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SENATOR BACON ON THE PHILIPPINES.

Senator Bacon, of Georgia, who with several Representatives in Congress made a trip to the Philippines and spent some time there, visiting the most important islands and cities, mingling with the people and studying the situation, present and prospective, has been giving his views since his return.

There are, he said, 'but two ways in which we can govern the islands. One is to have an absolute military rule over the islands, or to have a government which will satisfy the people on the other; there can be no half-way business.

There has been no revival of the business enterprises of the islands such as I expected to see. This is the condition that there has been no return to the conditions which existed before the war—was admitted on all sides.

We are in the Philippines but in our opinion eight out of ten of the statesmen who have been advocating and supporting the expansion policy would be glad to find some way out if they could do it without an apparent admission of a blunder after all their talk of holding on and an acknowledgment that they had undertaken a task too difficult of accomplishment.

There are some points in this extract from Senator Bacon's interview which are worthy of note. It has been contended that the Filipinos are an unintelligent, incompetent mob of ignorances who could not be entrusted with self-government lest they would get to butchering each other.

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TAX ON BANK STOCK.

Judge Allen Yesterday Denied Request for Restraining Order Against Collection.

APPEAL TO SUPREME COURT.

Important Case in Which Large Monied Interests and Constitutionality of Revenue Act Are Involved.

An application, which may become famous in court circles in the State and one which would be far reaching in its consequences, if allowed, was denied by Judge Oliver H. Allen in the Superior Court yesterday, when upon an appeal was taken to the Supreme Court.

The case is entitled "Jno. S. Armstrong, W. E. Worth, J. W. Norwood, H. C. McQueen, J. V. Grainger, N. B. Rankin, Geo. R. French and W. A. French, trading as Geo. R. French & Son, Andrew Moreland, J. A. Springer, Angus O. Schuler, Richard Bradley, M. J. Corbett, T. M. Emerson, V. E. Zoeller and F. W. Dick against Frank H. Stedman, sheriff of New Hanover county, North Carolina, and the City of Wilmington." The plaintiffs are all well known bank stock owners of the city, and the motion is for a restraining order upon the sheriff and city authorities against their collecting the tax on plaintiffs' bank stock without deducting from it the indebtedness of individual shareholders, as is allowed to other money interests as set forth in the complaint.

Mr. J. E. K. Bryan is retained as counsel for the plaintiffs and in the complaint it is set forth in substance that on the first Monday in June the Board of County Commissioners and the City of Wilmington, acting under the Revenue Law of 1901, levied and assessed taxes against all the real and personal property of the plaintiffs and that the plaintiffs are informed and believe that the said Revenue Law was not passed by the Legislature in a constitutional manner, in that it was not read three several times on three several days, as required; that the validity of the entire revenue act is in question; that the officers of the city of Wilmington are threatening to levy upon their property and enforce collection of the alleged illegally assessed taxes; that the plaintiffs have stood ready and willing to pay the taxes as assessed for 1900 and that defendants have declined to accept same.

For a second cause of action the plaintiffs say that they were on June 1st, shareholders in either the Atlantic or Merchants national or the savings banks of the city, and that on the first Monday in June the county and city authorities required them to list all the shares of stock held by them in all banks without allowing them to make any deductions from shares on account of debts due and owing by them, in violation of the law.

For a third cause plaintiffs allege that June the 1st the city and county authorities by virtue of the Revenue Act required them to list their shares of stock of the Revenue Law, that there is about \$375,000 invested in capital stock of private banks, and in loans by note and mortgages on real estate about \$1,000,000 invested and that about \$4,000,000 was listed against money on hand for 1900, and about \$21,000,000 in solvent credits, upon all of which property there was allowed deductions for solvent credits and that the stock of State and National Banks will not exceed \$15,000,000; that the County Commissioners in allowing plaintiffs no deductions on account of their indebtedness against them and that the law levied taxes is at a greater rate than that assessed against other moneyed capital, which was employed in competition.

Judge Allen denied the application in the following opinion from which an appeal was taken: "This cause coming on to be heard upon the complaint filed herein, which is exhibited to the undersigned as an affidavit, and it appearing to the undersigned that the law levied taxes upon the grounds (1) that they are required to list their shares of bank stock without being allowed to deduct from said shares debts due and owing by them and (2) that the Revenue Law was not passed in accordance with the provisions of the constitution, and it appearing to the Court that the requirements complained of are neither unreasonable, unjust or unconscionable, and being of opinion that the courts of the State should not interfere by injunction with the collection of taxes, which are necessary for the subsistence of the government when it would tend to serious and grave consequences, therefore, without passing upon the legal questions involved, it is considered that the said application for a restraining order be and the same is refused. "Judge 5th Judicial District."

