Although the Panama Canal bill which has just passed Congress perfected the legislation relating to the sale of Panama bonds and makes it possible to issue them at any time, the Treasury Department does not contemplate an immediate issue. The appropriation for the Panama canal which has just been made by Congress is coupled with a provision that money paid out of the treasury for such purpose may be reimbursed from the proceeds of bonds hereafter sold. This provision permits the Secretary of the Treasury to authorize the issue of bonds for an issue as they are likely to be later on. An immediate sale would withdraw money from channels of trade where it is now needed, equal the amount of the issue.

TUCKUM RETAKEN BY CZAR'S TROOPS

Insurgents Defeated But Hundreds Killed on Both Sides During Battle

PEOPLE RUTHLESSLY SLAIN

Texas Congressman Explains Apparent Discrepancies Between Government and National Ginners' Reports—Adjourns. By Cable to The Morning Star St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—(Wednesday)—6:55 P. M.—The government's advices show that all the trains with troops which enter the Baltic provinces are being stopped by the insurgents. A number of Cossacks in a car were captured and disarmed by young Poles.

The town of Tukum has been retaken from the insurgents by Russian troops. St. Petersburg, Dec. 21.—(2:10 P. M.)—Since noon today the streets have been filled with troops especially those in the industrial sections. The railroad stations are in possession of the military.

Wholesale arrests of the leaders of the workmen were made last night. It is reported that the police include in their captures the members of the second workmen's council who were placed in the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul with the members of the first council, who were arrested Saturday night. A third council, however, promptly took the place of the second. Moscow is already cut off from St. Petersburg and with the provinces generally there was no communication this morning.

According to the latest information the Lithuanian insurrection has extended into the province of Vitebsk, across the borders of Livonia. At Kohnkuse the chief of police and his assistants were tried by a revolutionary tribunal and executed. It turns out that Tukum only surrendered after a severe fight which lasted for twelve hours. The insurrectionists are fortifying the town by throwing up entrenchments and by digging pits. The trenches were taken by storm, both sides losing heavily.

The latest information from Kharkoff says that 10,000 revolutionaries are under arms and that troops are being concentrated for the purpose of re-capturing the city. The strike started here at noon yesterday. In the center of the city the shops were not closed, the proprietors having received guarantees that if they remained open they would be given ample protection and that any deputations of strikers seeking by threats of force to compel the closing of the shops would be instantly arrested. There was, however, an impressive demonstration in the industrial section. The main interest in the strike of the railroad men centered in the Warsaw station where the government was to make a test of its ability by moving a train for Berlin. The depot was packed with troops. Promptly at noon there was a wild hurrah accompanied by the roar of escaping steam and a few minutes later the railroad men walked out of the yard in a body. The authorities, however, were prepared and after a delay of ten minutes a locomotive manned by soldiers of a railroad battalion backed into the station and was coupled to the waiting train which was crowded with people seeking to depart from the unhappy country. Lines of soldiers with fixed bayonets entered the carriages and thoroughly searched them in order to ascertain if suspicious persons were on board. As the official and his escort left the train a signal was given and 20 soldiers entered the baggage cars, while another detachment was scattered through the carriages. The train then pulled out. An extra car loaded with wrecking apparatus was attached to the train to be used in case of accidents between stations. The mail car was missing. At other stations similar precautions were taken.

In the manufacturing districts beyond the Warsaw and Narva gates, in the Schusselburg district and in the sections on both sides of the Neva, the workmen generally obeyed the summons to strike and promptly at 12 o'clock thousands of them emerged to the street. Police, Cossacks, soldiers of the guard, regiments and other patrols were everywhere, but so far as reported, no collision marked the inauguration of the strike. The workmen seemed very quiet, but determined. The men of each factory selected in advance a certain number to act as pickets for the purpose of preventing any attempt to introduce strike breakers in to the factories.