C. C. LYON, ESQ., APPOINTED.

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COURT ADJOURNED.

Last Term for the Present Year Expired Last Midnight by Limitation.

REPORT OF THE GRAND JURY.

It Recommends More Adequate Provisions in Jail for the Insane—Magistrates Should Have Jurisdiction.

The last term of the Superior Court of New Hanover for the present year expired last midnight by limitation, after disposition by a number of important cases during the day. Judge Allen and Solicitor Duffy will leave today for Kenansville to hold Duplin Superior Court, after which they will go to Pender county, Judge Allen then finishing up his circuit of this district. It is with reluctance that the attorneys of the Wilmington bar and the public at large give him up for the present, as he has made a most favorable impression by his fair and impartial rulings and his uniform courtesy to all who have occasion to visit a court over which he is presiding. He will go from this to the Raleigh district and Judge E. W. Timberlake, of Lenoir, will come here for the term opening January 5th.

The following proceedings appear from the court docket yesterday: J. H. Waters, assault with deadly weapon; verdict, guilty of simple assault; thirty days on roads. Not guilty as to same defendant for carrying concealed weapons. Henry Green, false pretense, called and failed; judgment nisi; instantar capias ordered and issued. Henry Purdie, assault with deadly weapon; guilty of simple assault, and case continued; bond fixed at \$25. Martha Clark, larceny of goods from H. W. Konig; plead guilty of larceny and receiving; sentenced to county jail for four months with privilege to pay costs. Oscar Mills, forgery; 4 months in jail with privilege to hire out to pay costs. Joe Lee, assault with deadly weapon; not pressed with leave. In view of the fact that attorneys for the defense began investigation as to legality of the grand jury which returned a true bill against Hector McLauchlin and E. Tiner, charged with burglary in the first degree, Solicitor Duffy disregarded the old bill and sent down a new one to be passed upon by Samuel Blossom, a grand juror at the time, had a suit pending in court. The grand jury at this time failed to return a true bill as to Tiner and he was released yesterday from jail. The case of McLauchlin was continued until the next term. The attorneys for the defence are C. D. Weeks and R. G. Grady, Esq.

Report of the Grand Jury. The grand jury finished its work yesterday morning and was discharged with thanks by Judge Allen, after having returned the following report of its deliberations during the week: To The Honorable O. H. Allen, Judge Superior Court: We, your grand jury, have endeavored to carry out your instructions. On account of the recent term held by the grand jury in this county, we have had little business before us and many of these cases of a very trivial nature. We feel that these should be settled in the magistrate courts with out prosecution by and so much cost to the county. We have had 30 bills of indictment presented to us, 17 of which we found to be true and 13 not true. We wish to thank your Honor for kindness and courtesy shown, for impartiality in presiding and dispatch of business. We visited the jail, which we found to be well kept, clean and well heated. We find that there is no provision for the care of unfortunate insane and as the State institutions are so crowded that it is necessary to confine them here for months before admission can be had. We feel that duty and humanity demand that provision be made for their care while so detained. From experience had in the last few months, we learn that these unfortunate inmates have inflicted much injury to themselves on account of improper facilities for their care. A pitiful example of this has been presented to us in the case of Will Flowers, whom we found in jail. We are informed that there have been three similar cases in the last six months. We recommend that the State provide for the care of insane. Respectfully submitted. M. M. PARKER, Foreman.

MISSING MISS CROPSBY. Large Rewards Will be Offered by Citizens of Elizabeth City. By Telegram to the Morning Star. ELIZABETH CITY, N. C., Nov. 30.—The mysterious disappearance of Ella Cropsby is still baffling the authorities. The latter on Monday will offer a reward of \$100 for the recovery of her body, and \$500 for evidence sufficient to convict her abductor. Governor Aycock will offer a similar reward, and a mass meeting of citizens tomorrow will subscribe another sum. The missing girl is reported to have been seen driving with a man in South Mills, Camden county, and also at Plymouth, but neither report has yet been substantiated.

NEBRO MURDERER. Caught Hiding in a Swamp—Thought He Has Been Lynched. By Telegram to the Morning Star. COLUMBUS, MISS., Nov. 30.—The negro murderer of Marshal Dismukes, of Arizona, was caught to-day hiding in the swamp on the bank of the Tombigbee river. He was held to await the arrival of all of the posse. Telegraph messages were sent to surrounding towns notifying friends of the deceased where to gather and it is thought here that the negro has certainly been lynched.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Statesville Landmark: Mr. C. M. Sammons of Bethel township planted three-fourths of a bushel of potatoes and gathered 85 bushels. A number of the potatoes weighed two pounds.

Salisbury Sun: Mr. C. F. Langley, of the firm De Vinney & Langley, has just come into the possession of a legacy of \$40,000. Mr. Langley's uncle died in Virginia about two weeks ago and left his entire estate valued at \$40,000 to his nephew, Mr. Langley.

Stately Enterprise: More fruit trees have been delivered in Stanley county this season than ever before. An orchard over 1000 trees and the season "hit" Stanley will come to the front as a fruit growing county within the next ten years.

Montree Enterprise: Mr. C. Davis, who lives in Starville township, had both of his arms broken last Tuesday afternoon. He was at work on a telephone line and fell from a pole. Both arms were broken about half way between the wrist and elbow.

Elizabeth City Carolinian: Ex-Sheriff Marden, of this county, is dead. He was in the city Thursday attending to a real estate litigation which he had in the courts. The case was decided against him and upon his return home to his farm near the city, while in a despondent mood, he fell the victim of a paralytic stroke, dying Saturday. He was 7000 years of age, all of which was assigned to secure existing debts.

Wadesboro Messenger-Intelligencer: Mr. J. D. Rushing, who lives on the Duncan farm in this county, attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat with a pocket knife a few days ago. Mr. M. S. Smith, a local physician, was called near him at the time and caught him before he could do himself any harm. Mr. Rushing had been unwell for some time, and it was his belief that the poison he had made it impossible for him to pay his debts. These two facts caused him to temporarily lose his mind, and he was unable to do anything that the attempt to take his own life was made.

Ashville Citizen: Conductor J. F. Lowe, of the Southern railway, had a remarkable experience in Sunday's night storm on Black Mountain and a consequent accident to his train while crossing the mountain at an early hour Sunday morning. The train, a heavy freight, was ascending the mountain during the heaviest gale when three box cars were blown off the track and rolled down the mountain a distance of about fifty feet. The trucks of the overturned cars, however, remained on the track and were sent back to Old Fort. It is said that large quantities of timber were flying through the air, and telegraph wires were also blown down.

Raleigh News and Observer: A new clue has developed in the Nellie Croppsey case, which indicates that she may have been abducted. New York detectives are now working on the case. The girl's father, who was believed to be the one who abducted her, is now in the hands of the law. He is a man named James Wilcox, who last saw his daughter on the night of her disappearance, knows her whereabouts and is believed to be the one who abducted her. The case is being handled by the New York police.

TWENTY LIVES WERE LOST.

Two Ferry Boats at San Francisco in Collision in a Dense Fog—Most of the Passengers Rescued. By Telegram to the Morning Star. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 30.—The ferry boats Sausalito and San Rafael collided to night in a dense fog, and the San Rafael sank in between ten and fifteen minutes. It is thought that not more than twenty persons were drowned, although the San Rafael carried between 150 and 200 passengers. The Sausalito was not seriously injured and all passengers on the passenger on the San Rafael were rescued. The ferry boat Sausalito was under her own steam. The boats belonged to the San Francisco and North Pacific Navigation Company, between San Francisco and Sausalito, across the bay in Marin county. The San Rafael left San Francisco at 6:15 with 150 passengers and 100 crew. There had been a dense fog on the bay all day, and towards evening it seemed to thicken. Captain MacKenzie, of the Sausalito, saw his ship along under a slow bell. He was somewhere near Alcatraz Island when the Sausalito, coming from Sausalito to San Francisco, was seen ed into her. There were then but few passengers on the Sausalito but they were badly frightened, and for a few moments looked as if both ships were going down. When it was seen that the Sausalito was not badly injured, she stood by the San Rafael, and officers, crew and passengers engaged in the rescue of the unfortunate passengers of the sinking vessel. Both ships are side-wheelers and ordinarily carry many hundred passengers. Fortunately, the rescue was so rapid that the last trip, so there were not so many passengers as usual. Marin county, from Sausalito to San Rafael, a few miles, is lined with the homes of wealthy people. During the summer the ferry boat traffic is very heavy, but in the winter it is light and the boats carry comparatively few people who travel on the boats during the winter season. The news of the disaster did not reach the city until nearly 9 o'clock and the news spread with great rapidity and great excitement prevailed. Never has the fog been thicker in San Francisco and on the bay than to-night. It was a day and night of anxiety. To-night it was almost impossible to see a boat's length.

ILL-MATED COUPLE.

Grave Differences Between Queen Wilhelmina and Her Husband. By Cable to the Morning Star. AMSTERDAM, November 30.—Grave reports continue to be circulated regarding the differences between Queen Wilhelmina and her husband, Prince Henry. The story, however, that a duel resulting therefrom has been fought, and that the Queen's aide-de-camp, Major Van Tol, was wounded, is absolutely denied by Major Van Tol's brother, who says the aide-de-camp is suffering from peritonitis. At the theatre the biograph pictures of the Queen are being shown, and she is being cheered nightly, while those of Prince Henry are loudly hissed.

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