INFLAMMATORY APPEALS. St. Petersburg, Dec. 21.—4:20 P. M.—The single telephone wire working to Moscow this morning brought grave news of serious disorders and collisions between the troops and the populace. The Narshadney, formerly the Syn Otechestva, and other secretly published papers which are being distributed by thousands to the workmen, are filled with the most inflammatory appeals inciting the people to an armed rebellion. Many of the articles are especially directed to the army which is implored not to shed the blood of the nation. One writer addressing the soldiers said: "Join us. Rise with us. No power can stand against the people and army united."

Capture of Tukum. Riga, Livonia, Wednesday Morning, Dec. 20.—It is reported that there was bloodshed at Talsen yesterday. Revolutionary peasants entrenched themselves in their houses from the windows, of which they fired on the pursuing soldiers. It is estimated that forty infantrymen and cavalrymen were killed or wounded. Details of the re-capture of Tukum show that General Chrouchenko ordered the artillery to bombard the town. Many of the inhabitants who had not learned of the arrival of reinforcements thought that terrorists were throwing bombs and they fled in panic in all directions. The troops surrounded the town, fired on the people, killing according to refugees, 400 of them. The bloodshed lasted from 8 o'clock in the evening until 9 o'clock in the morning when the towns-

men surrendered. The leaders of the revolutionaries, however, escaped. Two thirds of the inhabitants fled the town. Peasants continue to devastate the estates of the Baltic nobility and a total of fifty estates are reported to have been burned down. Baron von Wolf was pulled out of his bed by peasants, but succeeded in escaping. He reached Riga without clothing, and is now dangerously ill. Baroness von Wolf, who was the well known Italian Actress Alice Barri, arrived here in a sledge. The Baroness has care for, fed, clothed and taught a hundred peasant children in their castle at Stonersee. The peasants burned this castle and robbed it of valuables, which they are selling at ridiculous prices. For instance four horses were offered for ten dollars.

The post and telegraph service has not yet been reestablished and the postoffice is filled with unopened mail bags. WARM WIRELETS. President Roosevelt yesterday signed the bill passed by Congress appropriating \$11,000,000 for the Panama Canal. This is the first bill passed by Congress at its present session.

The President yesterday sent to the Senate the nomination of Wallace W. Rollins to be postmaster at Asheville, N. C. Rollins is reappointed. He is the father of Republican State Chairman Thos. S. Rollins.

The death of Henry Harland, the American author who wrote "The Cardinal's Snuff Box," was announced in a cablegram received from Italy yesterday. His American home was at Norwick, Conn., and he also had a London residence. Mr. Harland wrote under the pseudonym of Sidney Luska.

George Hopkins, a white patient at the Richmond city hospital, committed suicide Wednesday night by cutting his throat with glass obtained by breaking the window of a small room. He imagined that there were hundreds of barrels of whiskey in front of him but just out of his reach. He hailed from Centerville, Ind.

A heavy rain and wind storm which practically reached the dimensions of a hurricane swept the Wyoming Valley, Pa., yesterday. One man was killed and property worth thousands of dollars destroyed in the city and surrounding towns. Telegraph and telephone wires were broken down in all directions and for several hours communication was cut off.

The lumber laden schooner George F. Phillips, from Norfolk, Va., for New York, went ashore in the thick weather yesterday off Bayhead, N. J. Her crew was rescued by the U. S. cutter whose station is near the point where the schooner grounded. Although the vessel was rolling heavily when the crew left her she was still in good condition and not in immediate danger of going to pieces.

Dr. John Warner, father of Commissioner of Pensions Vespasian Warner, died suddenly yesterday afternoon at Clinton, Ill., aged 86. John Warner was born in Virginia in 1819 and went to Clinton 60 years ago. Dr. Warner was a Federal major in the Civil War and was wounded at the battle of Shiloh. He was the head of the banking firm of John Warner & Co. Last year he gave Clinton a \$25,000 hospital, which he also endowed.

No effort was made last night at Washington by the Senate committee on inter-oceanic canals to hold a meeting for the purpose of considering the nominations of members of the Inter-oceanic Canal Commission, the confirmations of which were re-considered by the Senate on Wednesday. It was agreed by members of the committee, however, that the nominations should not be taken up again until after the holidays, on account of the large number of absentees.

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